

The Holy Scriptures Part 2

Psalm 19:7-14

The Power of Scripture (7-9)

The Law- The revealed will of God in the Torah (5 books), Psalm, Prophets and NT.

Perfect- without defect, inspired, infallible, inerrant and its own interpreter.

Reviving the soul-

Reviving (šûb): turn back, return

Psalm 19:7 (AV 1873) The law of the LORD is perfect, *converting* the soul:

The connection between the law's perfection and its ability to revive the soul is not easy to see at first glance, but it is found in the fact that being perfect means being so complete as to cover every aspect of life. It means that the Bible is not deficient in any way. It is an all-sufficient revelation. Therefore, no matter what our sins may have been or our problems are, the Bible is able to turn us from our sins, lead us through our problems, and both feed and enrich us so that we are able to enjoy the full benefits of spiritual life. Jesus testified to this when he told the devil, quoting from Deuteronomy 8:3, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4).

Boice Expository Commentary - An Expository Commentary - Psalms, Volume 1: Psalms 1-41.

The Testimony- The Covenant of God in the OT (Exodus 25:16) and NT (Luke 22:20, Hebrews 13:20) these serve as a witness to God's covenant with man.

Sure- they are sure or trustworthy because they correspond to truth. You will not be led into falsehood or error by the Word of God.

Infallible: Scripture is incapable of teaching error. The writers of Scripture under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit not only did not err—they *could* not err when writing Scripture.

Make Wise the Simple- Simple in Hebrew means "open door" or "one easily persuaded."

The Word of God make a person wise, or skillful for life. It protects them from being deceived.

The Precepts - The instructions and procedures that God requires.

Right- literally means “straight” The Word of God makes strait the way a person should live. Make strait paths for your feet Hebrews 12:13

Rejoicing the heart- When one follows the straight path of the Lord joy is a natural consequence. Sin is only pleasurable but for a moment.

The Commandments- The instructions and procedures that God requires.

Pure- without the least mixture of error, or injustice, or deceit; which cannot be said of human laws. Matthew Poole's Commentary on the Holy Bible.

Since God is pure His commandments must also be pure.

Enlightening the Eyes- By this he gives us tacitly to understand that it is only in the commandments of God that we find the difference between good and evil laid down, and that it is in vain to seek it elsewhere, since whatever men devise of themselves is mere filth and refuse, corrupting the purity of the life. He farther intimates that men, with all their acuteness, are blind, and always wander in darkness, until they turn their eyes to the light of heavenly doctrine. Whence it follows, that none are truly wise but those who take God for their conductor and guide, following the path which he points out to them, and who are diligently seeking after the peace which he offers and presents by his word.

Calvin's Commentaries.

Fear- Fear is a name used for God by Isaac (Gen 31:42-53). Man's response to the Word of God.

Clean- Psalm 12:6- The Words of God are words that purify.

Enduring Forever- Matthew 24:35 “*heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*”

Rules- frequently called his *judgments*, because they are the declarations of his righteous will, and as it were his legal or judicial sentence by which he expects that men should govern themselves, and by which he will judge them at the last day. Matthew Poole's Commentary on the Holy Bible.

True and Righteous altogether- This is summary of the word of God

Together, these terms show the practical purpose of revelation, to bring God's will to bear on the hearer and evoke intelligent reverence, well-founded trust, detailed obedience. Derrick Kidner-TOTC.

The Preciousness of Scripture (10-11)

For the reasons listed above David says that the preciousness of Scripture is more than that of gold even much fine gold.

More to be desired- literally to find pleasure in.

Do you find pleasure in the Word of God?

Jeremiah 15:16 *Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.*

David makes a delineation between gold and fine gold. Gold is unrefined gold, raw gold if you will. Valuable for sure, how many shows are on television about finding this kind of gold? Fine gold is refined gold. Refined gold is more valuable because the impurities are taken out.

Calvin in his commentary say this: The word for fine gold *paz* in the Hebrew is derived from the Hebrew word *pazah* which means to *strengthen* or to *consolidate*: and hence, *paz*, means *solid gold*, or gold “*well purified*” for the more it is purified, it is more solid, and consequently of greater weight and value.

David then uses the analogy of honey.

Honey was staple of Middle Eastern diet. Jonathan’s eyes grew bright when he saw the honey. (1 Sam 14:27)

Psalms 119:103 *How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

Ezekiel 3:3 *And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.*

Revelation 10:10 *And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter.*

Moreover- or on top of that, even better

By them the (Law, testimony, precepts, commandments, fear and rules) God’s servant is warned.

Warned comes from the Hebrew word “to make clear.” The one who is instructed by the law of God has discernment. Discernment brings great reward with it.

The Purpose of Scripture (12-14)

12 to 14 are really two prayers. The first one is asking God to keep him from sinful actions.

12-13 A rhetorical question, **who can discern his errors?** Implies an obvious answer: only the person who reads, studies, and meditates on God's Word. Scripture is a lamp that reveals **hidden faults** which must be confessed while asking God to forgive. Scripture is also a powerful restraint that prevents believers from participating in sin. Keep also your servant from willful sins, a preserving effect that the Word has upon the hearts of those who obey it.

Holman Old Testament Commentary - Holman Old Testament Commentary - Psalms 1-75.

The second one is asking God to guard his thoughts and words.

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look at this backwards. What is acceptable to God is holiness. God looks not on the outside but at the heart (1 Sam 16:7) what is in your heart comes out of your mouth. (Luke 6:45)

The Word of God is perfect because it is inspired, infallible and inerrant. It alone will revive your soul, make you wise, enlighten your eyes and endure forever. Nothing in this world has greater value. It is the only source of rule for the believer to do all things to the glory of God.