

SERMON NOTES

19th Sunday after Pentecost * Proper 21, Year B * September 29, 2024

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 * Psalm 19 * James 5:13-20 *

Mark 9:38-50

Faith? Or Foolishness?

Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul.

The testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart.

The commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever.

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
Sweeter far than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins,
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound and innocent of a great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Next Week's Lessons

Genesis 2:18-24 * Psalm 8 * Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 * Mark 10:2-26

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. What is a Bible story or passage that is meaningful to you? Why?
2. What is your earliest memory of hearing or reading the Bible? What influence did that have on your life?
3. What is your custom now about reading or listening to the Bible? When do you do it? How often? Do you have a plan for what or how much you read or listen to? How does that influence your daily life?
4. Have you read or listened to the whole Bible? If so, how has that molded or formed you? If not, why not? When could you start?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for speaking to you through the words of the Bible.
 - ✦ For grace to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Holy Scriptures so they influence your daily life and make you more like Jesus.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.