

The WORD of God

Psalm 19:7-10

- What It IS and DOES
- What It DESERVES

The title of the lesson is, “*The Word of God*”.

There is No richer SOURCE of instruction, than what God’s CREATION declare’s unto us.

- [Psa.19:1-2](#) reads, “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**.”

The Psalmist had, a clear VIEW, of The Word of God.

[Psalm 19:7-11](#) reads,

- “The **law of the Lord** is **PERFECT**, converting the soul:

the **testimony of the Lord** is **SURE**, making wise the simple.

⁸ The **statutes of the Lord** are **RIGHT**, rejoicing the heart:

the **commandment of the Lord** is **PURE**, enlightening the eyes.

⁹ The **fear of the Lord** is **CLEAN**, enduring for ever:

the **judgments of the Lord** are **TRUE** and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be **DESIRED** are they, than gold, yea, than much fine gold:
SWEETER also than honey, and the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, **BY** them, is thy servant **WARNED**:
and in **KEEPING** of them, there is great **REWARD**.”

From our text in Psalm 19:7-11, we’ll notice,

I. What The Bible IS, and What IT Does, In Six Views

First, notice The Word of God, AS

A. “The **LAW** of The Lord” ([Psa.19:7](#))

And As such, it is PERFECT – Nothing can be changed, but at the peril of our souls.

John by inspiration wrote,

- “For I testify unto **EVERY MAN**, that **HEARETH** the words, of the prophecy of this **BOOK**,
IF any man, shall **ADD** unto these things, God shall **ADD** unto him, the plagues that are **WRITTEN** in this book:
¹⁹ and **IF** any man, shall **TAKE AWAY** from the words, of the book, of this prophecy,
God shall **TAKE AWAY** his part, **OUT** of the book of life, and **OUT** of the holy city,
and **FROM** the things which are **WRITTEN** in this book.” ([Rev.22:18-19](#))

Notice also, as “The Law of The Lord”, It CONVERTS THE SOUL.

It Convicts of sin and of righteousness, as the Bible says,

- “when He is come, He will **REPROVE** the world of sin,
and of righteousness, and of judgment.” ([Jn.16:8](#))

The Law of the Lord, TURNS us From SELF, To CHRIST.

After **STATING** that the unrighteous, shall **NOT inherit** the kingdom of God and **LISTING** some of the works of the flesh in vs.9-10, [1Cor.6:11](#) **INFORMS** us,

- “And such were some of you: but ye are **WASHED** (or baptized: Acts 22:16), but ye are **sanctified**, but ye are **justified**, **IN** the Name of the Lord Jesus, and **BY** the Spirit of our God.” ([1Cor.6:11](#))
- “**IF** ye then be **RISEN** with Christ (that is, if ye have been baptized into Christ: Col.2:12-13), **SEEK** those things which are **ABOVE**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
² **SET** your affection on things **ABOVE**, not on things on the earth.” ([Col.3:1-2](#))

Secondly, notice The Word of God, AS

B. “**The TESTIMONY of The Lord**” ([Psa.19:7](#))

The Word of God IS TESTIMONY, concerning The Son, and Life IN Him.

- “IF we **RECEIVED** the witness of men, the **WITNESS of God**, is **GREATER**: for this, **IS** the **WITNESS** of God, which He hath **TESTIFIED** of His Son.
¹¹ And this, **IS** the **RECORD**, that God hath given to us **ETERNAL LIFE**, and this life, **IS IN His Son.**” ([1Jn.5:9,11](#))

The Testimony of the Lord is **SURE, Fixed, and Stable** – NOT like shifting, human reasoning.

MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE,

All CAN rely on, The TESTIMONY of the Lord, with Confidence of CERTAINTY.

- “The entrance of Thy **WORDS** giveth **LIGHT**; it giveth **UNDERSTANDING** unto the simple.” (reads [Psa.119:130](#))
- “This is a **FAITHFUL** saying, and **WORTHY** of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus **CAME** into the world to **SAVE** sinners; of whom I am chief.” (Paul said in [1Tim.1:15](#))

Thirdly, notice The Word of God, AS

C. “**The STATUTES of The Lord**” ([Psa.19:8](#))

...OF which are RIGHT.

Who can doubt the rightness, of **DEDICATING** the majority of our **TIME** and **LIFE**, to special service **OF Him, TO Whom** we **OWE**, our very **EXISTENCE**?

- “God that **MADE** the world, and all things therein, seeing that **He IS LORD** of heaven and earth, dwelleth **NOT** in temples made with hands; ²⁵ **NEITHER** is worshipped with men’s hands, **AS** though He needed any thing, seeing He **GIVETH** to all life, and breath, and all things,” ([Acts 17:24-25](#))

Thus: REJOICING THE HEART. ...Notice these few passages.

- “I **REJOICE** at Thy Word, as one that **FINDETH** great spoil.” (reads [Psa.119:162](#))
- “And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way **REJOICING**.” ([Acts 8:39](#))
- “Now the **God of HOPE**, fill you with all **JOY** and **PEACE** in believing, that ye may abound in **HOPE**, through the **POWER** of the **Holy Spirit**.” ([Rom.15:13](#))
- “**WHOM** having not seen, ye **LOVE**; IN WHOM, though now, ye see Him not, yet **BELIEVING**, ye **REJOICE** with **JOY** unspeakable and **FULL OF GLORY**.” ([1Pet.1:8](#))

Knowing What the Word of God **IS**, and What it **DOES**, Should cause us to greatly **REJOICE**...

- “for the **HOPE**, which is laid up for you, **IN HEAVEN**, whereof ye **HEARD** before, **IN** the **WORD**, of the **TRUTH** of the **GOSPEL**,” ([Col.1:5](#))

The title of the lesson is, "**The Word of God**".

We are currently considering, "What The Bible IS, and What IT Does, in Six Views" (based on the text of Psa.19:7-11)

We'll now notice, the 4th view, as...

D. "**The COMMANDMENT of The Lord**" ([Psa.19:8](#))

CLEAR in Teaching: It is PURE.

- "Wherefore the **LAW** is holy, and the **COMMANDMENT** holy, and just, and good." ([Rom.7:12](#))
- "It is the **SPIRIT** that quickeneth; the **flesh** profiteth **NOTHING**: the **WORDS** that I speak unto you, they are **SPIRIT**, and they are **LIFE**." ([Jn.6:63](#))

The Commandment of The Lord is, CLEAR In Worship.

- "**SPEAKING** to yourselves, **IN** psalms and hymns and **SPIRITUAL** songs, **SINGING**, and Making MELODY in your heart, **TO THE LORD**;" ([Eph.5:19](#))
- "**God IS a Spirit**: and they that worship Him, **MUST WORSHIP** Him, **IN** spirit, and **IN** Truth." ([Jn.4:24](#))

- 1st century christians "**CONTINUED** stedfastly, **IN** the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and **IN** breaking of bread, and **IN** prayers." ([Acts 2:42](#))

- It was, "upon the **FIRST DAY** of the week, **WHEN** the disciples **CAME TOGETHER** to break bread, Paul **PREACHED** unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." (reads [Acts 20:7](#))

- "Let us **CONSIDER** one another, to **PROVOKE** unto love and to good works:
²⁵ **NOT** forsaking the **ASSEMBLING** of ourselves together, **AS** the manner of some is; **BUT** exhorting ONE ANOTHER: and so much the more, **AS** ye see the day **APPROACHING**.
²⁶ **For IF** we **SIN WILFULLY**, after that we have received the **KNOWLEDGE** of the **TRUTH**, there remaineth **NO** more **SACRIFICE for SINS**,²⁷ but a certain **FEARFUL LOOKING** for, **OF judgment** and fiery INDIGNATION, which shall devour the **ADVERSARIES**.
²⁸ He that **DESPISED** Moses' law **DIED** without mercy, under two or three witnesses:
²⁹ **OF HOW MUCH sorer PUNISHMENT**, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath **TRODDEN** under foot the **Son of God**, and hath **COUNTED** the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an **UNHOLY** thing, and hath **DONE** despite unto the **Spirit of grace**?" ([Heb.10:24-29](#))

The Commandment of The Lord is, CLEAR In Daily Actions and Thoughts.

- "**TEACHING** us that, **DENYING** ungodliness and worldly lusts, we **SHOULD LIVE** soberly, righteously, and godly, **IN THIS PRESENT WORLD**;" ([Titus 2:12](#))
- "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **TRUE**, whatsoever things are **HONEST**, whatsoever things are **JUST**, whatsoever things are **PURE**, whatsoever things are **LOVELY**, whatsoever things are of **GOOD REPORT**; if there be any **VIRTUE**, and if there be any **PRAISE**, **THINK ON**, these things." ([Phil.4:8](#))

The Commandment of The Lord is, CLEAR In Speech.

- "Let **NO** corrupt communication **PROCEED OUT** of your mouth, **BUT** that which is **GOOD** to the use of edifying, that it may minister **GRACE** unto the hearers." ([Eph.4:29](#))
- "**CONTINUE** in prayer, and **WATCH** in the same **WITH THANKSGIVING**;" ([Col.4:2](#))

O.T. scripture, that we can **LEARN** from (Rom.15:4), is...

- “they, that **FEARED** the Lord, **SPAKE often ONE TO ANOTHER**: and the Lord hearkened, and **HEARD** it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him, for them that **FEARED** the Lord, and that **THOUGHT upon His Name.**” ([Mal.3:16](#))

The Commandment of the Lord, ENLIGHTENS THE EYES.

- “Thou wilt **SHEW** me, the path of LIFE...” ([Psa.16:11a](#))
- “the **EYES** of your understanding, being **ENLIGHTENED**; that ye may **KNOW**, **WHAT** is the hope of His calling, and (ye may know) **WHAT** (is) the riches of the glory, of His inheritance, **IN** the saints, ¹⁹ and (ye may know) **WHAT** is the exceeding greatness of His power, **TO US-WARD** who believe, **ACCORDING** to the working, of His **Mighty POWER**,” (that’s [Eph.1:18-19](#))

BEFORE we knew the COMMANDMENT of the Lord, we were in DARKNESS.

- Jesus said, “Yet a **LITTLE while**, is the **LIGHT with you**. **WALK** while ye have the **LIGHT**, lest darkness COME upon you: for he that walketh in **DARKNESS**, knoweth NOT whither he **GOETH.**” ([Jn.12:35](#))

The Commandment of the Lord, is NEEDED,

- “to **OPEN** their eyes, and to **TURN** them, from darkness, TO LIGHT, and from the power of Satan, UNTO GOD, that they may **RECEIVE** forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them, which are **SANCTIFIED, BY FAITH**, that is **IN Me** (or IN Christ).” (reads [Acts 26:18](#))

But now!

- “The entrance of Thy WORDS giveth LIGHT; it giveth UNDERSTANDING unto the simple.” ([Psa.119:130](#))
- “Thy **WORD**, is a **LAMP** unto my feet, and a **LIGHT** unto my path.” ([Psa.119:105](#))
- “For ye **WERE** sometimes darkness,

but **NOW** are ye **LIGHT** in the Lord: **WALK** as children OF LIGHT.” ([Eph.5:8](#))

Our 5th View, of The Word of God, is AS,

E. “The FEAR of The Lord” ([Psa.19:9](#))

The Bible said long ago,

- “it shall be **WITH** him, and he shall **READ** therein all the days of his life: that he may **LEARN to FEAR the Lord his God**, to **KEEP** all the **Words** of this law and these statutes, to **DO** them:” ([Deut.17:19](#))

As such, it is CLEAN (pure and undefiled) .

- “Now ye are **CLEAN** through the Word, which I have spoken unto you.” ([Jn.15:3](#))

The Fear of the Lord, ENDURES FOREVER.

- “For the Lord IS GOOD; His Mercy, IS EVERLASTING; and His Truth ENDURETH, to **ALL generations.**” ([Psa.100:5](#))
- “And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that **DOETH** the Will of God **ABIDETH FOR EVER.**” ([1Jn.2:17](#))

Lastly, our 6th view, of The Word of God, is AS,

F. “**The JUDGMENTS of The Lord**” ([Psa.19:9](#))

We are **INCOMPETENT**, to judge the evil, and crime of sin, and to judge God’s conduct toward it. This is what Habakkuk grappled with.

Speaking to God, he said,

- “YOU Who, are of **PURER EYES** than to see evil, and cannot look at wrong, why do You, idly look at traitors, and remain silent, when the wicked swallows up the man, more righteous than he?” ([Hab.1:13](#) ESV)

The Psalmist rightly declared,

- “Through Thy **PRECEPTS**, I get UNDERSTANDING: therefore I **HATE** every false way.” ([Psa.119:104](#))

Man may complain, but God’s ways are TRUE and RIGHTEOUS Altogether.

- “For this cause also, **THANK** we God without ceasing, because, **WHEN** ye received the WORD of God, which ye **HEARD** of us, ye received it NOT, as the word of men, but **AS** it is in **TRUTH**, the **WORD of God**, which **EFFECTUALLY** worketh also, **IN** you that **BELIEVE**.” ([1Thess.2:13](#))
- “And they **SING** the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, **GREAT** and **MARVELLOUS** are Thy **WORKS**, Lord God Almighty; **JUST** and **TRUE**, are Thy **WAYS**, thou **KING** of saints.” ([Rev.15:3](#))

In Six Views, We’ve Considered “What the Bible IS, and What it DOES”.

Now, let’s consider,

II. What The Bible **DESERVES**

Truly,

A. What A **PRIVILEGE** We Have

The Word of God **DESERVES**, to be **READ!**.

The Colossians were told...

- “**WHEN** this epistle is READ among you, **CAUSE** that it be **READ** also, **IN** the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise, **READ** the epistle FROM Laodicea.” ([Col.4:16](#))
- “What **ADVANTAGE** then hath the Jew? or what **PROFIT** is there of circumcision?
² **MUCH** every way: **CHIEFLY**, because that **UNTO** them, were committed the ORACLES of God.” ([Rom.3:1-2](#))
- “Beloved, when I **GAVE** all diligence to **WRITE** unto you, of the common SALVATION, it was needful for me to **WRITE** unto you, and **EXHORT** you that ye should **EARNESTLY** contend, for **THE FAITH**, which was once DELIVERED, unto the saints.” ([Jude vs.3](#))

The Word of God is very DESERVING.

B. Now What is Our Response Going To Be?

Our Response Toward the Word of God, DESERVES...
Valuing His Word, more than gold ([Psa.19:10](#)).

Our Response Toward the Word of God, DESERVES...
Looking into it, PRAYERFULLY.

The Psalmist said,

- **“OPEN** Thou mine eyes, that I may **BEHOLD** wondrous things **OUT of Thy LAW.”** ([Psa.119:18](#))

Our Response Toward the Word of God, DESERVES...
Diligent STUDY, and Active OBEDIENCE.

- **“yea, IF** thou **CRIEST AFTER** knowledge, and **LIFTEST UP** thy voice for understanding;
⁴ **IF** thou **SEEKEST** her as silver, and **SEARCHEST** for her as for hid treasures;
⁵ then shalt thou **UNDERSTAND** the fear of the Lord, and **FIND** the knowledge of God.” (read [Prov.2:3-5](#))
- **“Seeing ye have PURIFIED** your souls, in **OBEYING the TRUTH**, through the Spirit,
UNTO unfeigned **LOVE** of the brethren, see that ye **LOVE** one another,
with a **PURE** heart **FERVENTLY:”** ([1Pet.1:22](#))

Our Response Toward the Word of God, DESERVES...
DELIGHT in It, and LOVE of It.

- **“O how LOVE** I thy law! it is my **MEDITATION** all the day.” ([Psa.119:97](#))

Our Response Toward the Word of God, DESERVES...
Seeing it, as the standard of rule, for all of life.

- Because Jesus said, **“It is WRITTEN**, Man shall **NOT** live, **BY** bread **ALONE**,
but **BY** every **WORD**, that proceedeth out of the **MOUTH of God.”** ([Matt.4:4](#))

Our Response Toward the Word of God, DESERVES...
Communicating It, To Others.

- **“And the things that thou hast HEARD** of me among many witnesses,
the **SAME** commit thou, to **FAITHFUL** men, who shall be able to **TEACH OTHERS** also.” ([2Tim.2:2](#))

Christians enjoy priceless privilege; Many others, do not.

So that others, may also be **ENRICHED** by its treasures, and **BLESSED** with its joys,
Let us **SPEAK** about it, clearly and often.

- **“O Lord, OPEN** Thou my lips; and my mouth, shall **SHEW** forth, **Thy PRAISE.”** ([Psa.51:15](#))

What a Privilege we have at our fingertips, The revealed Mind or Word of God!

If our Response, is in compliance and Obedience,

C. We Will Be REWARDED Forever ([Psa.19:11b](#))

- **“Blessed are they that DO** His commandments,
that they may have **RIGHT** to the tree of life,
and may **ENTER IN**, through the gates, into the city.” ([Rev.22:14](#))

IN-CLOSING:

The Word, Needs **NO** Updating.

- “Add thou **NOT** unto His **WORDS**, lest He **REPROVE** thee, and thou be found a **LIAR**.” ([Prov.30:6](#))
- “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **My WORDS**, shall **NOT** pass away.” (Jesus said, in [Matt.24:35](#))
- “Thy **WORD** is **TRUE**, from the beginning: and every one of Thy **RIGHTEOUS** judgments, **ENDURETH** for ever.” ([Psa.119:160](#))
- “the **WORD** of the Lord, **ENDURETH** for ever. And this is the **WORD** ,which BY the Gospel, is **PREACHED** unto you.” ([1Pet.1:25](#))

We Will Face It, In Judgment.

So, Face It Now, and OBEY, before it is everlasting too late.

The Lord invites, and we await to assist;

- **COME** believing ([Heb.11:6](#)), repenting ([Lk.13:3](#)), confessing ([Acts 8:37](#)),
- and be Baptized **INTO** Christ Jesus ([Gal.3:26-27](#)),

...while together we stand and sing.

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