

PSALM 19

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. (Psalm 19:11-17).

Yahweh meets with us through the Psalms and consistently points us to Jesus and the Bible to strengthen our covenant relationship with Him.

Yahweh's written revelation is:

- complete, missing nothing essential. So it refreshes true life in us.
- certain and trustworthy. So it gives wisdom to us in our naiveté.
- straight, straight-forward and untwisted. So it brings us hope.
- pure, unclouded and bright. So it clarifies tricky stuff in us.
- clean, unsoiled by things human. So it points us in the eternal way.
- true, certain and unalterable. So it reminds us of His just decrees that WILL stand.

Through the Bible God becomes your prized possession; He authors the sweetest of your experiences, warns and deeply rewards you, becomes your rock and your redeemer!

As you read over verses 7-9 you are reading a description of the nature of Scripture, along with statements that show its effect on us.

1. What meant the most to you of the various words that describe the nature of Scripture, i.e. perfect, sure, right, pure, clean and true?

2. As you read the effects Scripture can have on us in these verses which effect are you most in need of today?

As you read verses 10 and 11 you are reading about the value of Scripture in our lives.

3. Verse 10 speaks about how desirable the words of Scripture are. Does that mean they will always make you feel good? What is an example of something you read in Scripture that was really good for you but felt bad?

4. What do you think David is trying to express when he describes the words of Yahweh as “Sweeter than honey”?

5. What are some things that Scripture has kept you from that could have really harmed you? How have you experienced reward through the Scripture?

6. What would you like to accomplish this year to increase your commitment to Scripture?