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Theme Unit: Enduring Beliefs of the Church

Unit I: Our GOD and the holy Scriptures

Subject: GOD'S Word!

Printed Text: Psalm 19: 7-13; 2 Timothy 3: 14-15

Key verse:

All scripture is given by inspiration of GOD, and profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of GOD may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Timothy 3: 16-17, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) Gifts from GOD (Psalm 19: 7-11)
- 2) Purpose for the Gifts (Psalm 19: 12-13; 2 Timothy 3: 14-15)

Introduction:

This lesson on GOD'S Word is from two texts: one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, which praise GOD for revealing HIMSELF; these texts apply to the entirety of GOD'S self-revelation in scripture; and is not the invention of any human; it is the inspired Word of GOD and communicated by human witness (Read 2 Peter 1: 16 and compare it to Hebrews 1: 1). Now Psalm 19 is known as the great "Hymn of revelation," because it speaks to both "general," and "special," revelation. The first part of Psalm 19 speaks of GOD'S revelation as made known from the facts of creation, which is information made available to everyone (Read and compare Romans 1: 20). The second part of Psalm 19 speaks about praises for GOD'S spoken and written word. Now do note, that these two sources of divine self-revelation, creation and word; hangs together because their source is GOD'S desire to communicate with those created in HIS image. Now the New Testament study from 2 Timothy stresses anew which is the more important revelation.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- Gifts from GOD (Psalm 19: 7-11)

The Gifts from GOD is **Life-Giving instructions**: that deals with the law of the LORD perfection, how it converts the soul, which has the sense of restoring; and the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple (Psalm 19: 7). Now do know that the Gifts of GOD is **Trustworthy Guidance**. Why, because the statutes of the LORD are right, which rejoices the **heart**: and the commandment of the LORD is pure, which enlightens the eyes (Psalm 19: 8). The Gifts from GOD is an **enduring Value**; why, because the fear of the LORD is clean, it is the beginning of wisdom, enduring forever; and the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether (Psalm 19: 9). The Psalmist goes on to say that the Gifts of GOD is more to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb (Psalm 19: 10). The Psalmist noted that, the finest gold; honey from the honeycomb, will provide only temporary pleasures; Gold cannot refresh the soul; it cannot give lasting joy to the **heart**. The Psalmist then goes on to say, that, Moreover by them is thy servant warned (when the Bible speaks of JESUS CHRIST'S word, it is printed in red to give us readers attention to them, warning us to listen): and in keeping of them

there is great reward (Psalm 19: 11). The Gifts from GOD is Life-Giving Instructions; Trustworthy Guidance; and is an enduring value.

Lesson Pointer # 2

- Purpose for the Gifts (Psalm 19: 12-13; 2 Timothy 3: 14-15)

Now the purpose for the Gifts of GOD is a Warning Against Wrongs. The Psalmist now pauses to reflect on his personal failures; wondering whether he has kept GOD'S word. The Psalmist says, who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults (Psalm 19: 12). It is only through GOD'S Word that our secret can be shown in uncountable ways. If GOD does not reveal your secret faults, our spiritual growth will be stunted. So the Psalmist asks GOD to keep back his deliberate, intentional sin, he committed not in ignorance but in defiance. The Psalmist words to GOD was, "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 (Psalm 19: 13)." Now do remember that GOD'S purpose for HIS Gifts unto us is a Warning Against Wrongs. It is worth noting that GOD'S purpose for the Gifts, Grants Wisdom as well as HE gives courage, strength and spiritual discipline; as GOD used Paul to warn Timothy (through HIS, GOD'S, Great Wisdom), that perilous times is to come in the last days, but for Timothy to continue in the things which he had learned and had been assured of, knowing of whom thou has learned them (2 Timothy 3: 14). Now Paul tells Timothy that from a child he as known the Holy scriptures, which are able to make him wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3: 15). Note that the ultimate basis of Timothy's faith and practice is the Holy scriptures, for all scriptures is given by inspiration of GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of GOD may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Timothy 3: 16-17). The Purpose for GOD'S Gifts are to help an direct us in right paths, through GOD'S Word.

GOD'S WORD!

Nuggets of the Lesson:

- 1) GOD'S Word direct us in right paths.
- 2) Keep GOD'S Word, and GOD'S Word will keep you.
- 3) The Gifts from GOD is, Life-Giving Instructions; Trustworthy Guidance; and is an enduring value.
- 4) The Purpose of GOD'S Gifts is a Warning against Wrongs.
- 5) The Purpose of GOD'S Gifts Grants Wisdom.