

Modern day technology has created chemical compound of sweeteners like saccharin and thaumatin that are sweeter than honey. These types of sweeteners are used in many products today that are actually not too healthy. However, honey has the strongest instant sweetness among all edibles in its natural form. The Bible has used honey to describe the sweetness that people most desired. But why the Bible talked about honey. Let's study Psalms 19.

Psalms 19 is about God's revelation. The first 6 verses is about general revelation in terms of physical heaven and earth. Verses 7 to 14 are about His Word. Today, we concentrate on His Word.

1. The Law of the Lord is perfect

a. The Law of the Lord is perfect- lack of nothing and has no error. Its effect on those read and follow it will awaken us and restore us back to God.

b. The statutes or testimony of the Lord are trustworthy. Those who follow it will become wise.

c. The precepts or instructions of the Lord are right. Following His instructions keeps you in the right relationship with God. As a result, you will be encouraged and filled with joy.

d. The commands of the Lord are radiant or pure. It helps us to see things clearly like giving light to our eyes (same as Psalms 119:105). We can see things in God's perspective.

e. The fear of the Lord is pure or clean. The "fear of the Lord" refers to our full acceptance and continuously following God's Word. When we follow, His Word is cleaning or purifying us, and the result endures or last forever. Also, God's word itself is pure and endures or stands forever (I Peter 1:25, Isaiah 40:8).

f. The ordinances or judgments of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. This is about God's judgments or declarations. It is always true and fair. God's judgment or declarations, in this world of many

uncertainties of right or wrong (people's opinion), is always true and surely right. It is also righteous (fair) at the same time.

Psalms 119 also has a section that parallel to the theme here. In the New Testament, the Word is shown to us in Christ. As stated in John 1:14, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...." The above have been revealed to us in Jesus and His teaching.

2. **The Law of the Lord is most precious and desirable**

Verse 10 (only one verse) contains two very significant points: precious and desirable. God's word and following God's word is a spiritual act. The psalmist that is spiritually led by God described or illustrated the spiritual point by using examples in the physical form. In the time period when King David wrote this Psalm, gold is the most precious item in the society. It is precious in the aspect of worth, and most desirable in the senses of touch and sight. Also, honey from the honeycomb is the sweetest edible that is most desirable in the sense of taste at that time. God's word should be the most precious and desirable thing for people in the spiritually way. It also reflects the psalmist's feeling and the truth that is God's word is more precious than any physical item and can provide more satisfaction than any fulfillment in physical senses.

I try to make this same point to my children. It is important for them to know God's word is precious and shall be desired. I painted a watercolor painting of Winnie-the-Pooh eating honey. Above the Winnie-the-Pooh is this Bible verse. When they walk around the house everyday, they can see this painting and knowing the point of this Bible verse.

3. **The Law of the Lord is to be followed**

Verses 11 to 14 talked about how we should follow His word and the consequences. It helps us to avoid sin (Psalms 19:13, 119:11). God's word in our heart helps us to avoid willfully committed sins as well as our unaware sins. It transforms ourselves in our heart, and guides our actions so that we are pleasing to God. There are rewards for following His word.

So what is the answer for “what is sweeter than honey from the honeycomb?” It is God’s word. In order for us to remember the important of this Psalms, there is a song written based on the words of this Psalms. We can memorize it by just singing it. This song helped me years ago to remember this psalm. The following is the link to this song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-ykfw3-i7s>

In summary, the truth is the more you are into the Word, the more you find it precious and sweet. Most Christians including myself have personally experienced it. Have you?