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[The Word of God is essential to your Christian Journey. Your spiritual growth will depend upon your approach to the Word of God. What you think about the Bible affects how you integrate the Bible into our character and life.]

[If the Bible is a book of religious moral standards that may or may not be out dated in our contemporary culture, then the Bible will have a limited affect on your life, character, and behavior. However, if the Bible is the Word of God, authored by God, promising rewards and blessings to those who love it and live by and revealing consequences to those who rebel against it then it will have a very different affect.]

[Our text reveals what ought to be the Born Again Christian love and desire for the Word of the LORD, this King James Bible, the Word of God.]

[As we begin this study it is incumbent upon us to start by discovering and remembering what God says about His Holy Word.]

A. The Preparation of God's Word (vs 7, 8, 9; 2 Tim 3.16-17; 2 Pet 1.20-21; Deut 29.29) [– Where did the Word of God come from?]

*[Psalm 19:7–9 - **The law of the LORD is perfect**, converting the soul: **the testimony of the LORD is sure**, making wise the simple. ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are right**, rejoicing the heart: **the commandment of the LORD is pure**, enlightening the eyes. ⁹**The fear of the LORD is clean**, enduring for ever: **the judgments of the LORD are true** and righteous altogether.]*

[Notice whose the Word of God is, It is the **LORD's**.]

- [The Word of God is not man's opinion of God.]
- [The Word of God is not man's interpretation of the things of God.]
- [The Word of God is not man's translation of the scriptures of God.]

2 Tim 3.16

[The Word of God is the Lord's. **This is God's Word!** Therefore it is the height of arrogance to try and develop or teach any doctrine concerning the Word of God that God has not provided. If we are going to teach, preach, and propagate anything

about the Word of God it has better be that this Word of God is the Lord's and it had better contain what the Lord Himself has said about His Word.]

[Where does God say the Word of the Lord came from?]

[2 Timothy 3:16-17 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 perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.]

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A. The Preparation of God's Word

[Inspiration – θεόπνευστος (Gk) – from *Theós* (2316), God, and *pnéō* (4154), to breathe or blow. Prompted by God, divinely inspired, occurs only in 2 Tim. 3:16 in the NT. . . . but the expression “by the Spirit, the Holy one, being driven or carried [*pherómenoi*, pres. Pass. Part. Of *phérō* {5342}, to carry]” (a.t.) referring to those who wrote God's utterances or prophecies.^[1]]

2 Pet 1.20

[Literally inspiration means God breathed. All scripture was breathed out or spoken by God. Hence, **God is the Author of the Word of God**. Those who wrote the Bible were merely God's penmen. **Therefore the Word of God is the Lord's!**]

[2 Peter 1:20-21 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. ²¹ For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: **but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**]

[Moved - φερόμενοι (Gk) – from a basic meaning *bring, lead*; (1) literally *bring, bear, carry* (LU 23.26); . . . (b) figuratively and **passive** *be moved, be borne along* as by God's Spirit (2P 1.21b)^[2]]

[These penmen were borne along and wrote exactly what God wanted them to write. Therefore, the Word of God, the Bible, was prepared by God for the benefit of Mankind.]

[Why did God write the Bible? Because mortal beings can only know the immortal if it is revealed unto them.]

*[Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are **revealed** belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.]*

[We could not know God unless he revealed himself to us in the **special revelation** of the Word of God. We can know there is a God and the immensity of His power through the **general revelation** of creation, but we can only know Him if he reveals Himself to us. So, our God gave us a written Word that we might know more about Him.]

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[The Important Principle that every Christian must know from our text is that the Word of God is the Lord's!]

- God wrote it – God is the soul author.
- God gave it through inspiration
- God has protected it by is His power to every generation

**B. The Providence of God's Word (vs 7-9, 11-12; 1 Pet 1.25; Psalm 119.89,152,160)
- What does God providentially do through His Word?**

The Word of God has an effect.

*Isaiah 55:11 - So shall my word be that **goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.***

What does God's Word Do?

- *Psalm 19:7 - The law of the LORD is perfect, **converting the soul: . . .***
- *Psalm 19:7 - . . . the testimony of the LORD is sure, **making wise the simple.***
- *Psalm 19:8 - The statutes of the LORD are right, **rejoicing the heart: . . .***

- **Psalm 19:8** - the commandment of the LORD is pure, **enlightening the eyes . . .**
- **Psalm 19:9** - The fear of the LORD is clean, **enduring for ever:**
- **Psalm 19:9** - the judgments of the LORD are **true and righteous altogether.**
- **Psalm 19:11** - Moreover by them **is thy servant warned:** . . .
- **Psalm 19:11** - . . . and in keeping of them **there is great reward.**
- **Psalm 19:12** - Who can understand his errors? **cleanse thou me from secret faults.**

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The New Testament confirms all of these effects of the Word of God,

[2 Timothy 3:16-17 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 perfect, **thoroughly** furnished unto all good works.]

[God works providentially and powerfully through His Word, the Word of **the LORD!** So. If God's Word can do all of these things why does it appear to have so little impact in our day? **Because, people no longer believe that they are hold in their hand the Words of the LORD.** They all have some translation and they are not sure if their translation is really correct because there are so many different translations in this world.]

[Principle for life - It is incredibly important Christian that you know, without any doubt, that you hold in your hand and you hide in your heart the Word of the LORD.]

- C. **The Preservation of God's Word** (vs 7; 1 Pet 1.25; Psalm 119.89, 152; Matt 5.18) [- The Word of God was written by God, it wholly belongs to God, and Almighty-God has promised to keep it **perfectly preserved** throughout all ages and **for every generation** all the way up to the end of time as we know it.]

[Psalm 19:7 - **The law of the LORD is perfect,** . . .]

1 Pet 1.25

[Now many say the Word of God was perfect when God wrote it but it may not be perfect today. What does God say about His Word?]

[1 Peter 1:25 **But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.** And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.]

Psalm 12.6

[Psalm 119:89 For ever, O LORD, **thy word** is settled in heaven.]

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[Psalm 119:152 Concerning **thy** testimonies, I have known of old **that thou hast founded them for ever.**]

[Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: **but the word of our God shall stand for ever.**]

[How has God's Word been preserved?]

[Psalm 12:6-7 - The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, **purified seven times.** **Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**]

[God has promised to supernaturally preserve His written Word so that every generation would have His revelation available to them. This is God's promise and God has the power to fulfill His promise. Every generation would include which generations? Does it include your generation? Absolutely!]

[**The Principle** we must learn is that the preservation of God's Word is not based on mankind's ability to preserve God's Word it is based on God's supernatural ability to keep His Word perfect and pure. God is able and God has kept His promise.]

[**This Word of God is the Lord's and the Lord has promised to preserve it by His Almighty Power.**]

- D. **The Purification of God's Word (vs 11-14;)** [– God has given His Word, God works powerfully through His Word, and God has preserved His Word for us. Notice how the Word of God Purifies us.]

1. We are warned by God's Word (vs 11)

[Psalm 19:11 - Moreover by them is thy servant warned: . . .]

[God warns us of what sin is and what the dire consequences of sin will be. We are warned that,]

- [Sin will take us farther than we want to go.]
- [Sin will cost us more than we want pay]
- [Sin will keep us longer than we want to stay]

[God reveals what sin is, in the Word of the Lord, and teaches us the dire consequences of our sin. Through this God endeavors to bring us to repentance and save us from our sins.]

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2. We find cleansing through God's Word (vs 12)

[Psalm 19:12 - Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.]

[Psalm 119:9 - BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.]

[Our first step of Cleansing is in our Salvation]

[After this we are cleansed in our Christian Journey as we learn from the Word of the Lord.]

[The Word of God reveals and teaches us what a walk of righteousness in the sight of God is. We find cleansing through the Word of God.]

3. We Learn to resist Presumptuous Sins and to seek uprightness (vs 13)

*[Psalm 19:13 - Keep back thy servant also from **presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me:** then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.]*

[We all know that even born again Christians can live in sin after their salvation. When you allow a sin in your life as a born again child of God that is a presumptuous sin and its consequences can be severe through the Chastening hand of our heavenly Father (Heb 12).]

[Through the cleansing and convicting power of the Word of the Lord we ought to seek to be upright with God and innocent from the great transgression.]

[The culmination of our text,]

[If the Word of God is,]

- **[The Word of the Lord for you]**
- **[The Perfectly Preserved Word of the Lord for you today.]**
- **[The Providentially Powerful Word of the Lord for you.]**
- **[The Purifying Word of The Lord for you.]**

[Then this will be the desire of your heart,]

[Psalm 19:14 - Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.]

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- D. The Purification of the Word of the LORD**
 1. We are Warned by God's Word
 2. We find cleansing through God's Word
 3. We learn to resist presumptuous sin and seek righteousness through God's Word

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^[1]Zodhiates, Spiros: *The Complete Word Study Dictionary : New Testament*. electronic ed. Chattanooga, TN : AMG Publishers, 2000, c1992, c1993, S. G2315

^[2]Friberg, Timothy ; Friberg, Barbara ; Miller, Neva F.: *Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament*. Grand Rapids, Mich. : Baker Books, 2000 (Baker's Greek New Testament Library 4), S. 398