

God used the image of gold to remind us how great our spiritual benefits are - they are greater than gold.

1. The Bible is Greater Than Gold

Psalm 19:7-14

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. ¹² Who can understand *his* errors? cleanse thou me from secret *faults*. ¹³ Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm 119:72

The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

Psalm 119:127

Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

2. The Trial of Our Faith is Greater Than Gold

1 Peter 1:6-9

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: ⁷ That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: ⁸ 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: ⁹ Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

3. Wisdom is Greater than Gold

Proverbs 16:16

How much better *is it* to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!

Proverbs 8:10-11

Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. ¹¹ For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

Proverbs 8:19

My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

4. Loving Favor is Greater than Gold

Proverbs 22:1

A *good* name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches, *and* loving favour rather than silver and gold.

5. Right Words are Greater than Gold

Proverbs 20:15

There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

Never underestimate what God is doing in your life!