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The Reward of Reading the Bible

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Psalm 119

(35) Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight....(111) Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. (167) I obey your statutes, for I love them greatly

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1. He wants to know the God who designed and created him. (V.73)

2. He wants to know what is true and right so that he will honor the designer and creator of the world (v.137, 142, 151, 164)

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Benefits of reading the Bible:

1. Happiness

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Psalm 119

(1) Blessed are those...who walk according to the law of the Lord.

(2) Blessed are those who keep his statutes

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Psalm 119

(135) Make your face shine on your servant
and teach me your decrees.

delight (v.77) comfort (v.76)

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I do not know how those people go through the world who never have any sort of pure excitement, but always go moping about from the first of January to the last of December. Life must to them be a sorry drag.

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The sparkling eye and the smiling face are the things God meant men to have...the Christian, above all men, should have what the world calls his "holidays and bonfire nights,"—his days of rejoicing, times of holy laughter, seasons of overflowing delight.

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Some folks go to the house of God as you might suppose criminals would go to the whipping-post. But I like to see people come up to the house of God with glad alacrity, like someone returning home after a long trip. Or like someone going to the place where their best friends dwell and where God their Savior reigns.

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Psalm 119

(5) Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

(6) Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.

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Psalm 119

(31) I hold fast to your statutes, Lord; do not let me be put to shame.

(39) Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

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Psalm 119

(45) I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your instructions.

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Benefits of reading the Bible:

2. A more effective conscience

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Psalm 119

(9) How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

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Psalm 119

(10) I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

(11) I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

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Hebrews 9

(14) How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

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At the Valley of Humiliation

Apollyon vs. Christian

(In Pilgrim's Progress, Bunyan)

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All this is true, and much more that you have failed to mention...But the Prince whom I now serve and honor is merciful and ready to forgive...Those weaknesses that that overpowered me, I have groaned under them, have been sorry for them, and have obtained pardon from my Prince.

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Hebrews 9

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1 Timothy 1:19

Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked.

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Benefits of reading the Bible:

3. Strength in times of suffering

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Psalm 119

(25) I am laid low in the dust; preserve my life according to your word... (28) My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word...(107) I have suffered much; preserve my life, Lord, according to your word.

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Psalm 119

(92) If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

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When discouragements arise like the mist of the morning, may the beam of God's word shine them away with the hope of God's promise...I find it I can lay a promise under my tongue like a sweet lozenge, and keep it in my mind...all day long, I am happy enough.

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If I cannot find a Scripture to comfort me, then my inward troubles are multiplied. ..For all holy warfare, take...the word of God. You must overcome every enemy and this weapon is all you need. May God grant you the aid of His Holy Spirit.

- Spurgeon

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"I am an enemy to your Prince: I hate his person, his laws, and his people."

- Apollyon to Christian in Pilgrim's Progress

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Psalm 119

(51) The arrogant mock me unmercifully,
but I do not turn from your law.

(61) Though the wicked bind me with ropes,
I will not forget your law.

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Psalm 119

(78) May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me
without cause; but I will meditate on your precepts.

(95) The wicked are waiting to destroy me,
but I will ponder your statutes.

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Ephesians 6

(12) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but ...against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil

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Psalms 119

(119) All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross; therefore I love your statutes.

(161) Rulers persecute me without cause, but my heart trembles at your word.

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