

What is the Bible?

ONE: HOW WE KNOW

SESSION TWO: THE WORD IS...

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Identify key characteristics of the Bible.**
- 2. See that these characteristics of the Bible are synonymous with characteristics of God.**

THREE: STRATEGIC STUDY

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We've just begun to scratch the surface on the depths of the Bible. In this lesson, we are going to walk through one piece of scripture to help give us more insight into the characteristics of God's Word.

Turn to Psalm 19 and read verses 7-11. Underline the bolded words below:

"The law of the Lord is **perfect**, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are **trustworthy**, making the wise simple. The precepts of the Lord are **right**, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are **radiant**, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is **pure**, enduring forever. They are more **precious** than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is **great reward**."

"The law of the Lord is **PERFECT**, reviving the soul..."

Summarize James 1:22-25 —

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The Word is perfect because of who the original author is — God. His Word is filled with proven and tested truth. We should receive it as perfect, from God and for our gain.

“The **statutes** of the Lord are **TRUST-WORTHY**, making the wise simple...”

statutes: a law or decree made by a sovereign, or by God.

Summarize Psalm 119:160 —

“The precepts of the Lord are **RIGHT**, giving joy to the heart...”

“**These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.**” - John 15:11

“The commands of the Lord are **RADIANT**, giving light to the eyes...”

Summarize Psalm 119:105 —

Just as God knows all things (Psalm 139), so God’s Word reveals and exposes all things — especially sin. It is our greatest magnifying glass to examine our lives and how to live them more honoring to the Lord.

“The fear of the Lord is **PURE**, enduring forever...”

“**The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.**” - Isaiah 40:8

"They are more **PRECIOUS** than gold, than much pure gold..."

Summarize 2 Timothy 3:16-17 —

"By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is **GREAT REWARD.**"

Summarize Joshua 1:8 —

What is the "Great Reward"?

How can some of these verses change your perspective of the Bible?