

Psalm 19:7-14 – “God Reveals Himself in The Written Word!”

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INTRO-

Introductory Illustration

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
 - *It as AW Pink writes: “Christianity is the religion of a Book. Christianity is based upon the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture. The starting point of all doctrinal discussion must be the Bible. Upon the foundation of the Divine inspiration of the Bible stands or falls the entire edifice of Christian truth ... Surrender the dogma of verbal inspiration and you are left like a rudderless ship on a stormy sea—at the mercy of every wind that blows. Deny that the Bible is ... the very Word of God, and you are left without any ultimate standard of measurement and without any supreme authority”.*
- **The Bible is: (1) Inerrant; (2) Inspired; (3) Infallible; (4) Eternal; (5) Powerful; (6) Sufficient**

Background to Psalm 19:7-14

- **David wrote this as a song to be sung! It extols God's revelation in the *World* and in the *Word*.**
- **Setting of Ps 19:** Probably used for liturgical worship expressing the glory of God in Creation and the glory of God as revealed in His Word!

THESIS—This morning I want you to see how God has *clearly revealed Himself in Special Revelation—His Written Word!*

We will unroll the glorious truth in three strands: (1) **the attributes of the Word**; (2) **the appreciation of the Word**; and (3) **the application of the Word**!

Review of last time (Ps 19:1-6)

God's Word is completely perfect and worthy to be appreciated and applied!

I. **LOOK AT GOD'S REVELATION IN THE WORD!** (7-14)

a. The attributes of the Word (7-9)

- i. *To begin*, there are **six** attributes here; in each, there are four characteristics:
 1. **Word** – Law of the Lord, statutes of the Lord, etc.
 2. **Quality** – perfect, true, upright, clean, pure, etc.
 3. **Action** – restoring, making wise, rejoicing, enlightening, etc.
 4. **Object** – soul, simple, heart, eyes, etc.
- ii. **It is Perfect (7a)**
 1. Law, Torah, Teaching or instruction.
 2. Perfect, blameless, whole, mature—without blemish!

- a. “Of all the books in the world, the Bible alone can truly be said to be complete, and this characteristic of the Scriptures is another of the many lines of demonstration which witness to the Divine inspiration of the Bible”.
 3. Converting? Or Restoring? Or Changing?
 - a. Here, the best translation is “**convert.**” It can convert the soul! “*God’s Law is so perfect that it can convert, transform, and refresh the entire inner person*”.
- iii. It is Sure (7b)**
1. Testimony; the idea of a “warning sign” which notifies drivers of winding roads or treacherous conditions ahead (Wilson, 367).
 2. sure, confirmed, AMEN!
 3. simple, naïve. This is the one who is “easily led astray”. *It’s the one who does not yet possess sufficient experience in life to understand the ramifications and consequences of decisions.*
 - a. **Proverbs 1:22** ²² “How long, O naive ones, will you love being simple-minded?”
 - b. **Psalm 119:130** ¹³⁰ The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.
 4. ***This is why it is SO imperative that we teach our young people, children, and teenagers the ways of the LORD!***
- iv. It is Right (8a)**
1. precepts, instructions, stipulations. Continuing our driving figure of speech, this is the “road map or verbal directions that allow you to find a place you have never visited before” (Wilson, 367).
 2. upright, perfect, straight, right.
 3. Bringing Joy to the Heart!
 - a. Your heart can be filled with joy because the Gospel gives you eternal hope and rest in God!
- v. It is Pure (8b)**
1. Commandment; that which is commanded by God.
 2. pure, clean, clear
 - a. Just as God has given the sun for light in creation, so he has given His **Word** for light in redemption. And this is what ***God’s Word does.***
 3. Maybe in reference to enlivening or restoring life when the eyes often are dim and lose light near death; but it more probably refers to the commands of the LORD giving illumination and light to the eyes to know which path to walk, how to walk, where to walk, why to walk.
 - a. **Psalm 119:105** ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
- vi. It is Clean (9a)**
1. Fear. This attribute for God’s Word clearly refers to the reverence and human **response** which is inevitably fostered by God’s Word
 - a. ***Though we have access to God, let us not forget we serve a God who is HOLY and demands humility and reverence!***
 2. clean, pure, impeccable. Latin Vulgate has *sanctus* (“holy”). It is usually found in religious, sacrificial contexts.
 3. enduring, standing forever/unto the end!
 4. Think about it: God’s Word never needs new editions, revisions, emendations, subtractions, or additions. As it stands—as God’s perfect and pure Word—it **will endure forever!**

- a. **Mark 13:31** ³¹ "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.
- vii. **It is True (9b)**
1. the judgments; these are ‘divine orders’.
 2. true, reliable, trustworthy. It has the sense of “dependability”. They have to be true and reliable because God *Himself* is true and reliable!
 3. They are holistically righteous (***emphatic form – perfect**).
- viii. ***The goal of God’s Revelation in His Perfect Word is the internalization of God’s Word in the heart of man so as to transform his entire way of life!***
1. **Psalm 40:8** ⁸ I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart."
- ix. ***Do you meditate on God’s Words? Have you been convicted by the Word of God, restored by the Word of God, and saved by the Word of Life?***

b. The appreciation of the Word (10-11)

- i. David says that the Word is **more desirable than gold—even much gold!** The finest, the rarest, the most special, the most pristine, the purest, the most **costly**, and the most abundant supply of gold **cannot compare** with the *divine riches* stored within the pages of Scripture!
1. More desirable than **any amount of riches or gold**.
- ii. Not only better than **riches**, but better than any life **pleasure**, sustenance, food delicacy= pure honey flowing from the comb.
1. **Why is *this* the purest honey?** Because it’s honey from the interior; it’s protected; it’s from the core; it’s new, fresh, and just produced!
 2. God’s Word is **better** and **more desirable** than even the most luxurious, comfortable, desirous, and pleasing commodity life could *ever* offer!
- iii. **V.11- your servant**— The **servant of God** is kept in check by the **Word of God! God’s Word brings:**
1. **Warnings**
 2. **Rewards**
 - a. He finds abundant rewards if he keeps the Law.
 - b. **Romans 2:13** ¹³ for *it is* not the hearers of the Law *who* are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.
- iv. ***Application: Keep deepening your appreciation for the Word of God—not only for its warnings but also for its rewards!***
- v. **John Bunyan** said it well: “*This Book will keep you FROM sin, or sin will keep you FROM this book*”.

c. The application of the Word (12-14)

- i. **v.12** - Who can understand his errors?
1. God can even cleanse and acquit from **hidden** and secret sins that NO ONE knows about—except you and GOD!
 2. ***Be sure to keep sensitive to the subtleties of sin*** (v.12)
- ii. **V.13** -David prays that God would withhold him from **presumptuous sins**.
1. This characterizes the person who **deliberately, purposefully, rebelliously** disobeys God. This is the one who **knows** that it is WRONG yet he **still commits the sin consciously**.
 2. But the **essential key** is that David **prays** and **trusts** that God will help him overcome the sins. Don’t let them **RULE** over me!

3. **NOTE****- even with the presumptuous sins, the hidden faults, and the errors of our ways, **God can perfect us and acquit us from an abundance of transgressions!** To **acquit** means to “declare one *perfectly innocent!*”
 4. What a gracious and compassionate God to forgive us when we COME to him with genuine repentance, confession, and humility!
 5. ***So, your responsibility is to keep relying on God’s sanctifying Grace to help you withstand the temptation to sin!***
- iii. **V.14**-Notice emphatic word order: “*may they become pleasing—my words and my thoughts...*”
1. **David is preoccupied with everything in his life becoming PERFECTLY PLEASING TO GOD CONTINUALLY!**
 - a. **John 8:29** [Jesus said...] “I always do the things that are **pleasing** to Him.”
 - b. **2 Corinthians 5:9** Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be **pleasing** to Him.
 - c. **Ephesians 5:8, 10** walk as children of Light...¹⁰ trying to learn what is **pleasing** to the Lord.
 - d. **1 John 3:22** ²² and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are **pleasing** in His sight.
 2. My Rock and My Deliverer.
 - a. He is the one who **shelters** me and **saves** me.
 - b. He is the one who **protects** me and **pardons** me.
 - c. He is the one who **rescues** me and **redeems** me.
 - d. He is the one who **guards** me and **guides** me.
 - e. He is the one who **delivers** me and **forgives** me.
 - f. He is the one who **overshadows** me and **overwhelms** me.
 - g. He is my **champion** and my **kinsman redeemer**.
- iv. ***Finally, keep passionate in your worship for God—make sure the words of your mouth and the meditations of your heart are always pleasing to God!!***

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Concluding Illustration

- ***In this psalm, we move from the BIG PICTURE OF THE UNIVERSE down to the SECRET AND HIDDEN DETAILS OF A SINNER’S HEART.***
 - It is God’s Word that **clearly** tells YOU that YOU are alienated from God because of your sin. Yet it is the same Word that offers you the SOLUTION—Freely!
- **Vv.1-6** reveal **General Revelation**—this **cannot save** but it can **declare a person to be without excuse before a Holy God.**
- **Vv.7-14** reveal the **Special Revelation**—this **IS WHAT can save only through believing in the Lord Jesus Christ who is revealed in these Scriptures.**
 - The Bible is the **sole instrument** through which God convicts, converts, rebukes, counsels, comforts, teaches, and sanctifies Christians.
 - It is NOT a dead book—it is a *living* book (Heb 4:12).
- **Martin Luther said:** “*The Bible is alive, it speaks to me. It has feet, it runs after me. It has hands, it lays hold of me.*”
 - So Have it! Hold it! Know it! Love it! Trust it! Follow it!