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"The Word of the Lord" (Inspired) Psalm 19:7-14

I. The Bible is a magnificent book

- A. It is a unified book:
 - 66 books, 36 writers, 16 centuries > one message (Jesus!)
- B. It is a prophetic book:
 - fulfilled prophecies > individuals, Israel, nations, Christ
- C. It is a life-changing book:
 - countless individuals and families changed
 - major influence on laws and society
 - major influence on arts and culture

II. Psalm 19 is a magnificent Psalm

- A. Verses 1-6 > Godøs glory as revealed in creation
 - see also: Romans 1:20
- B. Verses 7-14 > God will as revealed in <u>Scripture</u>
 - law, statutes, precepts, commands, fear, ordinances

III. The Bible is God's inspired word

- Note the repeated phrase: õof the Lordö (Psalm 19:7-9)
- A. õAll Scripture is God-breathedö (2 Timothy 3:16)
 - see also: Exodus 24:4; Job 23:12; Matthew 4:4
- B. õMen spoke from God by the Holy Spirit.ö (2 Peter 1:20-21)
 - Zechariah 7:12; Mark 12:36; Acts 1:16; 1 Peter 1:10-12
- C. What Scripture says, God says:
 - Matthew 1:22-23, 19:4-5; Acts 4:25; Hebrews 1:1

"Trustworthy and True" (Infallible) Psalm 19:7

I. God's word is perfect and complete

- A. God is omniscient, so his knowledge is complete.
 - Psalm 12:6, 18:30, 33:4; John 10:35
- B. God does not lie, so all his words are true.
 - Numbers 23:19; Isaiah 65:16; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18; Psalm 119:160

II. God's word gives you new life and salvation

- A. Godøs word makes you wise for salvation.
 - Psalm 119:93; 2 Timothy 3:15
- B. Faith comes from hearing the word of God.
 - Romans 1:16, 10:17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- C. If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
 - John 5:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17

III. God's word is a trustworthy guide for your life

- A. Godøs word gives you the wisdom you need.
 - Psalm 119:98; Proverbs 2:6; Matthew 7:24
- B. Godøs word will protect you from every false way.
 - Matthew 22:29; John 8:31-32; Acts 17:11

"Radiant and Right" (Authoritative) Psalm 19:8

I. God's word is not only true but right

- A. Godøs word gives us moral absolutes.
 - 2 Samuel 12:9; Isaiah 5:20
- B. Godøs word shows you the right way to live.
 - Psalm 43:3; Psalm 119:105, 130

II. God's word has authority because God has authority

- A. God created you, so he has authority over you.
 - Ecclesiastes 12:1,13-14; John 5:24
- B. One day every person will confess that Jesus is Lord.
 - Philippians 2:9-11

III. God's way is not only right but best

- A. God created you, so he know what is best for you.
 - Proverbs 6:23; Isaiah 8:20
- B. True joy comes only from following Godøs Word.
 - Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3; Luke 11:28
- C. We cannot pick and choose ó we must obey all of it.
 - Deuteronomy 12:32; 1 Timothy 6:3-4; 1 John 5:3-5

"Sure and Pure" (Everlasting) Psalm 19:9

I. God's word is worthy of your deepest respect

- A. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
 - Proverbs 9:10
- B. Respect for God includes respect for Godøs word.
 - Psalm 111:10; Ecclesiastes 12:13

II. God's word is everlasting because it is pure

- A. Godøs word is completely holy and pure.
 - Psalm 12:6; Psalm 119:140
- B. Only that which is pure lasts forever.
 - Psalm 93:5; 1 Peter 1:18-25

III. God's word is everlasting because it is sure.

- A. Godøs word is firmly established.
 - Psalm 119:89, 152
- B. Godøs word does not expire or change.
 - 1 Chronicles 16:15; Matthew 5:17-18
- C. All of Godøs word is righteous and lasts forever.
 - Psalm 111:7-8; Psalm 119:160; Matthew 24:35

"More Precious Than Gold" (Priceless) Psalm 19:10-11

I. There is nothing more valuable than God's word

- A. Godøs words are more precious than gold.
 - Psalm 119:72, Psalm 138:2, Proverbs 8:10-11
- B. Godøs word has value both for this life and the life to come.
 - Psalm 73:24-26, 1 Timothy 4:8

II. There is nothing sweeter than God's word

- A. Godøs words are like food for the soul.
 - Job 23:12, Psalm 119:103, Matthew 4:4
- B. Godøs word offers you far greater pleasures than the world.
 - Jeremiah 15:16, Hebrews 6:5, 1 Peter 2:2-3, 1 John 2:17

III. The greatest value comes in not only knowing but keeping God's word

- A. Godøs word will guard you from many troubles in life.
 - Psalm 119:127-128, Proverbs 8:34-36
- B. There is great reward in keeping Godøs commands.
 - Psalm 16:11, Hebrews 4:2

"A Prayer to Be Pleasing to God" (Sanctifying) Psalm 19:12-14

I. God's word leads you to confess your sins

- A. We are more sinful than we know (12a)
 - Jeremiah 17:9; Hebrews 4:12-13
- B. Ask God to forgive even your hidden faults (12b)
 - Psalm 139:23-24; 1 Corinthians 4:4

II. God's word leads you to ask for deliverance from sin

- A. Ask God to keep you from deliberate sin (13a)
 - Numbers 15:27-31; Matthew 6:13; John 17:15-17
- B. Ask God to break the power of ruling sin (13b)
 - Psalm 119:133; Acts 20:32; James 1:21

III. God's word gives you a new desire to please him with your life

- A. Seek to please him with both your words and your heart (14a)
 - Psalm 119:9-11; Romans 6:17-18; Romans 12:2
- B. Acknowledge the LORD as your Rock and Redeemer (14b)
 - Psalm 62:1-2; Titus 2:14