



**FOR THE SERMON PREACHED ON:** Sunday, January 9, 2022  
**SERIES:** ABIDE: Pursuing the Presence & Power of God for my Life  
**TITLE:** Abiding through the Word of God  
**PASSAGE:** Psalm 19:7-14

1. When rules, restrictions, or guidelines are handed down by an authority figure, do you tend to view those positively or negatively? What influences that response in you?
2. What are the words used to describe God's Word, and what positive things do they accomplish in the servant of God (7-9)?
3. When you read of God's "laws" or "rules" or "commands" in Scripture, do you tend to see them in the same positive light as the psalmist? Why is it important to examine your response to God's commands?
4. These laws, testimonies, precepts, and commandments result in cultivating what "clean" and "enduring" response in the believer (v9)?
5. What does it mean to *fear the Lord*?
6. The psalmist expands on "the rules of the Lord" describing them as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and desirable (9b). To what does he compare God's rules (10) and what does that comparison teach us?
7. Verse 11 warns the servant that keeping God's rules brings a reward of revival (v7), wisdom (v7), joy (v8), and enlightenment (v8). Read Romans 3:10-12, Psalm 14:1-3, Ecclesiastes 7:20. Are we able to obey God's rules and earn the ultimate reward of eternal life? Why or why not?
8. After acknowledging that people are unable to discern their errors, the servant asks the Lord to do what three things for him (12-13)?
9. Are you bold enough to ask the Lord to do whatever needs to be done in your life so that you may be declared blameless? What do you need the Lord to do for you?
10. Define justification and what it means to you.

### **Application**

As you apply the suggestions below, remember these actions *do not earn you God's favor*, but they *do reap great personal rewards*.

**Make a plan:** Choose a Bible reading plan. Share your goal with a friend and ask him/her to hold you accountable.

**Pray the Passage:** Ask the Lord to help you understand what you are about to read. Pray through your daily passage (if it's small) or through key sections or verses (if the passage is longer), applying it to yourself.

**Engage your mind:** Consider what the text means, how it applies to you, and think through what your response should be to what you have read and learned.

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**PRAYER POINTS** (based on Psalm 19:7-14):

**THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD:**

- His law is perfect (v7)
- His testimony is sure (v7)
- His precepts are right (v8)
- His commandment is pure (v8)
- His rules are true and righteous (v9)
- He declares me innocent (v12)
- He protects me (v13)
- He is worthy of worship and obedience (v14)

**REVERENCE:**

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- Father, we fear your name because you are . . .
- Lord, I worship you because you gave me joy in my heart when . . .

**RESPONSE:**

- Lord, I confess that I've sinned against you by . . .
- Lord, I admit that I haven't always listened to the warnings of your word when . . .

**REQUEST:**

- Lord, show my errors and hidden faults . . .
- Lord, help me to live according to your word in the area of . . .
- Lord, revive my soul . . . give me wisdom for . . . place joy in my heart about . . . open my eyes to . . .

**READINESS:**

- Father, may my inner life and outer life be acceptable to you even when . . .
- Lord, keep my back from sinning when . . .
- Lord, help me to treasure your word even when I'm tempted to . . .