

# The Benefits of Studying the Word of God

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<b>Topics:</b> Combating Burnout, Listening to God's Word	February 8, 2015
<b>Text:</b> Psalm 19:7-11	Dr. David Crowe

*It would be idle to enquire into the particular period when this delightful poem was composed, for there is nothing in its title or subject to assist us in the enquiry. The heading, "To the chief Musician, a Psalm of David," informs us that David wrote it, and that it was committed to the Master of the service of song in the sanctuary for the use of the assembled worshippers. In his earliest days the Psalmist, while keeping his father's flock, had devoted himself to the study of God's two great books—nature and Scripture; and he had so thoroughly entered into the spirit of these two only volumes in his library, that he was able with a devout criticism to compare and contrast them, magnifying the excellency of the Author as seen in both. We may rest assured that the true "Vestiges of Creation" will never contradict Genesis, nor will a correct "Cosmos" be found at variance with the narrative of Moses. He is wisest who reads both the world-book and the Word-book as two volumes of the same work, and feels concerning them, "My Father wrote them both." - Charles Spurgeon - Treasury of David.*

A study of God's Word will help you to...

- a. Recharge Your Life (vs. 7a, 8a)
  - i. God's word will revive your soul. (vs. 7)
  - ii. God's word will rejoice your heart. (vs. 8)
  
- b. Receive God's Wisdom (vs. 7b, 8b)
  - i. God's word will make wise the simple.
  - ii. God's word will enlighten the eyes.
  
- c. Redeem the Rewards (vs. 9-11)
  - i. God's word is to be more desired than gold.
  - ii. God's word rewards the obedient ones.

Four ways God has directly spoken to us:

- 1. Creation
- 2. Conscience
- 3. Communication (His Word)
- 4. Christ

## Application Questions

- 1) What do the heavens and skies have to say to us? (19:1)
- 2) On what two themes did David focus in this psalm? (19:1-14)
- 3) In what way do the heavens "display knowledge"? (19:2)
- 4) How far does the voice of the heavens extend? (19:3-4)
- 5) How does the sun affect the earth? (19:4-6)
- 6) How did David describe the sun and its role? (19:4-6)
- 7) What role did God's law play in David's life? (19:7-14)
- 8) What words did David use to describe God's law? (19:7-14)
- 9) What power does God's law have in the lives of His people? (19:7-14)
- 10) How did the psalm writer describe the worthiness of God's law? (19:10)
- 11) What results from keeping God's laws? (19:11)
- 12) What did David say about our faults? (19:12)
- 13) What two types of sins or faults do we need God's help with? (19:12-13)
- 14) What was David's desire and prayer? (19:13-14)
- 15) What did David want? (19:13-14)
- 16) What can we learn about God from nature?
- 17) What attitude did David have toward God's law?
- 18) What role does God's Word play in your everyday life?
- 19) What steps could you take to be more open to God's Word?
- 20) In what ways can we show respect and appreciation for God's Word?
- 21) For what "hidden fault" or "willful sin" do you need forgiveness?  
What action can we take to protect ourselves from a rebellious spirit and willful sinning?
- 22) What changes do you think you need to make to ensure that your thoughts and words are pleasing to the Lord?
- 23) What step could you take this week to show a commitment to God's Word?
- 24) What can you change in your thoughts or habits this next week to make them more pleasing to the Lord?