

Stewardship and Consumption

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. – Psalm 19:10

Due to our spiritual nature and the image and likeness of God that is at the core of our being, man is not an animal. (This needs to be stated repeatedly in our day and age because of the constant insistence of evolutionary “science” that we are nothing more than evolved beasts.) That being said, it is nonetheless true that our *physical* existence as human beings differs little from that of other sentient life. Terrestrial life is occupied with little more than accumulating what is necessary to survive and thrive and then consuming it accordingly. We place a certain value on material items – be they food, raiment, shelter, money – and spend our time acquiring those things in order to utilize them for our sensual comfort, pleasure, and satisfaction.

But our spiritual nature requires so much more. The psalmist knew this and in Psalm 19 draws a parallel to our physical life. He states that God’s commandments, statutes, ordinances, judgements, law – i.e., the Word of God – is more desirable than fine gold and honey. Meditation on the items mentioned instructs us on what our perspective ought to be regarding the treasure we have in our Bibles.

Who would not love to find a treasure chest filled with fine gold! Why? Because of the value that it possesses. Today gold is trading at over four thousand dollars an ounce. A few ounces could purchase a vehicle, and a few pounds could buy a decent house. What a significant amount of value resides in so small an item! And so it is spiritually with the Word of the living God. We hold within our hands all that is necessary for life and godliness. God has power packed His revelation to mankind such that all we need to generate, grow, and sustain our faith is found between the pages of Genesis and Revelation. The person who understands the wealth present in this Book is wise beyond measure to mine its depths regularly, store its promises within the heart, and steward its contents with the utmost vigor and care.

Similarly, as gold represents the accumulation of real value and wealth, so the honeycomb and its contents speak of consumption that generates pleasure. The sweetness of honey and its natural sugars create a memorable and satisfying experience to the taster – one that he wishes to repeat time and again when opportunity presents itself. Spiritually, this ought to be our experience with the Word of God as well. It should enlighten our eyes and lift our spirit upon consuming its sweet contents of grace, mercy, and peace communicated to us from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ by His Holy Spirit. There should be nothing sweeter to the redeemed soul or satisfying to the inner man than time spent ingesting these precious promises and holy directives. It will inevitably produce a revitalization of our purpose here and re-energize us for the next leg of the journey to the Celestial City. As such, we should return to it time and again to lighten our load and direct our path.

Let us make sure we spend time today and every day moving forward consuming the Words of the Living God and stewarding our Bible as the valuable treasure that it is. This will invariably mold us into the spiritual wealthy and healthy ambassadors that our good and benevolent Father desires us to be.

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