

Psalm 19⁹ ❖ "Your Words, Lord" [Koi]

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Ps. 19: 8.9.10.15 [69]

Andante ♩=100

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked 'Andante' with a metronome marking of ♩=100. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The second system contains the next two lines, including a repeat sign and a 'repeatable' section. The third system contains the final two lines, including a 'pau' (pause) and a 'to verses' section. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: G^{ma7}, C⁹, G, C^{ma7}, Em, Am⁶, Em⁷, Am⁷, D⁷, and C. The piano accompaniment includes a 'rit.' (ritardando) marking in the third system. The lyrics are: 'Your words, your words, O Lord, are spir - it and life. Your words, your words, O Lord are spir - it and life. life. life.'

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Verses; slack key style

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, O God's perfect
 2. O God's demands are just, O God's de -
 3. How pure, the fear, the fear of the Lord, God's
 4. I ask you, my God, to keep my pride in

love re - vives the soul. The Lord's de - crees are
 demands de - light the heart. O God's com - mands, O
 fault-less de - crees stand for - ev - er. God's vi - sion in all things is
 check; help me break its grip. Then I can stand be -

wor - thy of our trust; God's rule does guide the sim - ple.
 God's com - mands do sharp - en vis - ion, en - light - en the eye.
 right and just, God's judge ments do keep their truth.
 fore you blame - less and free from dead - ly sin.

One does not willingly accept the commands of another without first entering into a covenantal relationship of trust in the latter's guidance. The text of Psalm 19 makes abundantly clear that covenantal relationship; both God's trustworthiness and our humble practice of virtue. Still we are human, and asking God for forgiveness and support can bring us a joy of not just "doing" good, but "being" good. 31