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We left off mid-illustration.
Ps 19:11 Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward.

The illustration is the ancient Greek myth of Odysseus and the Sirens. The story goes like this:

> Odysseus, returning home after the Trojan War, knew his ship would pass the Sirens, mythical creatures whose irresistible singing lured sailors to their deaths on rocky shores. To resist their song, Odysseus ordered his men to plug their ears with wax and tie him to the mast. When he heard the Sirens' voices, he begged to be released, but his men obeyed his earlier orders and kept him bound.

- Preparation: Odysseus anticipated danger and planned ahead (plugging ears, binding himself).
    - Wisdom often involves foresight and preparation.
- Self-control: By having himself tied up, Odysseus ensured he wouldn't act impulsively when tempted.
    - This shows wisdom's role in managing one's desires and impulses.
- Delegation: Odysseus trusted his men to carry out his plan even when he later contradicted it under temptation.
    - This demonstrates wise leadership, empowering others to uphold what's best despite personal whims.
- Resisting Pleasure for Safety: The Sirens' song was pleasurable but deadly.
    - Odysseus chose long-term safety over short-term pleasure, a fundamental aspect of wisdom.

Ps 19:12 Who can discern *his* errors? Acquit me of hidden *faults.*

The word rendered errors is derived from a verb which means to wander, to go astray; then, to do wrong, to transgress.
The same idea is conveyed in
Isa 30:21 Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.
You're wandering / have turned some but you don't realize it
Acquit me of hidden faults --

- These aren't David-With-Bathsheba sins; they are sins you aren't even aware of that you do.
- That's why he says, "who can discern {them}?"
- Have you ever seen a Christ follower who is the real deal and they do something un Christ like?
- You bring it to their attention and they don't even know they did it.

that's why the Psalmist prays, in
Ps 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; (NASB)
Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: **24** And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.
Clearly, he didn't know.

When you can't see it yourself innately, what is supposed to keep you from stumbling into it unawares?

So after worshipping God with an example of macro creation (heavens, the sun), (vv 1-6)
We worship God because of all that He said to us, which requires more focus than the macro. (vv 7-11)
Then we start looking inward at our own hearts and come to this realization the heart is desperately wicked above all else, who then can know it?
(see slide, these 3 sections)
All of this is meant to produce a right standing before God ie we are in need of Him to help us.

Ps 19:13 Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous *sins;* Let them not rule over me; Then I will be blameless, And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.

What are presumptuous sins? Why does that matter?
What does 'presumptuous' mean?

זֵד, *zade'* from H2102 which is 'zuwd' which means to boil up or seethe. Example –

Remember, Hebrew is earthy, simple ie 14k words vs 120-130k words in greek vs 160k spoken english words.

Ge 25:28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob. **29** ¶ And Jacob *sod* [H2102 'zuwd'] pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he *was* faint: