

Desiring God's Word

“[The judgments of the Lord] are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.”

– Psalm 19:10 –

I know someone that has a beautiful collection of rare bibles. One of the rarest dates back to early sixteenth century England. At the top third of every page is a dark stain from the blood of its original owner.

This person explained to me that when Queen Mary Tudor (best known as ‘Bloody Mary’) ruled England, she delighted in terrorizing Protestants and murdering as many as she could. Her soldiers would execute their victims through some bloody means, then take his or her Bible and dip it into the victim’s blood. Some of those Bibles have been preserved and are known as Martyr’s Bibles. Scientists have confirmed that the dark stains on every page of these Bibles is indeed human blood.

That same Bible is well-worn from being read and studied. Many of its pages have water stains on them. I’ll let you ruminate on the obvious. Clearly this was someone’s most precious possession, and his or her blood stains are there to prove it.

Psalm 19:10 captures the heart of such people, extolling the preciousness of God’s Word. To David, Scripture was more valuable than the best gold and the purest honey. Meditating on it meant more to him than the richest and sweetest things in life. He knew its ability to satisfy every spiritual appetite.

As precious as God's Word is, many Christians take it for granted and become complacent in their studies. Some go for long periods without gaining fresh insights from its pages.

Ask the Lord daily for wisdom to gently encourage another toward greater love for the Word and faithfulness to the Lord. And don't forget – be careful not to become negligent yourself!

Suggestion: Thank the Lord often for those who have loved His Word to the cost of their lives. Ask Him to give you the desire to feed on His truth daily and the drive to satisfy that desire.

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