

Expository Sermon Outline

Summit 2026 Lesson

Introduction:

- Text: Psalm 19:7-11
- Attention Grabber:
 - Story of Kierkegaard's clown. The pessimist
 - Gurus and secret knowledge. Guideless
- Convey need:
 - As teachers of God's Word, we have a pathway to actually lead people to transformed lives, and it is in the Word of God itself. I could bring to you any number of tips and tricks for more effective communication and teaching, but at the end of the day, that will not do for transformation.
- Preview message:
 - The power to transform lives is found in one place only: The Gospel of Jesus Christ revealed in the Bible.

Transition:

Main Point 1: The Word and Its Power (vv.7-9)

Explain:

- The names of the Word:
 - Law, Testimony, Precepts, Commandment, Fear, Rules.
- The description of the Word:
 - Perfect, Sure, Right, Pure, Clean, True.
- The benefits of the Word:
 - Reviving the soul, wisdom, rejoicing, enlightening, enduring, righteous.

Illustrate: James 1:22-25

Apply: What are you and I as teacher doing? We prop up, and we keep the mirror clean.

Transition:

Main Point 2: Desire and Consume the Word (v. 10)

Explain:

- Desire (the Hebrew term here even connotes a sort of lust):
 - The first step we must take is to desire God's Word. The Hebrew word that is deployed here can even be used in a negative way (possibly even lust). In a similar passion, we are to desire the word of God. The object of passion that David likens God's Word to is gold. Gold is an easy metaphor for us to grasp. It has been and will continue to be humanity's physical treasure. With the holding of Gold there is the proposition of riches, possessions,

and a future. There is not a more universally desired object in all humanity than our gold.

But the riches of this world cannot be compared to the riches of God's Word. As a result, more to be desired than gold is God's word. There is a mistake that we often make as we approach the Bible and the world at large. We believe that our desires are something we are subject to, rather than something that we are in control of. Our desires drive us, rather than us driving our desires. When we think about this a bit, we actually do intuitively understand this.

We have much more say over our emotions, passions, and desires than we often think. Even our legal system recognizes this.

Illustrate: Glasses

- I do not know if you have noticed but I wear glasses. And I do not do it for style points but because I need to. I am very much near sighted. Without my glasses I am a danger to people when driving. I am incapable of correctly seeing things as they are without my glasses.
- Beyond literal sight, we all will commonly get mistaken about things in life. It is so easy for us to see gold... its shining qualities, how it does not corrode, how it is valued and able to purchase things for us and we come away thinking that it is most to be desired. Look into the perfections of God's Word that David has laid out and see, it **is** more desirable than gold. I am not asking you whether or not you actually do desire God's Word more than God... we need to know that it **is** more desirable than gold. Therefore, you need to desire it more than gold. This is a fact we need to get in line with, and it must come first.
- As teachers of God's Word, we are to act like glasses for our people. We need to help them appropriately see things as they are: that God's Word is truly more desirable than gold. Remember, God's Word is more desirable than gold, therefore we need to desire it more than gold. But this desire is something we should act on...

Explain:

- Consume
 - Has anyone in the room ever done a complete sugar fast?
 - The significance of the metaphor that David uses here is a bit more hidden to our modern eyes. We live in a hyper seasoned, spiced, and sugared world of food. We have to remember that spices, sugars, and even basic salt were considered highly valuable items of trade.
People of the ancient world did not consume even slightly close to the amount of sugar you and I consume on a daily basis. I am almost certain that if you gave a caramel macchiato from Starbucks to an Israelite of David's day, it would immediately send them into shock.
Honey, in many ways, was a bit like how you and I might think of oil. Not only is it incredibly good, it was incredibly valuable. Remember, when God describes the Promised Land, He calls it a land flowing with milk and... honey. In Egypt and other regional societies, there is evidence that people could even have paid their taxes in honey.

- Honey, for all intents and purposes, was the only form of sweetener that ancient people would experience. It was a beyond precious and delicious item for people. And here, what David wants to tell you, is that God's Word *is* sweeter than the sweetest item you have experienced.
- And just like you have to consume honey to experience its sweetness, so too must you consume God's Word to experience its sweetness.

Illustrate: Carnivore diet...

- I saw a video one time of a man who did a carnivore diet. The only thing he would eat was meat, eggs, and salt. He did this for almost a year and he vlogged his experience. Eventually he had to begin incorporating fruits and veggies back into his diet for nutritional purposes. So, remember, he went almost a year without any sugar whatsoever. The first fruit he eats is a sliced up Kiwi. And when he bites into the Kiwi, he shrinks back at how sweet it is.
- As teachers of God's Word, we need to help our people calibrate their spiritual taste.

Transition:

Main Point 3: Keep the Word (v.11)

Explain:

- Keep
 - The term David uses here is actually a fairly broad term. To Keep means, "to hold; to retain in one's power or possession; not to lose or part with; as, to keep a house or a farm; to keep any thing in the memory, mind or heart."
 - Keeping God's Word ultimately comes down to obedience. We have a bad habit in our spiritual lives. We often imagine that spirituality and a transformed life are a complicated equation, when in reality, God has made the path to these things clear... and it is simply obedience.
 - Another thing we cannot fail to mention as Bible teachers is that God's Word is meant to warn us and reward us. To fail to obey will only lead to judgment, but to hear and listen will lead to blessing.

Illustrate: Eating preworkout, then not working out. Purchasing a set of clubs, but never going golfing. Failing to obey what God has laid out is more than a tragedy... It is nonsense and a waste.

Apply:

- As teachers of God's Word, we need to get over ourselves. We need to stop relying on creativity or entertainment (though I am not against those things). We need a return of dependency. It is God by his power Who transforms lives. And he does this through His Word.

Transition:

Conclusion:

- How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord

Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word
What more can be said than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

- Teachers as we go from tonight, I hope we all realize that the way we teach for transformation is not found in skill or eloquence, but in the Word of God itself. Let's adopt the attitude of John, "He must increase, and I must decrease." Get to the Word of God, demonstrate that it is desirable, help your people to consume it, and help them to keep the Word, and watch as its power does the transformation.