

Is the Bible Relevant For Today?

Selected Scriptures

Series: Explore The Book - Part 1

Introduction - Why Bother With The Bible?

Two Critical Questions

1. What is the Bible?
2. What will it do for you?

Six Reasons To Explore The Book

Psalm 19:7 - 11

6 Reasons

v. 7a The **Law** of the Lord is Perfect
reviving the soul.

1. God's Word **changes lives**.
(1 Peter 1:23)

v. 7b The **Statutes** of the Lord are Trustworthy
making wise the simple.

2. God's Word **gives wisdom**.
(Proverbs 2:6)

v. 8a The **Precepts** of the Lord are Right
giving joy to the heart.

3. God's Word **produces joyful security**.
(Jer. 15:16)

v. 8b The **Commands** of the Lord are Radiant
giving light to the eyes.

4. God's Word **provides guidance and direction**.
(Psalm 119:105)

v. 9a The **Fear** of the Lord is Pure
enduring forever.

5. God's Revelation demands a **relational response**.
(Hebrews 4:12)

v. 9b The **Ordinances** of the Lord are Sure
and altogether righteous.

6. God's Word is the absolute truth.
(John 17:17)

Summary:

10 *They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.*

11 *By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is
great reward.* Psalm 19:10-11 NIV)

Summary = The Bible reveals who God is and what He is like. It also reveals His will and purpose for our lives. . . designed to evoke intelligent reverence, well-founded trust, and detailed obedience.

Conclusion:

How are we to respond to God's Word?

- 12 *Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.*
13 *Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.*
14 *May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*
Psalm 19:12-14 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

1. How did you view the Bible as a child? How have those views changed over the years?
2. Which of the six reasons in Psalm 19 most motivate you to "Explore the Book?" Why?
3. What new insight did you gain from this passage? How does that insight impact how you view God?
4. What specific "action step" will you take this week to "Explore the Book" and get to know the God of the book?