

The Law of the Lord

Psalm 19:7-11

INTRODUCTION

- A. The psalmist has just declared that God has revealed himself in nature.
 - 1. Acts 17:26-28.
 - 2. Rom. 1:20.
- B. Yet, God has further revealed himself.
 - 1. Nature doesn't tell me which God to follow.
 - 2. Therefore, God revealed himself in Scripture.
- C. The psalmist teaches us about Scripture.

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT, v 7

- A. God's law is perfect.
 - 1. The law has no faults.
 - 2. This should not surprise us since God is perfect.
- B. God's law, therefore, converts the soul.
 - 1. The idea is that God's law revives the soul, brings the soul back to life.
 - 2. The basis for conversion to Christ is Scripture.
 - a. Is. 55:11.
 - b. Lk. 8:15.
 - c. 1 Pet. 1:23.
 - 3. If we preach God's Word today, people will be converted.

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS SURE, v 7

- A. God's law is sure
 - 1. God's law is firm, raised above all doubts.
 - 2. Because God's Word is firm, it will never change.
 - a. "Forever, O LORD, your word is settled in heaven" (Ps. 119:89).
 - b. The faith "was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).
- B. God's law makes wise the simple.
 - 1. "Simple" stands for those who are easily led astray.
 - 2. God's law makes them wise, keeps them from being led astray.
 - a. God's Word makes one wise to salvation (2 Tim. 3:15).
 - b. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7).
 - 3. Wise people still pay attention to Scripture.

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS RIGHT, v 8

- A. God's law is right, i.e., they are straight and upright.
 - 1. Such should be expected since the law proceeds from an upright God.
 - 2. God's law leads one in the right track.
- B. God's law rejoices the heart.
 - 1. In being obedient to Scripture, people rejoiced.
 - a. Acts 8:39.
 - b. Acts 16:34.
 - 2. If we follow Scripture, we have every right to rejoice.

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PURE, v 8

- A. God's law is pure, i.e., free from impurities.
- B. God's law enlightens the eyes.
 - 1. God's law is often compared to a lamp (Prov. 6:23).
 - 2. God's law teaches what sin is and helps us avoid sin.
 - a. Rom. 7:7.
 - b. 1 Tim. 1:8-11.
 - 3. Story concerning a South Sea Islander, Illustrations for Biblical Preaching, p. 29.

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS CLEAN, v 9

- A. "Fear" of the Lord here stands as the religion of God, i.e., what God has revealed.
- B. God's law endures forever.
 - 1. Jesus said that his word would never pass away (Mt. 24:35).
 - 2. His word will not pass away, for it will judge us in the last day (Jn. 12:48).

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS, vv 9-11

- A. God's law is true and righteous.
 - 1. God's law is true.
 - a. This should be expected since God is truthful.
 - 1) Tit. 1:2.
 - 2) Heb. 6:18.
 - b. Jesus told us that God's word is truth (Jn. 17:17).
 - 2. God's law is righteous.
 - a. This means that God's law is right.
 - b. As I follow Scripture, I never wonder whether or not I'm doing "right."
- B. God's law is to be desired more than fine gold and sweeter than the sweetest honey.
 - 1. The point here is that we need to desire Scripture.
 - 2. We must desire the truth.
 - a. "Buy the truth, and do not sell it" (Prov. 23:23).
 - b. "I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure" (Ps. 119:162).
 - c. "The Bible is as necessary to our safe passage through this lifetime as oxygen is to sustain life."
 - d. Story about a boy who was shipwrecked and all he could save was he mother's Bible.
- C. God's law warns God's servant – keeps God's servant from sin.
- D. God's law rewards God's servant.
 - 1. We receive a reward as we do God's word.
 - 2. "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk. 11:28).
 - 3. "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written in it" (Rev. 1:3).
 - 4. Are you doing God's will?