

PLAIN SPEECH

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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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WHAT’S WORTH MORE THAN A FORTUNE?

The answer to the riddle that serves as the title for this week’s article is easy enough. The answer is the Word of God. Yes, in the long ago the Psalmist wrote: *“The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver”* (Ps. 119:172).

Is that your attitude? Are your sentiments the same as those of that inspired writer? Given the choice between the two, would you give up the knowledge of God for a billion dollars? Would you be willing to give up the gospel accounts for humongous bank accounts? Would you trade away the book of Acts for stacks of cash? I sure hope you answered “no” to the three questions I just posed.

Brethren, the Word of God so very precious! It is so very valuable. Let’s note some of the reasons below:

- *“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul...”* (Ps. 19:7).
- *“...The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple”* (Ps. 19:7).
- *“The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart...”* (Ps. 19:8).
- *“...The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes”* (Ps. 19:8).
- *“...The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether”* (Ps. 19:9).
- *“Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward”* (Ps. 19:11).
- *“Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory”* (Ps. 73:24).
- *“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word”* (Ps. 119:9).
- *“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee”* (Ps. 119:11).
- *“Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counselors”* (Ps. 119:24).
- *“This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me”* (Ps. 119:50).
- *“Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me”* (Ps. 119:82).
- *“Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way”* (Ps. 119:104).
- *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path”* (Ps. 119:105).
- *“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (John 8:31-32).
- *“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth”* (John 17:17).
- *“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified”* (Acts 20:32).
- *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Rom. 10:17).
- *“Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth...”* (Js. 1:18).
- *“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls”* (Js. 1:21).
- *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby”* (1 Pet. 2:2).