

The Greatness of God: The Word of God Psalm 19

The Bible is the Word of God

God Exists

God's glory in scripture is revealed in two categories *intrinsic glory* and *ascribed glory*.

Intrinsic Glory is the glory God has in and of himself.

Ascribed Glory man's response to God's revealed intrinsic glory.

Intrinsic Glory is revealed by God in two ways through *creation*. In theological terms this called *general revelation*.

The second is through *Scripture* which in theological terms is called *special revelation*.

1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith Chapter 1: *Of the Holy Scriptures*

The Holy Scripture is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience, although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God and his will which is necessary unto salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord at sundry times and in divers manners to reveal himself, and to declare his will unto his church; and afterward for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan, and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which makes the Holy Scriptures to be most necessary, those former ways of God's revealing his will unto his people being now ceased. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; Isaiah 8:20; Luke 16:29, 31; Ephesians 2:20; Romans 1:19-21; Romans 2:14,15; Psalms 19:1-3; Hebrews 1:1; Proverbs 22:19-21; Romans 15:4; 2 Peter 1:19,20)

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The Glory of God in Scripture 7-9

Psalm 19:7–9 *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts 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 forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.*

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

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

Inspired

2 Timothy 3:16-17 **All Scripture is *breathed* out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.**

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.

Inerrancy Scripture contains no affirmations of anything that is contrary to fact.

Reviving 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.

Making 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 you 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

Since God is pure His commandments must also be 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 the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.*

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 Glory of God in Obedience 10-11

Psalm 19:10–11 *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.* ¹¹ *Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.*

For the reasons listed above David says that the value 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 the more solid, and consequently of greater weight and value. Psalm 21:3?

He 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)

Psalm 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.

Scripture Sanctifies 12-14

Psalm 19:12–14 *Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.* ¹³ *Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.* ¹⁴ *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

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.

14 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)

