

The Value of the Word of God

- I. What is the Bible?
 - a. God's Communication to Us - Exo 34:27; 1Cor 2:13.
 - b. Two Testaments.
 - i. The National Literature of Israel.
 - ii. The Corporate Literature of the Church.
 - c. The Guide for our Life and Living - Psa 19:7-11.
 - d. Food for Our Human Spirit - Jer 15:16; John 6:57, 63.
- II. Why Read the Bible?
 - a. To Learn From God:
 - i. God's Person - Eph 1:17.
 - ii. God's Plan - Eph 3:3-96, 10-11.
 - iii. God's Ways (His Economy) - Exo 33:13.
 - b. To Understand the Human Condition.
 - i. Knowing Ourselves - Heb 4:12; Jas 1:23-25.
 - ii. Knowing Others - 2Sam 5:17-25 (an example).
 - c. To Learn to Walk in Spirit - Rom 8:1; Gal 5:16.
 - d. To Feed our Spirit - Psa 34:8; Rev 10:9-10.

A song on Psalm 19:7-11, 14

The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul.
The testimony of the Lord is faithful, making wise the simple.
More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold,
Sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.
The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.
The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.
(chorus)
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.
The judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
(chorus)
May the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.
More to be desired are You than gold (*etc.*)

Verses for Reference, in order

Exo 34:27 - And Jehovah said to Moses, Write these words, for according to the speaking of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.
1Cor 2:13 - ... we speak, not in words taught by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things with spiritual words.
Psa 19:7-11 - The law of Jehovah is perfect, / Restoring the soul; / The testimony of Jehovah is faithful, / Making the simple wise; / The precepts of Jehovah

are right, Making the heart joyous; / The commandment of Jehovah is clear,
/ Enlightening the eyes; / The fear of Jehovah is pure, / Enduring forever;
/ The judgments of Jehovah are truth / And altogether righteous. / More to
be desired are they than gold, / Even much refined gold; / Sweeter also than
honey / And the drippings of the honeycomb. / Moreover by them Your servant
is warned; / In keeping them there is much reward.

Jer 15:16 - Your words were found and I ate them, / And Your word became to me
/ The gladness and joy of my heart, / For I am called by Your name, / O
Jehovah, God of hosts.

John 6:57, 63 - As the living Father has sent me and I live because of the Father, so he
who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me. // It is the Spirit who gives life;
the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and
are life.

Eph 1:17 - That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you
a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

Eph 3:3-6, 10-11 - ... by revelation the mystery was made known to me, as I have
written previously in brief, by which, in reading it, you can perceive my
understanding in the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not
made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy
apostles and prophets in spirit, that in Christ Jesus the gentiles are fellow heirs
and fellow members of the Body and fellow partakers of the promise through
the gospel ... in order that now ... the multifarious wisdom of God might be
made known through the church, according to the eternal purpose which He
made in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Exo 33:13 - Now therefore if I have found favor in Your sight, please let me know now
Your ways, that I may know You, so that I may continue to find favor in Your
sight. Consider also that this nation is Your people.

Heb 4:12 - For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-
edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and
marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Jas 1:23-25 - Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, this one is
like a man considering in a mirror the face he was born with; for he considers
himself and goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of person he is. But
he who looks into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues in it,
becoming not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed
in his doing.

2Sam 5:17-25 - Now when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over
Israel, all the Philistines went up in search of David; and David heard of it and
went down to the stronghold. And the Philistines came and spread out in the
valley of Rephaim. Then David inquired of Jehovah, saying, Shall I go up against
the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand? And Jehovah said to David,
Go up, for I will certainly deliver the Philistines into your hand. So David came
to Baal-perazim, and David struck them there ... And the Philistines came up
again and spread out in the valley of Rephaim. And David inquired of Jehovah,
and He said, You shall not go up; go around behind them and come upon them
opposite the balsam trees. And when you hear the sound of marching in the

tops of the balsam trees, then you shall act decisively; for then Jehovah will have gone forth before you to strike the army of the Philistines. And David did as Jehovah had commanded him ...

Rom 8:1 - There is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

Gal 5:16 - ... walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Psa 34:8 - Taste and see that Jehovah is good; / Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.

Rev 10:9-10 - And I went to the angel and told Him to give me the little scroll ... and I took the little scroll out of the hand of the angel and devoured it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth; and when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.