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Welcome, Prayer

Anton made it all the way through. That's #2

Meredith – working through it, says it is not hard, "it's just work".

- *I* don't want you to memorize Psalm 19... (Check... done.)
- Psalm 19 is a fairly straightforward set of training wheels to get you to practice the skill of memorization.
- I want you to learn to and start the habit of memorization.
 - To memorize what the Holy Spirit points out to you as you actively seek the Lord.
- I'm only using Psalm 19 to prove to you that
 1. you CAN do this
 2. it will get easier
 3. as a success milemarker for your encouragement

Someone explain how you memorize, how are you doing it?

What are you learning about the process you want to improve?

How have you changed/improved it?

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Me giving you pep talks about this is not fun, it gets annoying, it makes this office unpopular.

But a gym is where you go to sweat and improve. Home is where you should go to rest and recuperate.

"This" is not a social club and we have jobs to do in God's economy

God is waiting for us to learn to wait on Him (braiding)

We saw an example last week of how/when God uses someone when they prepare to be used

"Put me in, coach!"

"well, suit up!" – take on the whole armor of God... the sword of the spirit

The word 'provoke', spur, is stronger than simply being nice or offering encouragement. It describes an intentional influence that moves someone toward action.

In other words, you might not like me for what I'm saying, but if it moves you to do it, it will set in motion the manifestation of God's will in your life.

(i.e. anything to do with kinetically following Christ!)

Review – commandments; 'mitsvah' (coming of age, responsibility to keep God's commands)

they are choice, pure, clear – can 'get it' (understand it)

Pure, like a dove. Doves have to orient their heads a certain way so they can focus on one thing.

3. (3rd def.) Clean / empty (literal)

- "the crib is clean" (Proverbs 14:4) — no oxen means the manger stays empty/clean

When the Hebrew calls something or someone bar, it means it is not mixed with anything foreign or defiling

When you look into something that is pure, you can see clearly, it is clear. It is accessible.

In theology, the perspicuity of Scripture means that the Bible is sufficiently clear that ordinary believers can understand its central message—particularly what God requires for salvation and godly living—without needing an infallible interpreter.

IE it gives you clear direction for life

His commandments were clear enough, easily accessible enough, easily understood enough that Jesus expected a fundamental knowledge of them.

You mean Jesus expects ME to know things about the bible??

David brought it up 2 wks ago

2Tim2:¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Consider how often Jesus took leadership to task about not knowing the word

Luke 10: ²⁵ And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?"

- 'do' – what is commanded of me? What do the commandments tell me to do so I can be saved?
- Jesus replied with the challenge – "you should know what they say. What do they say?"

Matt 19: 3 *Some* Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful *for a man* to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" ⁴ And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

Matt 12: ¹ At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads *of grain* and eat. ² But when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath." ³ But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions, ⁴ how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone? ⁵ "Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent? ⁶ "But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here.

Matt 21: 42 Jesus *said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*;

Matt 22: 29 But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰ "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ³¹ "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God: ³² 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."

Essentially "The commandments of the Lord are clear, they're pure, you should know this"

So we know these mandates are from God, they are easily understood, they are clear, they are pure.

What do they do?

They enlighten the eyes

In Hebrew that idiom is physical and inner at once:

eyes that were dull become bright (same word used here)

- Jonathan after the honey, 1 Sam 14:27
 - 1 Sam 14:²⁷ But Jonathan had not heard when his father put the people under oath; therefore, he put out the end of the staff that *was* in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes brightened.

a dying or darkened life getting clarity back

- David being oppressed –

- Ps 13:4; How long will my enemy be exalted over me? ³ Consider *and* answer me, O LORD my God; Enlighten my eyes, or I will sleep the *sleep of death*,
- The returnees from Babylon mixed w/ others in the land already, Ezra was told about it and recapped the oppressive history due to Israel's disobedience –
 - Ezra 9: ⁸ "But now for a brief moment grace has been *shown* from the LORD our God, to leave us an escaped remnant and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and grant us a little reviving in our bondage.

perception waking up — you can tell what you're looking at

"Eyes" here means vitality and perception, not just optics. Same image as Jonathan and the honey, now theological.

John MacArthur

It really escapes us I think sometimes. We Christians are the only people in the world who see things the way they really are. We get it. We get it. We see it for exactly what it is because we see it biblically. That means we have the mind of Christ. We think about things the way God thinks about things.

Think about this.

To the degree we are busy doing the Lord's commandments, we will 'get it'

I look at this in view of 'Chat' subjects: I have never had a biblically literate person hate on what we do here.

- The naysayers are almost always the biblically illiterate ones who are founded on their opinions & emotions.
- These are the mockers who say, "I don't usually gravitate toward conspiracy theories" – they believe everything they're told by authority while denying any gullibility

Next up...

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever

fear – (also used as infinitive); morally, reverence:—× dreadful, × exceedingly,

It is translated mostly for moral, reverential fear – same way you feared Dad when he warned you

- You love Dad
- You know he loves you & has your best intentions
- But dad also has a leather razor sharpener / belt

But it also translates for real fear, as well as anxiety e.g. "I fear we might need to buy a new washing machine"

real fear --

Ps 55:5 Fear and trembling come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me.

Context – David sees & hears what his enemies are saying so he's freaked out.

more like anxiety

Isa 7:25 As for all the hills which used to be cultivated with the hoe, you will not go there for fear of briars and thorns; but they will become a place for pasturing oxen and for sheep to trample.

This is the fear of provision. It's not worship, it's not freaking out, it's a defense against a threat