

*The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.” (Psalm 19:7)*

Two words are worthy of our meditation as we consider the second line of Psalm 19:7: testimony and wisdom.

When we seek to ascertain the truth in certain matters, we gather testimony from various sources. Some testimony comes from evidence found in matter, or the state of things, or from historical records. Other testimony comes from the words of men. In evaluating testimony as to its worthiness in the investigation of truth, it is of vital consideration to weigh the credibility of the witness or the source. Thus, if we have an unreliable witness, a source that is not certain, then we are no more certain of the truth after we have heard testimony than before.

Men often give testimony of their religious experiences in hope of persuading others to believe. But the Scriptures never place any real value in the testimony of men. Every place the Bible mentions “testimony,” it is the testimony of the Lord in view. In reality men have no testimony. They can relate experiences, but who is qualified to interpret experiences but God? All men have is a witness of the testimony of God. This is a vital point.

God alone has anything of any value to say. His words alone are the reliable guide for men. We can only truly know what God has said. All else falls out to opinions, deductions, reasonings and philosophies of fallible men. If men have something worthy of the ears of other men, it will be a declaration of God’s testimony.

The other word for our consideration is “wisdom.” Wisdom, as an inherent quality or attribute is something, sorrowfully, most of us do not possess. We are more often likely to display the foolishness bound up in our hearts. The scriptures declare that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” When we begin to fear God, we begin to listen to Him. This makes wisdom within reach of the simplest of us. “The testimony of the Lord is sure.” Do you seek an infallible guide by which to guide your course in these uncertain times when men’s foolishness is causing shipwreck on every side? Then seek out, know, and obey the testimony of the Lord. He is the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

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