

June 5, 2011
"God's Wonderful Word"
Psalm 19:7-14

I. *What it is and what it does –*

1. *It is perfect and it converts the soul –*

- A. *God's Word is a perfect, glorious thing in an imperfect world!*
Why, because it is God's –

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (2 Timothy 3:16 NKJ)

- B. *It converts the soul, it has power to change us –*

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; ... (Psalm 19:7a NKJ)

- *This is a vitally important quality because we cannot change ourselves –*

Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Then may you also do good who are accustomed to do evil. (Jeremiah 13:23 NKJ)

- *Real conversion requires a new birth –*

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3 NKJ)

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (John 3:5 NKJ)

"Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' (John 3:7 NKJ)

- *The new birth requires God's Word, the seed of spiritual life – having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, (1 Peter 1:23 NKJ)*

2. *It is sure and it makes wise the simple –*

...The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; (Psalm 19:7b NKJ)

- A. *Being "sure" or "certain" means there is nothing we need doubt regarding God's Word – everything it teaches from science (how we were created) to salvation (which we have in Christ alone) etc... is all true and sure ...*
- B. *Read a book of the world and you find errors galore – Darwin believed life, especially one celled life was basically simple. Modern microscopes have proved him wrong!*

C. *The best education is a Biblical education*

3. *It is right, rejoicing the heart –*

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart... (Psalm 19:8a NKJ)

- A. *As much as a ungodly world may blather against this, true joy comes only with an upright heart, a clear conscience before God!*
- B. *Scripture admits to pleasures of sin –*
choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, (Hebrews 11:25 NKJ)
- *Note though they are correct termed "passing"*
 - *A drunken night awakes to a headache / hangover in the morning*
 - *A freedom to sin with abandon in this world, laughing at God's Word, will find you waking in Hell!*
- C. *Yet, even in this world, confessing and repenting of sin wins the joy of God's smile and blessing–*

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.³ He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.⁴ The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Psalm 1:1-6 NKJ)

4. *Scripture is pure, enlightening the eyes –*

... The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; (Psalm 19:8 NKJ)

- A. *Pure and bright like a shining light -*

NUN. Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105 NKJ)

- B. *Scripture (the commandment) shows us the truth about ourselves –*

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a

forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. (James 1:22-25 NKJ)

5. *Fear and Judgment of God, are clean and endure forever – The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.* (Psalm 19:9 NKJ)

II. *How Scripture EXCELLS even the best things – More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.* (Psalm 19:10 NKJ)

1. *Oh how desired is gold, especially much fine gold – Imagine a fleet of dump trucks for of it*

2. *Sweeter than honey and the honeycomb –*

This verse speaks both of PROFIT – Gold and PLEASURE – Honey, these represent all profits and pleasures you might dream of, all our excelled by finding God in His Word!

III. *Why we need it (Scripture) and why we need to read it*

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Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And in keeping them there is great reward.*¹² *Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.*¹³ *Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be 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 strength and my Redeemer.* (Psalm 19:11-14 NKJ)

1. *Warning - “Moreover by them Your servant is warned” - There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.* (Proverbs 14:12 NKJ)

2. *Reward - “And in keeping them there is great reward.” “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.* (Joshua 1:8 NKJ)

3. *We are all clueless even about ourselves – “¹²Who can understand his errors?” “The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? (Jeremiah 17:9 NKJ)*

4. *Cleansing / sanctification – Cleanse me from secret faults “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. (John 17:17 NKJ)*

5. *PRAYER --- Keep back ... / Lead us not - Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (Matthew 6:13 NKJ)*

6. *It (Scripture) leads us in regard to the “blameless” path –*

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You! (Psalm 119:11 NKJ)

7. *Scripture, reading it, studying it, meditating on it, fills our heart with good things –*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14 NKJ)

“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. (Matthew 12:35 NKJ)

A cup brimful of sweet water will never spill a single drop of bitter water no matter how suddenly jolted!

A. *Here David combines Scripture with prayer –*

B. *Here Scripture not only comes in but shines out of a God-glorifying life –*