

A sunset over a field with mountains in the distance. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the clouds and the field. The sky is a mix of blue and yellow, with scattered white clouds. The field is a mix of green and yellow, and the mountains are silhouetted against the sky.

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The Land is in Need of
REVIVAL
- FAST FOCUS -

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“The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.” - Psalm 19:7 (NIV)

“The Perfect God”

During the filming of the Christian movie, *Indivisible*, much of what occurred on the set will not be seen by moviegoers viewing the final project. There were countless re-takes as a result of faulty set props, re-shoots due to actors prematurely coming into the scenes before cue, cast members forgetting scripted lines, or actors incorrectly pronouncing words. In essence, due to numerous human imperfections and flaws, the executive directors required many scenes to have as many as forty (40) re-takes to get them as close to perfection as humanly possible. In the final analysis, as in any other movie, no scene was shot to perfection.

It is truly amazing how we often seek those things which we are unable to attain on our own. In doing so, we often dismiss or miss the things of excellence which have already been provided for us by a power much higher than we are - God Almighty.

In the 19th number of Psalm, David begins and continues throughout this psalm exclaiming the glory and perfection of God. In verse 7, David confirms beyond a shadow of a doubt that, “The Law of the Lord is perfect.” The law or instruction of the Lord needs no re-touch, no re-take, or readjustment. The law of the Lord nor the Lord God Himself require amendments, re-votes, further discussions, or investigation to prove who God is. It is a given and throughout scripture, we are told again and again that our God is a perfect God who is described as being “perfect in all His ways.”

David had witnessed his own deliverance by God from his enemies. It is for this reason David could describe the perfection of God in Psalm 18:30 saying, “As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him.” If we surrender ourselves and our wills to such a perfect God, then just like David, we can declare ourselves as benefactors to all the privileges of being in relationship with the one and only God. He is the God who can protect us from danger. He is the only God who can refresh us when we are weary. Only He can strengthen us when we are weak and, most of all, He is the only God who is able to supply us with all our needs including the precious gift of salvation and eternal life.

With God being the absolute of perfection in His character and in His ways, there is nothing lacking in Him. We as human beings, on the other hand, are imperfect in our makeup with flawed behavior and character. Yet in God's infinite love towards us, He covers and converts us to be able to use us for His Glory. To make sure that we can be rendered “usable,” God sent his only son to take all of our imperfections and flaws to the Cross, covered them with His blood and buried them in a tomb. It is God's love that perfects us.

Knowing that God loves us so much that He takes the time to continue to work on us and through us with all of our flaws is mind boggling. This knowledge alone should be a constant source of daily revival for the children of God.

Action Plan/Reflection:

1. Prepare a timeline of your life, showing the high and the low times in your past. (Your timeline should resemble what appears to be mountainous peaks and valleys.)
2. For each high time (mountainous peak) in your life, reflect on how God's strength allowed you to accomplish those great things.
3. For each low time (valley) in your life, reflect on how you depended on God's strength to pull you through those times.

You should be able to note how God perfected each season of your life.

Prayer:

Dear God, Thank you for being the one who has been a present and constant source of power in our lives. Thank you for being our covering and our protection during every season of our lives. We thank you that your love for us does not leave us in the dark but the power of your love has brought us out of darkness into your marvelous light. We praise you for being a Perfect God and we thank you for always perfecting that which concerns us. Please give us willing hearts to allow your Spirit to lead and guide us to walk in your will for us. We pray this prayer in the Name of Jesus, Amen.

Scripture References:

Psalm 19:7, 2 Samuel 22:31, Psalm 18:30, John 3:16, Psalm 84:11-12, Matthew 5:48, Psalm 8, Psalm 92:15, John 8:28

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**FAST FOCUS | We will fast on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 from 6am-5pm.
We will abstain from all foods except water, juice, fruit and vegetables.**