Scripture Lesson: Psalm 19:14

Baseball recently lost one of its true treasures when former Detroit Tiger announcer Ernie Harwell lost his battle with cancer. Ernie had a unique gift to let us know what was going on in the game by listening to his radio broadcasts of the Tigers. Ernie painted such a great word picture of the game as it unfolded one could sense the drama of the game. A good play by play announcer has the ability to let the listener know what is going on in the game in such a way that we feel like we are in the ballpark ourselves. Their words make the game come alive. For the true baseball fan listening to one of the great announcers of our time giving a play by play, is a joy to experience. Listening to a game can bring great joy by the way words are used to describe the action. Especially if your team is winning!

The Psalmist, in our Scripture lesson today, talks about our words and thoughts. Just like a good Play by Play Announcer gives us great words describing the game and bringing joy to our lives. The Psalmist wants us to do the same for God. We can bring joy to God by our words and thoughts. When we take the time to encourage a teammate after he strikes out or gives up a home run, we are pleasing to God. When we look for ways to encourage or share a good word, God is smiling in heaven. How have our words and thoughts been lately? Are we building our teammates up or tearing them down with our words and thoughts. A good teammate is always there for his team, encouraging and cheering, even if they are not in the game. So today let’s work on pleasing God with what we say and think as we make a difference with our teammates and those we play today!

Object Lesson: you tube video: Ernie Harwell This is Baseball