

God's Word Declares His Glory

Psalm 19:7-10
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The second stanza of Psalm 19 begins in verse seven declaring God's glory by extolling His word. Knowing the law of God to be exact and precise, the Psalmist's poetic style as well as his words convey the thought. There is almost military precision in the way he writes. Consider the first several verses of this stanza:

*The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
The precepts 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; they are righteous altogether.
They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.*

God's law, at times, perplexes us as we try to understand it. It can be discouraging as we struggle to live it. And, at times, it will be painful as it shows us our sins. But, despite the unpleasantness it causes in our lives, David says it is *"more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb."* Why, David? In what way is it so precious? Why do you consider it so sweet?

David's answer is found in the description which he gave of God's law. He said it is perfect and sure and right and pure and enduring and true. Do you catch a sense of the commonality, which threads its way through these words? They all suggest a sense of the completeness, the trustworthiness, the absoluteness of God's law. It is perfect. It is right. It is true. It can be depended upon and is always there, always the same.

In a world of uncertainty, a world of shifting and changing values, it is sweet and precious that there is something that never changes, something we can be sure will always be there, always be the same. As the 119th Psalm says, verse 89, *"Thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness continues throughout all generations."*