

December 7, 2025



Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

**The Oaks
Baptist Church**
Grand Prairie, Texas

Lesson Leaders:

James Haymon
Barry Hosford

Class Leader:

Deacon: C M Hester

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

When the Word of God is in us, it flows out from our life.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

Heavenly Father, we bow in Your presence. Let your Word be our rule and guide, Your Spirit our teacher, and Your greater glory be our supreme concern, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—John R. W. Stott

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:

Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors.

(Psalm 119:24 NKJV)

(From "Our Daily Bread", March 2, 2024)

**Winter Series: Enduring Beliefs
of the Church**

**UNIT 1: Our God and the Holy
Scriptures**

NEXT WEEK

Our Heavenly Father
Matthew 6:24-34

God's Word
Psalm 19:7-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-15

Lesson Background and Introduction

This lesson pairs two texts, one from the Old Testament and one from the New, that praise God for revealing himself. Although the canon of Scripture was not complete when either of today's texts were written, the claims of these texts apply to the entirety of God's self-revelation in Scripture. It is not the invention of any human; it is inspired by God and communicated by human witnesses (2 Peter 1:16; compare Hebrews 1:1).

The superscription of Psalm 19 calls it a "psalm of David," meaning the words could have been written by David, the "hero of Israel's songs" (2 Samuel 23:1), or written for him, perhaps as a reminder that Israel's kings should listen carefully to God. The psalm is known as the great "hymn of revelation" within the corpus of the Psalms because it speaks to both "general" and "special" revelation. The first half of Psalm 19 heralds God's revelation as made known from the fact of creation; this is information available to everyone (compare Romans 1:20). The second half of the psalm, which includes the reading for today, turns to praise for God's spoken and written word. These two sources of divine self-revelation—creation and word—hang together because they find their source in God's desire to communicate with those created in his image.

When we shift to considering the New Testament text for this study, we will be moving forward in time more than 1,000 years from the writing of Psalm 19. Our arrival point will be about AD 67, when the apostle Paul was near the end of his ministry (and his life), and he knew it (2 Timothy 4:6-8). It's easy to sense a tone of urgency in his second letter to his protégé Timothy as the aged apostle stressed anew which was the more important revelation.

Key Verse: 2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(Adapted from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary)

NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

Qualities of God's Word (Ps 19:7-11)

God's word is perfect and trustworthy (7)

Perfect because God's word gives freedom and blessings (James 1:25)

Perfect because the Bible was written through the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20-21)

Trustworthy because God said it (Rev 21:5)

Trustworthy because God cannot lie (Heb 6:18)

Trustworthy because God's testimony is the greatest (1 John 5:9)

Trustworthy because God's word is holy and righteous (Rom 7:12)

Trustworthy because God's word is good (1 Tim 1:8)

God's word brings joy and guidance (8)

God's word brings joy in our inner being (Rom 7:22)

God's word brings guidance because it provides insight (Ps 119:99-100)

God's word brings guidance because it is a light for our path (Ps 119:105)

God's word brings guidance because it provides understanding (Ps 119:130)

God's word brings guidance because it provides wisdom (Prov 2:6)

God's word brings guidance because it exposes sin (Rom 7:7)

God's word brings joy because the Holy Spirit gives joy when the word is welcomed (1 Thess 1:6)

God's word brings joy because it shows us that we will receive the goal of our faith (1 Peter 1:8-9)

God's word brings joy because that's why it was written (1 John 1:4)

God's word is truth and it endures (9)

God's word is truth because God is righteous (Ps 119:142)

God's word is truth because Jesus is the word, and He was full of truth (John 1:14)

God's word is truth because Jesus' words brings knowledge of the truth (John 8:31-32)

God's word endures because it never spoils (John 6:27)

God's word endures because God keeps His promises (Rev 3:10)

God's word endures because His word stands forever (1 Peter 1:25)

God's word endures because His word must be accomplished (Matt 5:18)

God's word endures because it is imperishable (1 Peter 1:23)

God's word has value (10)

God's word is valuable because it is worth all that can be possessed (Matt 13:45-46)

God's word is valuable because godliness has value for all things (1 Tim 4:8)

God's word is valuable because it is combined with faith (Heb 4:2)

God's word is valuable because it brings wisdom (Prov 8:10-11)

God's word rewards (11)

God's word brings rewards because it provides God's revelation (Prov 29:18)

God's word brings rewards because God rewards those who earnestly seek Him (Heb 11:6)

God's word brings rewards because it provides freedom if applied (James 1:25)

God's word brings rewards because it brings a blessing if read (Rev 1:3)

God's word brings rewards because it brings a blessing if obeyed (Luke 11:28)

Application of God's Word (Ps 19:12-13)

Gods' Word cleanses faults (12)

Cleanses faults through the washing with water through the word (Eph 5:26)

Cleanses faults through the spoken word of God (John 15:3)

Cleanses faults through obedience to the word (1 Peter 1:22-23)

Cleanses faults through sanctification of the word (John 17:17)

Gods' Word frees from willful sin (13)

Gods' Word frees from willful sin through keeping it in our mind and spirit (Ps 119:11)

Gods' Word frees from willful sin through living according to it (Ps 119:9)

Gods' Word frees from willful sin because it is God breathed (2 Tim 3:16)

Gods' Word frees from willful sin through it living in us (1 John 2:14)

Obedience to God's Word (2 Tim 3:14-15)

Obedience to God's word (14)

Obedience to God's Word through God opening our eyes (Ps 119:16-18)

Obedience to God's Word in response to affliction (Ps 119:67)

Obedience to God's Word through hearing (Luke 11:28)

Obedience to God's Word through doing what it says (James 1:22)

Wisdom of God's word (15)

Wisdom because it is trustworthy and true (2 Peter 3:5-7)

Wisdom because it has the power of God in it (Rom 1:16-17)

Wisdom because it is living and enduring (1 Peter 1:23)

Wisdom because it revives the soul (Ps 19:7)