

Chuck Richardson

The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; (Psa. 19:7a)

The Hebrew word for law is a pre-fixed form of the word "teach", demonstrating the concern for all Jehovah's instructions, not only the law of Moses or exclusively the ten commandments. The law is perfect, meaning without blemish or undefiled like the prescribed animal sacrifices (Lev. 22:19-25). Thus it has the power to restore the soul (2Tim. 3:16-17). James says the restored soul will be saved from death (Jas. 5:19-20). Why wouldn't I want restoration of the soul so wretchedly defiled? Maybe we don't think our soul is in need of restoration? The law is perfectly suited to restore the soul from its wretched condition, but will we look into it?

The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. (Psa. 19:7b)

Testimony is that which bears witness of something you wish to know in order to accept. Testimony is crucial to a defendant in a murder case, if you have credible testimony to your innocence you won't be convicted, and even in civil cases you may be saved from ruin by such testimony. There is no uncertainty of the testimony of the Lord (Psa. 93:5), in fact, "you can take it to the bank" as we commonly say. Though Jesus would assert His testimony was true in itself (John 8:14), though their law (the Law of Moses), would declare no testimony to be true except from two or more witnesses, so, the Father as well as Himself testify about Him, thus certifying what He says is true (John 8:16-18). Jesus is called the faithful witness in the letter to the seven churches of Asia (Rev. 1:5), making wise the one who is not. Therefore the prudent will look into Jehovah's testimony (Prov. 14:15), heeding only testimony that is sure (1John 4:1-6). And when the investigation is complete, there will be confidence of wisdom in the matters of the LORD (Phi. 1:9-11).

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; (Psa. 19:8a)

Something is right when it does not go aside from the correct path. If you don't believe this, ask an engineer, doctor, a scientist of any kind. Our universe is governed by precepts. We create, maintain, and we determine the safety and viability of everything we use in this world based upon precepts; therefore the LORD has established precepts that govern our moral welfare (Psa. 119:4,5). But these precepts are more than we might imagine because they have the power to rejoice the heart. What man does not know is that it is not in him to direct his own step (Pro. 14:12), due to the deceitfulness of his heart (Jer. 17:9); therefore Jehovah tests the mind (Jer. 17:10). Man's condition is miserable even when he seemingly is not, remember Cain's countenance (Gen. 4:5), or what about King Saul? (1Sam. 24:16-19; 26:21) A tortured soul may know the precepts of the LORD, but if not received, there will be no rejoicing of the heart. A man is nothing without the direction of the LORD! Consider these Christian responses to the precepts of the LORD (Acts 2:41-47; 4:32-37; 5:41-42; 6:7; 8:4, 12, 39).

Activities & Prayer Needs

Sunday April 30, 2023

10:30 AM Worship Service

Announcements: James Bethea Scripture Reading: Scott Mixon

1John 4:7-14

Song Leader: *Ben Richardson* Memorial Leader: *Lee Phillips* Memorial Ass.: *Ryan Baker* Memorial Ass.: *Bobby Lawson* Memorial Ass.: *Philip Richardson* Lesson: *Chuck Richardson* **The Word**

6:00 PM Worship Service

Announcement: *James Bethea* Scripture Reading: *Ryan Baker* **Ephesians 5:1-5** Song Leader: *Scott Mixon*

Lesson: Chuck Richardson

How Short Is Short?

Memorial Leader: Lee Phillips

Wednesday May 3, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Study/Worship

Announcement: *Chuck Richardson* Auditorium Teacher: *Scott Mixon* Song Leader: *Ryan Baker* Lesson & Invitation: *Lavern Levingston*

Additional Fellowship Opportunities

Prayer Study each Tuesday in May at 7PM May 2, 2023 Genesis 18:17-33

> Singing at the Mixon's May 19, 2023

Ladies Class(Lesson 6) at the building 4:30PM May 21, 2023

Special Works

Memory Work, Faith Builders, & Defense Builders Drill Class Sunday's at 5:20pm [for all ages]

Scripture For The Week

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. I have sworn and I will confirm it, That I will keep Your righteous ordinances. I am exceedingly afflicted; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word. O accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, And teach me Your ordinances. My life is continually in my hand, Yet I do not forget Your law. The wicked have laid a snare for me, Yet I have not gone astray from Your precepts. I have inherited Your testimonies forever, For they are the joy of my heart. I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, even to the end. [Psalms 119:105-112NASB95]

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