

## II.IV THE PERFECTIONS OF THE SCRIPTURES: Psalm 19:7-11 - Shepherd School

### I. OPENING RAYER: All.

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### III. SERMON: THE PERFECTIONS OF THE SCRIPTURES: Psalm 19:7-11

**CONTEXT.** The title of this Psalm reads, "To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David." **First**, this Psalm highlights God's book of the Creatures in verses 1-6. **Second**, it outlines God's book of the Scriptures in verses 7-11. **Third**, David gives offers up concluding petitions to the Lord for forgiveness and sanctification.

Tonight, we are only looking at the second part of this Psalm, verses 7-11.

**DOCTRINE.** The Scriptures are perfect in purity, power, pleasure, and promise. With these things in mind, we must worship the LORD.

**OUTLINE.** (Same as doctrine).

### I. THE SCRIPTURES ARE PERFECT IN *PURITY* (Psalm 19:7-9).

There are seven truths to note concerning the perfect purity of the Scriptures.

#### I) The Scriptures are *PERFECT* (v. 7a).

##### Psalm 19:7a

"The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;"

- **Perfect** = unimpaired; complete; without blemish.
  - The Scriptures perfectly reveal our fall in Adam, our Redemption in Christ, the path we must walk, the promises we must cling to, and our certain hope of ruling and reigning with Christ in His consummated kingdom.

## II) The Scriptures are **SURE** (v. 7b).

### Psalm 19:7b

"the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple;"

- **Sure** = supported; confirmed; faithful; verified.
  - **The Scriptures are that rock on which we can build to withstand anything in life and in death.** They have more support than the tallest skyscraper; they are more confirmed than any historical fact; they are more faithful than the best of spouses; and they are more verified than the fact that I am standing before you speaking right now. They are sure. Bank your life and your death on these SURE Scriptures.

## III) The Scriptures are **RIGHT** (v. 8a).

### Psalm 19:8a

"the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;"

- **Right** = straight; upright; level.
  - **The Scriptures are a straight road leading from the city of man to the city of God; from the old earth to the New Earth; from the city of Destruction to the Celestial City.** There is no dangerous construction and there are no confusing detours provided in the Bible. The danger and confusion in our lives comes from the wrongness of our sin and not from the Scriptures, because they are RIGHT.

## IV) The Scriptures are **PURE** (v. 8b).

### Psalm 19:8b

"the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;"

- **Pure** = clear; superior.
  - **(i) Like a spotless mirror** the Scriptures show you who you are in your sin.
  - **(ii) Like a clear ocean** the Scriptures reveal the depths of God's judgement against sin.
  - **(iii) Like a fair sky** the Scriptures reveal the heights of God's grace in Christ Jesus.

## V) The Scriptures are **CLEAN** (v. 9a).

### Psalm 19:9a

"the fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever;"

- **ESV Study Bible:** "*The fear of the Lord*" often means revering God, but here it is the revealed way by which one properly reveres God, i.e., the

precepts of the covenant."

- **Clean** = without sinful infection.
- **The is no leprosy—spiritual or otherwise—in the pages of sacred Scripture.**
  - The leper under the Old Covenant had to cry out "Unclean! Unclean! Do not come near me or you will be infected" when nearing a traveller, but the Scriptures cry out, "Clean! Clean! Come near me and you will be made clean of sin by Christ who is reveled in these pages.

## VI) The Scriptures are **TRUE** (v. 9b).

### Psalm 19:9b

"the rules of the Lord are true,"

- **True** = certain; trustworthy.
- **The Scriptures are more certain than the setting of the sun today or its rising tomorrow.** Just as you can plan your life with certainty around the rising and setting of the sun, so you can live your life with certainty as you walk according to the Scriptures, because they are TRUE.

## VII) The Scriptures are **RIGHTEOUS ALTOGETHER** (v. 9c).

### Psalm 19:9c

"and righteous altogether."

- **Righteous** = just altogether.
- **Like Lady Justice the Scriptures are blind when it comes to what is right and wrong**—the justness of the Scriptures does not change based on your race, gender, upbringing, preferences, past, or inclinations. They are righteous altogether, just and upright, showing no partiality.

*USE THESE TRUTHS FOR INSTRUCTION.*

***Teach your wives, your children, Christ's church, and the nations these wonderful truths of the Scriptures and instruct them in both Law and Gospel, Gospel and Law!***

## II. THE SCRIPTURES ARE PERFECT IN **POWER** (Psalm 19:7-9).

There are five truths to note concerning the perfect power of the Word of God.

### I) The Word of God **REVIVES THE SOUL** (v. 7a)

**Psalm 19:7a**

"The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;"

**II) The Word of God MAKES THE SIMPLE WISE (v. 7b)**

**Psalm 19:7b**

"the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple;"

**III) The Word of God MAKES HAPPY THE HEART (v. 8a)**

**Psalm 19:8a**

"the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;"

**IV) The Word of God ENLIGHTENS THE EYES (v. 8b)**

**Psalm 19:8b**

"the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;"

**V) The Word of God ENDURES FOREVER (v. 9a)**

**Psalm 19:9a**

"the fear of the Lord is clean,  
enduring forever;"

*USE THESE TRUTHS FOR EXHORTATION.*

- **Q1. Do you want your soul revived?** Go to the Word of God! Do you want others to be revived? To the teaching, to the testimony!
- **Q2. Do you want wisdom?** Devour the Scriptures mingled with prayer and meditation!
- **Q3. Do you want a happy heart?** Feast on the Words of life which have been breathed out by our triune God and recorded in the pages of Holy Scripture!
- **Q4. Do you want your eyes enlightened so that you see yourself, others, the world, and God Himself most clearly?** Rinse your eyes continually in the water of the Word of God.
- **Q5. Do you want a steadfast anchor that will endure forever?** Tie yourself to the anchor of the Scriptures and you will never dash against the rocks; Drink frequently from the fountain of the Bible and your soul will never grow old.

***Teach your wives, your children, Christ's church, and the nations***

*these wonderful truths of the Scriptures and exhort them to the same end as I have you!*

### **III. THE SCRIPTURES ARE PERFECT IN *PLEASURE* (Psalm 19:10).**

#### **I) The Bible is *MORE DESIRABLE THAN GOLD* (v. 10a).**

##### **Psalm 19:10a**

"More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;"

- **All the multiplied treasures of the nations will not benefit you like this one book.**
  - **The entire worlds' riches are like a child's penny bank compared with the treasury that God has stored in His Word.**

#### **II) The Bible is *SWEETER THAN THE MOST SATISFYING TREAT* (v. 10b).**

##### **Psalm 19:10b**

"sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb."

- **There is no sweet so satisfying as Scripture.**
  - **There is no food so nourishing as the Bread of Life and the Lamb of God served up in the Word.**

#### **USE THESE TRUTHS FOR EXAMINATION.**

**Q1. Do you have this kind of spiritual treasure chest,** wherein you desire to have it filled with divine revelation rather than worldly mammon?

**Q2. Do you have these kinds of spiritual taste buds,** wherein you desire to have them delighted with Scriptures rather than sugars or salts?

**If so, give thanks to the Lord!**

**If not, or if your appetite is all messed up, there are two things you should do:**

- (i)** Ask the Lord to correct your appetite and grow your love for fellowship with Him through His Word.
- (ii)** Get a daily plan and stick to it. Read through a book or multiple books in private worship, then pray and meditate on what you have read.

### **IV. THE SCRIPTURES ARE PERFECT IN *PROMISE* (Psalm 19:11).**

**There are basically two types of promises in the Scriptures:** *Promises of Justice and Promises of Grace.*

*The promises of Justice serve as warnings to the righteous.*

**I) Through the Scriptures, the LORD will SUFFICIENTLY WARN YOU** (v. 11a).

**Psalm 19:11a**

*"Moreover, by them is your servant warned;"*

*USE THIS TRUTHS FOR WARNING.*

There are warnings in the Scriptures that you are to constantly heed. If you do not constantly go to the teaching and the testimony, you will not be warned as you should.

**II) Through the Scriptures, the LORD will SUFFICIENTLY REWARD YOU** (v. 11b).

**Psalm 19:11b**

*"in keeping them there is great reward."*

- There is great reward both in this life and in the life to come.
  - These are not rewards of merit but rewards of promise.
    - The Lord has promised, "If you do this, I will reward you."
      - There is not earning, only submitting to His promises of grace.

*USE THESE TRUTHS FOR COMFORT ESPECIALLY AS YOU LOOK TO THE FUTURE KINGDOM OF GLORY WHERE WE BELIEVERS WILL BE WITH CHRIST.*

(i) There remains a sabbath rest for the people of God who persevere to the end.

(ii) There is laid up for you, brothers, a crown of righteousness for those who rely on Christ alone for salvation as He is offered to you in the gospel.

(iii) There is a Christ waiting to glorify you;

Waiting to wipe every tear from your eye;

Waiting to remove any and every temptation to sin.

**Continue in the faith as you stay zeroed in on the Scriptures, brothers; in keeping them there is great reward.**

**CONCLUSION (CHRIST CRUCIFIED).**

- **Look again at verse 11 and consider what reward you deserve.**

You have been warned, have you kept the warnings by turning from

evil and walking in goodness?

None of us have! On our own we have all gone astray, everyone to his own way... so the Lord laid our sins on Christ. And Jesus went willingly to the cross!

- **Every bit of this should lead us to worship the LORD!** Look again at verse 11 and the word "your." This is a reminder that David is addressing every bit of this to the LORD Himself! David is singing about the perfections of the Scriptures to the LORD.

***A perfectly pure, powerful, pleasurable, and promise-filled Bible leads God's people to glorify His name!***

Psalm 19:7-11

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

① (adj.) Unimpaired (turning back) Repent (self-life person)  
Complete (without blemish) Used tax in Ruth ch. 1

② the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

② Supported (Teaching wisdom to) (the naive) (the easily seduced)  
Confirmed  
faithful  
verified

③ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

③ (adj.) Straight (upright level) (gladdening) (inner man) (cheering) (mind, will, and affections) (making happy)

④ the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

④ (adj.) Clear (illuminating)  
Superior  
root word = purified, polished, purged, cleansed, tested, proved

⑤ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

⑤ (adj.) without sinful infection (standing) (without end) (remaining) (in perpetuity) (abiding)

⑥ the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.  
or Judgements

⑥ (adj.) Stable (just) (adverb)  
certain  
trustworthy  
verity

⑦ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

more precious are they / more pleasurable are they  
"rab" (adj.) intensifies argument double down  
"pure gold"

⑧ sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

intensifies argument

⑨ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

lit. "to shire" (i.e. your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path)

Final point: This is a song that is sung to the LORD! This has to do with God's great glory!  
admonished / taught / enlightened

⑩ in keeping them there is great reward.  
observing / Believing / obeying (adj.) gain / consequence / compensation

### **III. SONG:**

*B r e a k* (start back at 7:10pm)

**IV. 1689 Confession:** Ch 1. Par 6-8 (finish by 7:35pm)

**V. DISCUSSION** (finish by 8pm)

#### *Reformed Systematic Theology (vol. 1)*

The Properties of the Written Word, Part 3: Inerrant Veracity - Reformed Systematic Theology (vol. 1) by Joel Beeke (pg. 371-382)

#### *The Ten Commandments*

The Ten Commandments: The Preface to the Commandments (pg. 29-43) by Thomas Watson

### **Closing Prayer**

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### **SYLLABUS**

📖 SHEPHERD SCHOOL - SEASON TWO (2026) - THE WORD, THE GOSPEL, & THE LAW 📖

WEEK	Scripture	Book I <i>(read before)</i>	Book II <i>(read before)</i>	1689 Confession	Certificate Essays	Certificate Exposition
1. 2/12	2 Timothy 2:1-7	INTRO	INTRO	INTRO	INTRO	INTRO
2. 2/19	1 Thessalonians 2:13	<b>The Properties of the Written Word, Part 1: Authority and Clarity</b> <i>Reformed Systematic Theology (vol. 1)</i> by Joel Beeke (pg. 334-351)	<b>The Ten Commandments Obedience &amp; Love</b> by Thomas Watson	1689 Confession Ch. 1 Par. 1-3		
3. 2/26	Isaiah 8:19-20	<b>The Properties of the Written Word, Part 2: Necessity, Unity, Efficacy</b> <i>Reformed Systematic Theology (vol. 1)</i> by Joel Beeke (pg. 352-370)	<b>The Ten Commandments The Preface to the Commandments (pg. 12-29)</b> by Thomas Watson	1689 Confession Ch. 1 Par. 4-5		
4. 3/5	Psalms 19:7-11	<b>The Properties of the Written Word, Part 3: Inerrant Veracity</b> <i>Reformed Systematic Theology (vol. 1)</i> by Joel Beeke (pg. 371-382)	<b>The Ten Commandments The Preface to the Commandments (pg. 29-43)</b> by Thomas Watson	1689 Confession Ch. 1 Par. 6-8		First Draft Exposition Due *Certificate path will meet an extra night this week
5. 3/12	2 Timothy 3:15-17	<b>The Properties of the Written Word, Part 5: Sufficiency</b> <i>Reformed Systematic Theology (vol. 1)</i> by Joel Beeke (pg. 395-408)	<b>The Ten Commandments The Right Understanding of the Law</b> by Thomas Watson	1689 Confession Ch. 1 Par. 9-10		
6. 3/19	Matthew 19:17 + Romans 2:14-15	<b>Introduction + The Essence of God's Law</b> <i>God's Law Made Easy</i> by Kenneth Gentry (pg. 1-24)	<b>The Ten Commandments The First Commandment</b> by Thomas Watson	1689 Confession Ch. 19 Par. 1-2		
7. 3/26	Matthew 5:17-20	<b>Christ and God's Law + The New Testament and God's Law</b> <i>God's Law Made Easy</i> by Kenneth Gentry (pg. 25-46)	<b>The Ten Commandments The Second Commandment</b> by Thomas Watson	1689 Confession Ch. 19 Par. 3-5	Short Essay on the Sufficiency of the Scriptures *1,000-1,200 words	

