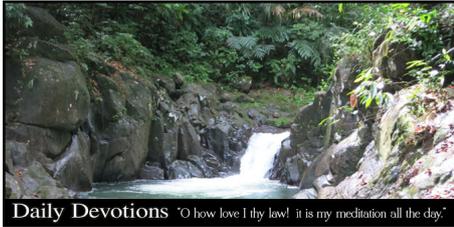


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### READ:

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<sup>6</sup> *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.*

### EXHORTATION:

The excellence of the Holy Scriptures is powerfully presented here by David. Firstly, the phrase “ *the words of the LORD*” points out that all the words of the Scriptures are the LORD’s. Every word of the Bible proceeds from the LORD Himself. He used men, who were His servants, to write them down. As 2 Peter 1:21 declares, “ *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*” Likewise, 2

Timothy 3:16 declares, “ *All scripture is given by inspiration of God*”. The LORD is the actual author of the Bible.

Secondly, we are told that all the words of the Bible are “*pure words*”. The Hebrew word for “*pure*” has also been translated as “*clean*”. It points out that the Scriptures are absolutely free from all impurities of falsehood and error. Proverbs 30:5 also declares, “ *Every word of God is pure*”.

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The purity of the Word of God is illustrated and affirmed by these words, “*as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times*

”. This evidently refers to the ancient process of purifying silver. The “*furnace of earth*

” is where the metal was tried and refined. It refers to something like a crucible placed on the ground, around which a fire of intense heat was made. Such structures were found near the mines where ore was obtained. The ore was then purified by smelting it repeatedly till all the dross was removed from it. Here it is said that the ore was purified “*seven times*

”. In other words, time-consuming and meticulous efforts were made to ensure the purity of the silver. Likewise, the LORD had seen to it that every word of His is pure in His infinitely pure eyes. He shall also keep every word of the Scriptures pure through all ages. So the next verse says, “

*Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever*

” (Psalm 12:7). We can be absolutely sure that every word in the Holy Scriptures is kept pure in all ages. Today, just as David has pronounced in Psalm 119:140, so can we also assuredly say, “

*Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it*

”!

The Holy Scriptures need no updating, editing, or refining. It is eternally pure and faithful. It is God’s infallible, inerrant and perfect Word. It is eternally true, relevant and enduring. It is God’s revelation kept pure for every generation. Because it is pure, it shall purify all those who live by it.