

The Bible contains all promises and words of counsel that pertain to true life and godliness --only by these words can we escape the corruption of the world and partake of our God-intended nature (2 Peter 1:3-4).

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The law of the LORD is **perfect** (complete, full, undefiled), **restoring** (recover, turn back home, rescue, refresh, convert, recall, relieve) the soul.

The testimony of the LORD is **sure** (permanent, true or certain, to foster as a parent or nurse, to build up or support) making wise the **simple** (foolish, seducible).

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The precepts of the LORD are **right** (straight, meet), **rejoicing** (cheer up, be glad) the heart;

The commandment of the LORD is **pure** (choice, clean, beloved), **enlightening** (light, set on fire, shine) the eyes.

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The fear of the LORD is clean enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are **true** (stable, certain, trustworthy, established ); they are righteous **altogether** (a unit, unitedly, together).

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They are more **desirable** (delectable, precious, greatly beloved, covet) than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

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Moreover, by them Thy servant is **warned** (enlighten by caution, admonish, teach);

In **keeping** them (hedge about, guard, protect, attend to, take heed, regard) there is great reward.

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Who can discern *his errors* (moral mistakes)? Acquit me of **hidden faults** (to hide by covering, concealed, secret).

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Also keep back Thy servant from **presumptuous sins** (arrogant, proud); Let them not **rule** (have power, govern, reign) over me;

Then I shall be **blameless** (complete, come to the full, be all here), And I shall be acquitted of great **transgression** (revolt, rebellion, sin, transgression).

In virtually every book of the Bible, we are instructed about the great benefits of living our life according to the patterns of God's word. We face a constant choice -- whether to rely on God's revelations or on man's reasonings. Here, for example, are a few key verses from a little-known Old Testament book.

"But I will have compassion on the house of Judah and deliver them by the LORD their God, and will not deliver them by bow, sword, battle, horses, or horsemen." Hosea 1:7

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. Hosea 4:6

... so the people without understanding are ruined. Hosea 4:14

Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment, because he was determined to follow *man's* command. Hosea 5:11

Therefore I have hewn *them* in pieces by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth; and the judgments on you are *like* the light that goes forth. Hosea 6:5

Put the trumpet to your lips! Like an eagle *the enemy comes* against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed My covenant, and rebelled against My law. They cry out to Me, "My God, we of Israel know Thee!" Israel has rejected the good; The enemy will pursue him. Hosea 8:1-3

My God will cast them away because they have not listened to Him; and they will be wanderers among the nations. Hosea 9:17

O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like a luxuriant cypress; from Me comes your fruit. Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; *whoever* is discerning, let him know them. For the ways of the LORD are right, and the righteous will walk in them, but transgressors will stumble in them. Hosea 14:8-9