

Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalm 19: 7-8; 9-10; 11

New International Version

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The Message

The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together. The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road. The life-maps of God are right, showing the way to joy. The directions of God are plain and easy on the eyes. God's reputation is twenty-four-carat gold, with a lifetime guarantee. The decisions of God are accurate down to the nth degree.

I use to know a song that used the words of this Psalm; I used to sing it in college with an organization called *The Navigators*. Whether sang to a melody or simply repeated, the words of this Psalm are absolutely beautiful in the vivid description of God and his word - which revives us, makes us gives joy to the heart and light to the eyes. The law, fulfilled by Jesus, is indeed perfect as he is perfect!

The fear of the Lord is pure enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

God's Word is better than a diamond, better than a diamond set between emeralds. You'll like it better than strawberries in spring, better than red, ripe strawberries.

By fear, the Psalm is describing our intended relationship with God: to fear God is to hold him in reverence or to honor him as God. Again, as the law was fulfilled through Christ, it has endured and will continue to remain. **These laws, ordinances, and other aspects of the word are (or should be) more valuable than any and all other things** - even all the gold on Earth! And speaking of gold, or the color gold, honey cannot not match the word in terms of sweetness - now how 'bout that!

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By them is your servant warned; in keeping them, there is great reward.

There's more: God's Word warns us of danger and directs us to hidden treasure.

With the vivid description and the presentation of the word of God, we are warned to not disobey or ignore the content; **rather to keep God's word in our hearts that we may not sin against him**; in doing so, there is great reward both now and in eternity!

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