

The Map and the Mapmaker
Psalm 19:7-14

In Psalm 19, David looks at God's word as the ultimate life-saving _____ for the human soul provided by the _____.

David uses six distinctive words to describe the word of God, and each description is followed with a reminder of the unique capacity of God's word to impact our lives for the better:

(1) Law (Torah) – An authoritative _____, mapping out the path for holy living. (2) Statutes – God's word is trustworthy like the testimony of a _____ in court who has sworn an oath. (3) Precepts – God's word includes every _____ we need to stay on the path. (4) Commands – God's word is the absolute _____. There is no _____. Truth without any mixture of _____. (5) Fear – God's word is the manual that teaches genuine, heart-felt _____ for God. (6) Decrees – Judicial decisions, verdicts. His word is like decisions handed down by the _____.

God's word is not a list of _____ but a complete, exhaustive database of everything we might need to know or could ever want to know about the language of the _____, of life, of _____ itself.

But David also acknowledges that it is _____. He refers to "hidden faults" and "willful sins." God is so pure and _____, and people are so thoroughly permeated and _____ by sin that even when we think we have done everything right, there are still parts of our lives that are thoroughly unacceptable and _____ to God of which we are totally _____ and for which we need _____.

Here David's praise of the Mapmaker comes in. God is our "Rock." He is an elevated, defensive _____ and _____ ground. God's word tells us where to stand. We are grateful for His word, but God _____ is our Rock. Calling God our "Redeemer" reminds us that, though perfectly warned, we still fall into the _____. But the Lord never lets us _____ there. In Christ, God is our Redeemer. He has paid for our _____. God Himself has secured our freedom by the _____ of the _____.