

Loving God Through His Word

1. God designed meditation on His Word to encourage and inspire your heart and to bring pleasure to his

Romans 15:4-6 *For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Psalms 19:7-11 *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.*

- a. Precious (v.10a&b)
- b. Pleasant (v.10c)
- c. Protecting (v.11)
- d. Powerful (v.11)

2. What is the Bible to us?

- a. A guide to our thinking
- b. A pattern for our prayers
- c. A hymnbook for our praise
- d. A thorough fare for his voice
- e. An avenue for his authority

3. Why should we devote ourselves to the Bible as a sacred avenue to intimacy with God?

a. The Bible is a pathway of truth

2 Timothy 3:7 *Man is ever learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

b. The Bible is a pathway of growth

1 Peter 2:2 *...like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation...*

c. The Bible is a pathway of happiness

Luke 11:28 *He replied, "Happy are those who hear the word of God and obey it."*

d. The Bible is a pathway of victory

Psalms 119:11 *Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.*

e. The Bible is a pathway of hope

Psalms 119:114 *You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.*