Seven Wonders of the Word

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God's World: Psalm 19:1-6 "General Revelation" Through creation and conscience we can learn				
God's Word: Psalm 19:7-14				
"Special Revelation" "Through God's	and	_		
we can know God personally. Romans 10:17; Hebrews 1:1-	3			

READ	REFLECT	RESPOND	
1. Perfect	Converts		vs. 7a
2. Sure	Makes Wise		vs. 7b
3. Right	Rejoices		vs. 8a
4. Pure	Enlightens		vs. 8b
5. Clean	Endures		vs. 9a
6. True	Righteous		vs. 9b - 10
7. Warnings	Reward		vs 11

Testimony - Warriors (Old Testament Narratives)
Law/Commandments - Loyalty (The Old Testament Law)
Statutes - Soul Food (Poetic Literature)
Judgments - Law Enforcement (Prophetic Literature)

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." **Joshua 1:8**

"Blessed is the man...his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper." **Psalm 1:1-3**

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"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood" 1 Peter 2:9-10

MONDAY – **VISION** (*Apocalyptic Literature*) Apocalyptic language is used to describe visions of God's hopeful and supernatural culmination of history.

Read: Revelation 3 What are some of the future promises that God provides for His people in which to hope?

Reflect: What is a warning that you could learn from in this text?

Respond: Write down a specific goal regarding one of these warnings that you can carry with you today for a prayer reminder.

TUESDAY – **VISION** (*Apocalyptic Literature*) Apocalyptic language was designed to give us hope past the most desperate situations we would ever face in this life.

Read: Revelation 21 List 5 of the promises that are given to us in this chapter.

Reflect: What brings encouragement to you given your current situation?

Respond: Given this future reality, is there someone you need to reach out to that is in need of hope? Make a commitment to do something for a friend, family member or co-worker that would express Christ's love.

WEDNESDAY – WARRIORS (Old Testament Narratives) These are stories about God's involvement in the battles between God's friends and God's enemies. They are stories of ancient heroes where God was working through His people for eternal purposes.

Read: Joshua 1 What encouragements and challenges were given to Joshua?

Reflect: What are some of the themes in this chapter that provide encouragement to your current situation? **Respond:** Write out one or more verses from this chapter that you will commit to memory. Carry the verses with you today and refer to them often. **Further Study:** Check out www.blueletterbible.org

THURSDAY – LOYALTY (Old Testament Law) The Old Testament Law was Israel's first glimpse of God's character and how to live as His people. The Law provides quidelines for discipline and personal Holiness.

Read: Deuteronomy 4 What can you learn about the heart of God in this chapter?
Reflect: What are some areas in your life where you have been experiencing triumphs?
Respond: Make a list of blessings that God has brought into your life since you started to follow Jesus Christ in obedience.

FRIDAY - SOUL FOOD (*Poetic Literature*) Poetic language empowers us to express our heart toward God about our joys, pains, thanksgiving and complaints. This genre also teaches us to live by the wisdom of God.

Read: Psalm 139 What are some of the things that David rejoices over?

Reflect: What current situations for you relate to what David might have been feeling?

Respond: Write out verses 23 & 24 and carry them with you and pray that prayer throughout the day and trust in what the Lord shows you.

SATURDAY – **TWISTS AND TURNS** (*Kingdom of God/Parables*) Parables are short earthly stories designed to twist your thinking about the Kingdom of God and turn your actions to match that new thinking.

Read: Matthew 13 What do these parables reveal about the concern that Jesus has for His followers. **Reflect:** How does this teaching encourage your faith?

Respond: In review of verses 18-23 make a list of four people you know who each fall into one of the four different categories listed. Take some time to pray for each of them and perhaps contact them to encourage their faith and invite them to church. **Further Study:** Check out www.crosswalk.com