

Day 5- Tuesday, January 6, 2009

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Theme: God's Law: the Standard for Life

Scripture: Psalm 19:1, 7-14

Key verses: Psalm 19:7-11, 14 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer. (NKJV)

Meditation: When I was in junior high, I was required to memorize Psalm 19 for Bible class. I didn't particularly like having an assignment like that, but at the same time, I admired people who knew a lot of scripture by heart. I was fascinated by this passage. The psalmist, David, recognized God's law as perfect and sure, right and pure, true and righteous. He understood God's judgment and His mercy. In a world where everything has become relative, we need to continually remember the standard God has given us in His word. There are many who have the idea that God's law is a burden meant to bring sorrow. Rather it is a delight bringing wisdom and joy! God's law is perfect- no need to add to it or take away from it. It is more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey. God's law brings warning but it also brings great reward to those who keep it. When God's law becomes the meditation of our hearts, our words and our deeds will follow His ways.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for Your perfect law. May I desire Your presence and Your word more than anything else so that they become the foundation of my life. And I pray with the psalmist, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord." Amen.