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# Psalm 119:97-104

*“Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.”*

Attributes of Scripture

From The Hill’s Statement of faith:

We believe the Bible is the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testament scriptures. The entire Bible is given to humanity as a gracious gift of God’s special and authoritative self-revelation. All the Bible’s original manuscripts were divinely inspired, having been written by individuals as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. Because God is the ultimate author of the Bible, its contents are free from error and are totally true and trustworthy. The central theme of the Bible is to reveal God’s saving purposes in Jesus Christ. God’s Word has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. The Bible alone is the infallible rule of faith for the church. For a local church to stray from the Bible in faith or practice is to be disloyal to Jesus to whom the church belongs. (Psalm 19:7; Psalm 119:105-106; Matthew 4:4; Mark 13:31; John 8:31-32; John 17:17; Acts 20:32; Romans 10:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Pet. 1:20-21, 3:15-16)
   1. What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ says, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ says.
   2. Concursus: God, through his own providential and supernatural activity worked within each author of the Bible to ensure what they wrote was ***his word*** while allowing the writers to maintain their personality and style.
   3. If the Bible is of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ origin, the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Application:**

If you want to encounter God, you find God in his word. So, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Bible.

1. ­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 30:5, Heb. 6:18, Jn. 10:35)
   1. The inerrancy of Scripture means that Scripture in the original manuscripts does not err or say anything \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Bible always tells the truth regarding everything it talks about.
   2. Though the Bible was written by fallen men, God so ordained its inspiration that they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   3. The Bible doesn’t divide itself into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ claims and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ claims. It presents itself as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Application:**

Trust the Bible: when you come across things in Scripture that are hard to stomach or difficult to understand, give yourself to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them out. God doesn’t lie and he has put this in his Word for a reason and we can benefit from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ verse of it.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. Inerrancy – the Bible is wholly true. Infallibility refers to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of that. Because the Bible is true, therefore it never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us

**Application:**

Infallibility is crucial: we can practically depend upon Scripture for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in life. It’s a “treasure of heavenly instruction.”

Memorizing Scripture is important: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it in your heart so that when the storms of life come, you can recite the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Word to yourself.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Perspicuity) (Ps. 19:7, Deut. 6)
   1. This means that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people are able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Bible for themselves and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.
   2. Some Scripture can be difficult to understand because none of us has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   3. Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to all. Paul wrote most of his letters to whole congregations of educated and uneducated believers.
   4. God’s Word is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but the people he gave it to are not.
   5. Evangelical Christians are largely in agreement on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but differ on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which are relatively less clear in the Scripture

**Application:**

Studying God’s Word is not a fruitless venture.

In your evangelism \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. The Bible is necessary for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the gospel, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spiritual life, and for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s will.
   2. General Revelation: Scripture is not necessary for knowing God exists or for knowing something about God’s character and laws. These can be seen in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 1) and in one’s own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 2)
   3. Scripture is necessary in a primary sense for us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In a secondary sense, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ need to hear God’s Word in order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him better, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in him, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him more, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our sin, and have our hearts stirred to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him. (Psalm 1:2)

**Application:**

Meditate on the Scriptures

1. ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
   1. We have everything we need in order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   2. God tells us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Bible and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the hard decisions of life.

**Application:**

Daily immerse ourselves in Scripture.

The Existence and Attributes of God

Two questions lie at the foundation of not only religious knowledge, but also every possible form of knowledge:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Related to this, how can we know?)
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (What are his attributes?)

**God’s Existence**

*Biblical Presupposition* ( Job 11:7; 26:14; 30:26; Is. 40:18): The Bible doesn’t spend time arguing for God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It simply presumes that he does.

If we are Christians, we can say that we believe God is “really there” because he has revealed himself:

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to all men by creation and providence
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the work of his Word and Spirit

**Creation**

In Romans 1, Paul tells us that God has made the fact of his existence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to all humanity. (Rom. 1:19-20)

Creation cries out that there is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Paul goes on to say in Roman that man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the truth. Fallen man worships the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ instead of the one who made it.

**Conscience**

Because we are made in God’s image (Gen. 1:26-27), something of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ remains in us.

Our consciences aren’t a perfect guide because they’ve been corrupted by the fall, but our concerns for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ point us back to our Creator.

Note:

While creation and conscience ought to be reason alone to convince us that God exists, the fact that we suppress the truth in our fallen state has led Christians to formulate “theistic proofs” (arguments) for the existence of God. These “proofs” are simply attempts to demonstrate that it’s *rational* to believe in God’s existence. God’s not our imaginary friend, and thus relegated to the realm of myth and superstition. These proofs don’t lead us to the sovereign, personal God of Scripture. They can help show how it’s not irrational to believe in God, but none of these proofs tell you much of what God is like. None of them get you to the God of Scripture and saving faith in Christ.

General & Special Revelation

*The distinction between what is known about God to all generally, and what is only known about him specially is often referred to as the “general” versus “special” revelation.*

General Revelation: the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s being and will which is given to all people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, at all times, through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ experience of being alive in God’s world. (Ps. 19:1,2; Rom 1:19, 20; 2:14, 15)

Special Revelation: how God has made himself known by particular \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, especially the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord (Scripture), and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Word (Jesus Christ).

1. What does General Revelation Teach Us?
   1. Rom. 1:18-31; Acts 17:22-31 – These texts reveal to all mankind generally that:
      1. God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 17:26; Rom. 1:20)
      2. God is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Ps. 19; Acts 17:25)
      3. God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 1:20; Acts 17:25)
      4. God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 1:20)
      5. God, though distinct from the universe, is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 17:24, 26-27)
      6. God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 17:24-28, 14:15-16)
      7. God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the ultimate source of our values. (Rom. 1:32)
   2. The effect of the fall is that we’ve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this knowledge and exchanged it for a lie.
      1. Noetic effects of sin – our minds are too warped as a result of the fall to get to God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through reason applied to general revelation. We need the spectacles of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the regenerating work of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to see properly.
   3. Implications:
      1. General revelation renders human beings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.