

THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Psalm 19: 1: «To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.» The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. **2:** Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. **3:** *There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.* **4:** Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, **5:** Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. **6:** His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The glory of God and the work of his hands are declared in God's creation. Christ is the DayStar who visited his people, the Light-shining in a dark place. (Lu 1: 78; 2 Pet 1: 19) In this Psalm, we see in God's first creation the glory and work of the new spiritual creation made by Christ Jesus his Son.

The Rising Sun

The rising sun reminds us of the rising of Christ from the grave, "*which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber.*" "*But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.*" (Mal 4: 2) Christ is the Bridegroom and all his elect are his bride for whom he laid down his life. (Eph 5: 25) So, believer, as you wake early and head to your job with a thousand cares weighing heavy on your heart, when you see the sun arise from his chamber, remember, Christ has perfected us forever by his one offering. Proof is he arose! We are risen in him and seated at God's right. (Col 3: 1-4; Heb 7: 25)

A Tabernacle for the Sun

Speaking of the heavens and the firmament, our text says, "*In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.*" (Ps 19: 4) After Christ declared God just and Justifier of his people, God raised him, giving him a place to dwell forever in the holiest of holies and in the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man. (Heb 8: 1-2) The Lord's tabernacle is his church, in particular, each redeemed, regenerated saint. (Eph 2: 21-22; 2 Cor 6: 16) Remember when the ark went to its place? It went to "*Bethshemesh.*" It means "*tabernacle or house for the sun.*" (1 Sam 6: 12) Believers are the house of the risen Sun. Brethren, when you feel the heat of the sun, rejoice! Christ dwells in us, his tabernacle.

A Strong Man Running a Race

We see what Christ is doing now, he "*rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.*" The sun comes forth unstoppable. So does our risen King and Savior. He shines forth his glory irresistibly and "*filleteth all in all*", making every believer unspeakably happy. (Eph 1: 22-23) As he did not fail to set judgment in the earth on the cross, he shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set judgment in the heart of each of his people. (Is 42: 4; 60: 1-4) He shall protect each blood bought child, doing for us in this earth only what is best and shall at last bring us home without losing one!