

The Revelation of God (Part II)

Psalm 19:7-11

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Introduction: In our first study of this Psalm last week we considered how God has revealed Himself in the skies (:1-6). We noted the revelation of God's glory & the declaration of God's greatness. These verses have been described as “The convicting power of God’s Word in the heavens” (Rogers). Verses 7-11 describe how God has revealed Himself in the Scriptures. Or as Rogers suggests, “The converting power of the Word in the hands.” This written revelation follows the opening verses depicting God's natural revelation. Consider with me this morning the view of Scriptures as seen in its 6 contexts, characteristics, & consequences (:7-9) & then the value of Scriptures as seen by its possession, pleasure, protection, & profit.

I. The view of the Scriptures (:7-9)

A. “*The law of the LORD*” [Note: the name of God is “*LORD*” – Jehovah or Yahweh.]

1. Its context > “*law*” - Divine instruction, God's revealed will; that which sets bounds for belief & behavior.
2. Its characteristic > “*is perfect*” - flawless, without defect, complete (not to be added to or taken from– Revelation 22:18-19 & Deuteronomy 4:2), infallible [Consider its unity > one theme: Jesus Christ. Note its indestructibility (Jer. 36:1-32); its historical accuracy (the Hittites); its scientific accuracy (Lev. 17:11); its prophetic accuracy.]
3. Its consequence > “*converting the soul*” - restored to the place of God's purpose:
That by which we are **saved (see II Timothy 3:15 & I Peter 1:23).

B. “*The testimony of the LORD*”

1. Its context > “*testimony*” - God's witness - against sin & for righteousness.
2. Its characteristic > “*is sure*” - secure, true, faithful, dependable, reliable, trustworthy.
3. Its consequence > “*making wise the simple*” - those open to the entrance of truth: “Those who are impressionable & thus easily led either toward folly or wisdom” (Ryrie).
That by which we are made **wise (unto salvation & sanctification, see John 17:17).

C. “*The statutes of the LORD*”

1. Its context > “*statutes*” - Divine directions, particularly injunctions, precepts or decrees.
2. Its characteristic > “*are right*” - righteous, giving the right & best advice.
3. Its consequence > “*rejoicing the heart*” - obedience brings joy:
That by which we are made **joyful (see I John 5:3 & Hebrews 12:9-11).

D. “*The commandment of the LORD*”

1. Its context > “*commandment*” - God's commands, His authoritative words & declarations.
2. Its characteristic > “*is pure*” - unadulterated, unpolluted, no mixture of error or impurity.
3. Its consequence > “*enlightening the eyes*” - gives discernment:
That by which we are made **discerning (see Hebrews 5:12-14).

- E. “*The fear of the LORD*” [Compare also Deut. 4:9-10 & Ps. 34:11.]
1. Its context > “*fear*” - reverential trust, awe, respect (contrast Rom. 3:18).
 2. Its characteristic > “*is clean*” - cleanses from sin & keeps one clean.
 3. Its consequence > “*enduring for ever*” - never changing, eternal:
That by which we are **assured.
- F. “*The judgments of the LORD*”
1. Its context > “*judgments*” - decisions relating to human situations, standards of truth, judicial decisions of God (cf. Psalm 14:1; Proverbs 14:9; Luke 12:20)
 2. Its characteristic > “*true & righteous altogether*” - all are just & right, need no defense > “You don’t need to defend a sleeping lion – just wake him up!”
 3. Its consequence > (Implied) - there is no need to apologize, one is able to stand confident & unashamed:
That by which we are made **confident.

Summary: The Word of God leads us to: Salvation, Wisdom, Joyfulness, Discernment, Assurance & Confidence.

II. The value of the Scriptures (:10-11) (4 main points from Scroggie)

- A. There is great **possession** in the law:
1. Compare to the gold rush days > Proverbs 2:1-7.
 2. Compare to the panic of the gold market > Job 23:10-12.
Illustrate: “The Bible.”
- B. There is great **pleasure** in the law:
1. Temporary pleasure & enjoyment of honey.
 2. Eternal pleasure & satisfaction in God’s Word > Psalm 119:103.
- C. There is great **protection** in the law:
1. The Bible warns us - it constrains (motivates) & restrains us.
 2. “This Book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this Book.”
See Psalm 119:9-11.
- D. There is great **profit** in the law:
1. Present reward - discernment, enablement (to resist temptation) > I Cor. 10:13.
Illustrate: “Bunyan’s Wise Words.”
 2. Future reward - eternal salvation & inheritance > I Peter 1:3-5.

Conclusion: What is your view of the Bible? How much do you value it? Has God’s Word made you wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus? Do you rejoice in God’s Words, as much as in great riches? Are you exercising your senses in discernment by the study of the Scriptures? Do you claim forgiveness from daily sin & grace for daily living by the promises of God’s Word? Are God’s judgments (His judicial decisions) your firm foundation? God has given us His Word that we might have salvation, wisdom, joy, discernment, assurance, & confidence. We ought to reflect upon & rejoice in the value of God’s Word. There is great possession, pleasure, protection, & profit in His Word. How much value do you place upon the Bible? Someone has suggested: **Adopt the Bible: Read it to be wise / Believe it to be secure / Practice it to be holy / Share it to be happy.**

May God help us to view this Book as did the Psalmist David & enable us to value it for what it is, the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of the living God!