

The Blessings Of God's Word

Ps. 19:7-14

The Word Of God

- Job 23:12 → Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.
- Matt. 4:4 → But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Psalm 19:1-6

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.
- 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.
- 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,
- 5 Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.
- 6 Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Notes:

- God has revealed Himself to us 1) in His world (1-6), and 2) in His word (7-14).
 - General or natural revelation and Special or supernatural revelation.
 - The created universe gives us evidence of God's existence and power with an apologetic that is perpetual, universal, visible and evident.
 - More than ample evidence is provided of his Eternal Power and Divinity, through the existence, design and order so that those who would deny are without excuse. (Rom. 1:18-20)
 - This general revelation should bring us to see the need for special revelation...**what is the character of the One who has created and what is His will for us?**

Psalm 19:7-14

- 7 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 forever; 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** Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.

The Blessings Of Bible Reading...

- ***Converting (restoring, reviving) the soul.***
 - Power in turning the hearts of sinners. (Rom. 1:16)
 - God’s word brings spiritual, emotional revival, refreshment, restoration into our lives. (Ps. 23:3; Ruth 4:15)
 - Many things in this world that would deflate, depress, discourage, despair and distract.
 - God’s word encourages, comforts, strengthens –brings us back to where we need to be.
- ***Making wise the simple*** (Imparting wisdom to the inexperienced)
 - Its teachings provide discernment, judgment necessary for making good choices to one who is open-minded – humble to receive.
 - The simple: young, inexperienced and in the process of learning right and wrong. (Dt. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:4; II Tim. 1:5; 3:15; Prov. 4:14-16; 7:1-9)

The Blessings Of Bible Reading...

- ***Rejoicing the heart.***

- Not a burden to take away enjoyment, but a blessing to impart true and lasting joy in every circumstance of life.
- A longing in the human heart that cannot be filled with money, material things, pleasure, fame, etc.
- Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy...(Gal. 5:22; Acts 16:25; Phil. 4:4)

- ***Enlightening the eyes.***

- Giving insight for life: relationship with God, others, conduct, priorities as we proceed through this life.
- Ps. 119:105 → Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
- Insight to avoid the traps of Satan. (Ps. 119:11)

The Blessings Of Bible Reading...

- **Enjoins reverent fear of God.**
 - Commands to fear the Lord (NET)
 - As we see the nature of God; His dealings with sinners in His word, we learn the reverent fear we should have for Him. (Prov. 1:7; Rom. 3:18; Eccl. 12:13)
 - Provides foundation for a righteous life.
 - Reflecting God's holy and righteous character.
 - Matt. 7:24-27
- ***By them thy servant is warned.***
 - Taught, admonished, dissuaded from wrong.
 - Warns of dangers to spiritual well being: sin and its consequences, obligations and responsibilities.
 - Js. 1:13-15; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 1:18-32

Conclusion

- **Heb. 4:12-13** → 12 For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things [are] naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.
- 11 → **in keeping of them there is great reward**
 - Peace with God. (Rom. 5:1)
 - Clean conscience. (Heb. 10:19-22)
 - Assurance of the best life here and now. (I Tim. 4:8)
 - The promise of heaven for the faithful. (Jn. 6:68)