



Essentials of Faith—The Word of God

Part Four Psalm 19:7-13

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Objective Sentence: Every leader should embrace the basic essentials of faith because they are the fundamental elements of one's spiritual life.

Introduction: Pastor Dan: Psalm 19:1 NKJV The heavens declare and [proclaim] the glory of God; the skies display His handiwork and [craftsmanship]. The skies and the heavenlies bear witness to the glory of God **and the power of His Word—both the spoken and written Word of God.** In the six days of creation God said **Let There Be** 7 times and **There Was** what He said would be. In **Genesis 1:2-4** the Bible says, “The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters³ Then **God said**, “Let there be light,” and there was light”⁶ **Then God said**, “Let there be a space between the waters, to separate the waters of the heavens from the waters of the earth.”⁷ And that is what happened ... sky. ⁹ **Then God said**, “Let the waters beneath the sky flow together into one place, so dry ground may appear.”¹¹ **Then God said**, “Let the land sprout with vegetation ... And that is what happened. ¹⁴ **Then God said**, “Let lights appear in the sky to separate the day from the night ... And that is what happened. ²⁰ **Then God said**, “Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind ²⁴ **Then God said**, “Let the earth produce every sort of animal—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals.” And that is what happened. ²⁶ **Then God said**, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us ... So God created human beings in his own image.

[**Start Here**] **When God speaks things happen.** Order comes out of chaos, light pierces darkness, possibilities form; wasteland blossoms and life is created. His spoken word is powerful but the Bible, His written word, provides us with an even greater revelation than that we gain by interacting with His creation. The Bible tells us about His love, His nature, His character, Sin, Forgiveness, Eternal Life, Judgment, His plan of redemption, the eternal home He has prepared for us and that we can rely on the power of His Word—spoken and written.

Read Psalm 19:7-13 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 forever; the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *and* in keeping them *there is* great reward.

#1. *The Law of the Word of God (Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting [reviving] the soul)*

A. *A. R. Fausset: God's law is ... truth. It revives those depressed by doubts, makes wise the unskilled, gives joy to the lover of truth, strengthens the desponding, provides permanent principles of conduct, and by God's grace brings a rich reward.*

1. Transformation (God's Work in Us) (2 Corinthians 5:17 If any man or woman is in Christ he or she is a new creation. Old things are passed away and all things have become new.

- a. **Romans 12:2** Do not conformed to this world but transformed (metamorphoo) by the renewing of your mind. *Commentary on Romans 12:2* The Greek word for transform (metamorphoo) is also the origin of our English word metamorphosis, which is generally a scientific word used to describe a complete change of form, substance, or structure. Metamorphosis is what a caterpillar undergoes when it becomes a butterfly (tadpole to frog). The change is so complete, that once it is finished, the butterfly can no longer return to being a caterpillar. Once we have encountered Christ, if he has really changed us, we should not be able to return to our former lifestyle. The former things have passed away and all things have become new.
- b. *Source Unknown:* The opposite of metamorphosis is stagnation which can is defined as the state of being still, or not moving; the state of having stopped; a foulness or staleness; a failure to develop, progress or advance.
- c. **Matthew 18:3** Jesus called a little child to him and put the child in the midst of them. Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the kingdom of God.
- d. *Characteristics of children:* Children love stories, possess a rich imagination, want good to triumph over evil, are emotionally sensitive, generally carefree, forgive easily and forget quickly, are good at memorizing, eager to learn and acquire skills, children are trusting and believe what adults tell them, they believe in God, they find it easy to pray, children accept everything in the Bible as true. They are free from hatred, are teachable, and willingly dependent on their parents. They possess a wonderful degree of humility and simplicity, they possess a teachable spirit, have faith and are totally dependent on their parents.
- e. **John 3:1-3 NIV** There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." ³ In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he or she is born again.
- f. *Source Unknown: Psalm 19:7* The word of God is perfect and complete; while it does not give us all knowledge, all the knowledge it gives is truth. Jesus said (**John 17:17**), "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. *Message Bible:* Make them holy—consecrated—with the truth; Your word is consecrating truth.

- g. **2 Peter 1:2-10 NKJV** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.
- h. **Philippians 4:13** God is working in you giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.
- i. **1 Peter 1:22-23 Amplified** Since by your obedience to the truth you have ... been born again [that is, reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for His purpose] not of seed which is perishable but [from that which is] imperishable *and* immortal, *that is*, through the living and everlasting word of God

2. **Salvation (God's Work Through Us) (Luke 10:19 I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing will by any means hurt you.)**

- a. **Pastor Dan:** God did not promise to deliver us from trouble; He has promised to deliver us in trouble; God did not promise to deliver us from pain; He promised to deliver us in pain; God did not promise to deliver us from trials; He promised to deliver us in trials.
- b. Salvation in Hebrew—Strong's 3444 + 3467 Yesh-oo'-ah + yaw-shaw': this word means to deliver; help; get victory; speaks of prosperity; health; save; welfare, avenge, defend, rescue). Salvation in Greek 4991 + 4992 So-tay-ree'-ah + so-tay'-ree-on: Rescue, deliver, speaks of health, save, defend (by implication) defense.
- c. **Apostle Paul; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 NLT** I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. ⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
- c. **Psalms 3:1-8** LORD, how they have increased who trouble me! Many *are* they who rise up against me. ² Many *are* they who say of me, "*There is* no help for him in God."
- d. **Pastor Dan:** One of the difficulties with difficulty and one of the troubles we have when facing troubles is the opinion of others. Job had three friends who came to be a comfort to him during his trial. But Job didn't say what they wanted to hear so they cast blame on him for things for which he had nothing to do. **Eliphaz** said (Job 22:5), "Is not your wickedness great, and your iniquity without end? **Bildad** said (Job 8:5-6), "If you would earnestly seek God and make your supplication to the Almighty, if you were pure and upright, surely now He would awake for you." **Zophar** said (Job 11:6), "If only God would tell you the secrets of wisdom, for true wisdom is not a simple matter. Listen! God is doubtless punishing you far less than you deserve."
- e. **Pastor Dan:** Another problem we face in dealing with problems and an issue we encounter when dealing with issues is the inner conflict we have with self manifesting itself through a worm in the dust mentality. We must learn what to do with the array of internal voices pointing to the worse that might happen to us.
- f. **Philippians 3:10** That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection (God not only works in us; He also works through us. **Acts 1:8**

- g. **John 15:4-5, 7 ; Matthew 4:4** *George Muller*: The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place help by the Bible in our life and thoughts.

Closing and Invitation; Jeremiah's Prayer 20:7-10 O LORD, you misled me, and I allowed myself to be misled. You are stronger than I am, and you overpowered me. Now I am mocked every day; everyone laughs at me. ⁸ When I speak, the words burst out. "Violence and destruction!" I shout. So these messages from the LORD have made me a household joke. ⁹ But if I say I'll never mention the LORD or speak in his name, his word burns in my heart like a fire. It's like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in! I can't do it! ¹⁰ I have heard the many rumors about me. They call me "The Man Who Lives in Terror." They threaten, "If you say anything, we will report it." Even my old friends are watching me, waiting for a fatal slip. "He will trap himself," they say, "and then we will get our revenge on him." ¹¹ But the LORD stands beside me like a great warrior.

The trials and pain of Jeremiah's troubles caused this amazing prophet to stop speaking God's Word. He hoped that silence would be comforting and provide peace for him. But he experienced a greater agony than the persecution he received by speaking out God's Word. He experienced the inner torment associated with holding it inside and not acting on it. ***Holding back is a painful process***—a slow death to those who practice it. It makes void the power of God's Word and the work of the Holy Spirit in ones life. It causes one to experience the pain of ignorance, disobedience, neglect, aloneness, guilt, powerlessness, pretense, lack of purpose ... peace ... failure.).