

## **FBC Service Sunday January 18, 2026, Psalm 19:10-11 The Priceless Treasure of God's Word**

**Intro:** When I heard our ladies lay out a through the Bible reading plan for our congregation in 2026, it really resonated with me. **Theme for 2026.**

**GOD HAS SPOKEN:** What better reminder to us “*that all Scriptures is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*”

And then in 2 Peter 1:20-21, *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*”

All of this brings us to Psalm 19, where David tells us not only what God's Word is—but what it is worth.

### **A Divine Inerrant Infallible Word for Every Generation.**

The bedrock of First Baptist conviction is the complete inspiration, inerrancy, and final authority of Holy Scripture.

We teach our children, “*from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*” 2 Timothy 2:15.

We hold dearly to the truth “*that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*”

We unashamedly proclaim that the Lord has preserved His Word through every generation as He promised: “*My words shall not pass away*”

### **God's Word Endures Forever It is an Enduring Word Psalm 19:9 declares.**

David first tells us what God's Word is, and then he tells us what it is worth—and that's where verses 10 and 11 speak so powerfully.

Without a flawless Bible, there can be no sure truth, no certain Gospel, and no enduring standard of right and wrong.

But what does this word tell us today?

It tells us though empires rise and fall, though languages fade. Though philosophies come and go.

### **God's Word does not age, does not weaken, does not need revision.**

And sadly, with deep regret, it shows us the West that once revered Scripture now scorns it; doctrine has been replaced by dialogue, the holy has been trivialized for the sake of relevance.

The same corrupt forces that confronted our forefathers—modernism in theology, moral decline in culture, and compromise in the Church—are more aggressive today than ever before.

When we turn to Psalm 19 verses 10–11, it declares something radical for every generation:

That there is nothing more valuable than knowing and keeping God's Word.

**Inspired, infallible, authoritative and everlasting.**

Inspiration tells us about the **source** of Scripture—**Scripture comes from God.**

Infallibility tells us about the **content** of Scripture—**all of Scripture is true.**

Authority tells us about the **purpose** of Scripture—**it tells us what to believe and how to live.**

Everlasting tells us about the **duration** of Scripture—**God's word does not expire or change.**

Today's verses tell us about the value of Scripture—**God's word is priceless.**

### **God's Word Is Priceless Because It Comes from God**

Back in 1977, MasterCard launched what is arguably its most successful "**Priceless**" ad campaign.

The first of these commercials shows a dad taking his son to a baseball game as the narrator says: "Two tickets: \$46; two hotdogs, two popcorns, two sodas: \$27; one autographed baseball: \$50; **real conversation with 11-year-old son: PRICELESS.**"

There are some things money can't buy. For everything else, there's MasterCard, accepted at ballparks coast to coast."

**Well, that commercial definitely got one thing right. There Are Some Things Money Can't Buy.** There are many things more valuable than money.

**And then there are those things that are the most valuable of all.**

**Psalm 19 Teaches Us That God's Word Is Priceless.**

### **There Is Nothing More Valuable Than Knowing and Keeping God's Word**

There are a lot of valuable things in this world, and many people value money more than anything, but there is nothing more valuable than God's word.

### **Psalm 19 Tells Us That God's Words Are More Precious Than Gold.**

Look at the first half of verse 10. *"They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold."*

There are different kinds of gold, and the word translated "**pure gold**" here speaks of the finest, most purified gold of all.

**Now these are not 24 carats.**

**Today we measure gold in carats.** Nine carat gold is 37.5% pure gold and is the most affordable kind for jewelry. Eighteen carat gold has twice the gold content. It is 75% gold and much more expensive.

Twenty-two carat gold gets you up to 91.6% and then of course, 24 carat gold is the purest and most expensive of all at 99.9% gold.

**That's as high as the scale goes, and that's what this word "pure gold" means—24 carat, 100% pure gold. Priced last Friday at almost \$4600 an ounce.**

**SLIDE: 11 Image: God's Words Are More Precious Than Gold**, and not just any kind of gold, not nine carats, not eighteen carats, not twenty-two carats, but pure gold, **and not just pure gold but much pure gold!**

**SLIDE: 12 So we go from good to better and better to best—From Gold to Pure Gold to Much Pure Gold**, and God's Word still comes out on top.

As a history buff, I love stories about the lure of gold, and the various gold strikes in Canada and the US, and what people were willing to sacrifice just to get their hands on that lustrous, glittering yellow, dense, and soft precious metal. (Klondike)

**Some were willing to give up everything for gold.**

What are we willing to give up for God's Word?

**How precious is God's Word to us? How desirable?**

**What place does it hold in our daily lives?**

There are people who have given their very lives for God's Word. William Tyndale was burned at the stake for his commitment to translate the Bible into the language of the common people.

There are other Scriptures which also speak of the supreme value of God's word. Psalm 119:72 says: *"The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold."*

**Wow! I need to let that sink in. Can I say that today?** If someone offered me thousands of pieces of silver and gold but I could never read God's word again, would I accept?

**There is nothing more valuable than God's word. It is more precious than gold.**

Proverbs 8 presents us with a choice: *"Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her"*

Everyone is looking for the best investments for their money and time. We want to know which investments are most valuable, which will retain their value, which will grow in value.

I'm not a stockbroker, so I can't tell you the best investment for your money, but I can tell you the best investment for your life. **The best investment for your life is to invest yourself in God's word and trust Jesus as the Lord of your life.**

Choose God's instruction instead of gold or silver or rubies.

**Not Only That, but God's Word Has Value Both for This Life and the Life to Come**

God's word gives counsel to guide you and draw you into closer relationship with Him.

That Word will guide you safely through this life and then into the next. When you invest in God's Word, you're not only investing in this life, but you're also making an eternal investment.

The first thing our psalm teaches us this morning is this. **There is nothing more valuable than God's Word.**

**Secondly, There Is Nothing Sweeter Than God's Word.** verse 10: *"They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb."*

We read in Psalm 119: *"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"*

The first half of verse 10 distinguishes between two kinds of gold—regular gold and pure gold—so this part of the verse distinguishes between two kinds of honey.

The first word used for honey here is just regular honey, the kind you might find in your kitchen cupboard, which is already plenty sweet.

The best and most expensive honey in the world is generally considered to be Centauri honey from Turkey, which can cost upwards of \$10,000 per kilogram.

It's recognized by the Guinness World Records as the priciest honey due to its extreme rarity, high-altitude production, and intense medicinal properties. Manuka bush honey from NZ.

But our word here refers to fresh honey flowing right from the inner cells of the honeycomb. **This is the best and sweetest honey of all.**

This tells us God's words are not only sweeter than honey, but they are also **sweeter than honey from the comb. There is nothing sweeter! It's the very best!**

When we take God's word into our hearts, it is incomparably sweet.

### **God's Words Are Like Food for the Soul**

In comparing God's word to honey, Psalm 19 brings out a truth we find throughout Scripture: **God's words are like food for the soul.**

Just as we need physical food to strengthen and nourish our bodies, we need spiritual food to strengthen and nourish our souls. **Where do we find it?** We find that spiritual food in the word of God.

For example, in the book of Job: *"I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread"* (Job 23:12).

Or the words Jesus quoted to Satan in the wilderness: *"Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God"* (Matt. 4:4).

Sometimes God's word is compared to milk because milk is essential to help a young infant grow (1 Peter 2:2). **The sincere milk of the Word.**

Sometimes it's compared to bread because we need daily food to keep our bodies healthy and strong (Matt. 4:4).

Sometimes it's compared to meat because meat is for the mature who have grown strong enough to digest the more difficult portions of God's word (1 Cor. 3:2; Heb. 5:14).

And in our text it's compared to honey to bring out the pure delight and sweetness of knowing God through His word. **God's words are like food for the soul.**

Now we usually think of the sweeter foods as desserts or candies—the extra stuff you eat after you've eaten the more substantial foods.

**But the great thing about God's word is you don't have to choose between supper or dessert.**

**It is meat, milk, bread and honey all rolled into one! What a buffet is offered to us!**

**God's words are food for the soul.** No matter how nourishing or appetizing looking food is, it's not helpful to us unless we eat it. A reminder to us to take God's word into our hearts and lives.

Psalm 19 tells us there is nothing more valuable than God's word. There is nothing sweeter than God's word.

**And then it goes on to tell us that the greatest value comes from not only knowing God's word but keeping God's word.**

Look at verse 11: *"By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward."*

Knowing God's word comes first. **You can't keep what you don't know.** There is great value in just knowing God's word. But the greatest value comes in not only knowing but keeping it.

**God's Word Will Guard You from Many Troubles in Life.** Verse 11 tells us: *"By them is your servant warned."* The word translated **"warned"** is a word that means to admonish or to give a warning. **Warning about what?**

Warning God's people about the dangers of sin, disobedience and foolish choices, guiding them toward righteousness and protection, with great reward found in obeying them.

These divine instructions act as a guide, highlighting pitfalls and showing the path to a blessed life, and preventing spiritual harm.

**But it can also mean to send out light**—like a lighthouse that warns approaching ships about the rocks that lie under the surface of the water.

**Think about it. How many ships have been wrecked by ignoring a lighthouse's warning?**

How many lives have been wrecked by ignoring the warnings of God's word?

**When you keep God's word, God's Word keeps you.**

It will keep you safe and guard you from so many troubles in life.

**Quote** This Book will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from this book.

Psalm 19 is a psalm of David and notice how he identifies himself in verse 11: *“By them is your servant warned.”* David loved God’s word because he viewed himself as God’s servant.

What a directive to us as God’s servant, to also listen to God’s warnings

If we feel the "warnings" of Scripture are cramping our style, **remember that the architect of the heart is the one who wrote the manual.** He warns us to save us from the world, the flesh and the devil.

### **There Is Great Reward in Keeping God’s Commands**

As servants of God who keep His commands, we experience joyful service in the present and great reward in the life to come.

**This is the wonderful, motivating truth in Psalm 19:11.**

**What We Treasure Most:** shapes our priorities, governs our decisions, forms our character

Jesus later echoed David’s truth:

*“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”* (Matthew 6:21)

**Conclusion:** My prayer for all of us today is that we will embrace and understand the supreme value of knowing and keeping God’s inspired, infallible, authoritative, everlasting and priceless Word.

### **You Cannot Put a Price Tag on Scripture.**

**It Is a Priceless Treasure for Today’s Believer.**

It is the God-breathed message from the Father, and is absolutely authoritative in everything it says. We should hold on to it and never be turned away from it.

Psalm 19 teaches us that: God’s Word is pure - God’s Word is true

God’s Word is enduring - It is sweeter than honey. It is more valuable than gold.

**What We Value Most Shapes How We Live.**

**Prayer:** Our Heavenly Father, how thankful we are that you’ve given us a sure and certain Word from heaven. You’ve given us your Word to believe and obey.

Oh, make us people of the book. A people who believe and cherish it and are sensitive to the warnings it lays before us.

A people who see Your commands not as a burden, but as a path to the greatest reward imaginable: **knowing You.**

Let us go from this place Lord, to share the good news of Jesus Christ with men and women who desperately need to hear it. **Amen.**