

A black and white photograph of a person crouching in a dark, arched tunnel. The person is silhouetted against a bright, glowing light at the end of the tunnel. The tunnel walls are made of rough, textured stone or brick. The light at the end of the tunnel creates a strong contrast with the dark interior, casting a long, bright beam of light across the floor.

Psalm 19

Elements Class

March 20th 10:45am

There are **two great “books”**
which God has published
for **(1) the knowledge of Him**
and **(2) the instruction of men...**

(1) His creation (2) His scripture;
and this psalm addresses them
both, and recommends them to
our attention.

(1) His creation
tells us of His divine attributes, His
incredible power & wisdom and
His goodness to all.

**...what may be known about God is plain to them,
because God has made it plain to them. For since
the creation of the world God's invisible
qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—
have been clearly seen, being understood from
what has been made, so that people are without
excuse. (Romans 1:19-20)**

(2) His scripture

tells us of His authority over humanity, **instructs us** of right & wrong, **convicts us** of sin & **confirms our duty to obey.**

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

(1) The heavens declare the glory of
God, and the sky above proclaims
his handiwork.



David says that God *displays*
His glory in the creation of
the world; His glory, authority,
sovereignty, power, majesty
& wisdom are on display
through what He has made.

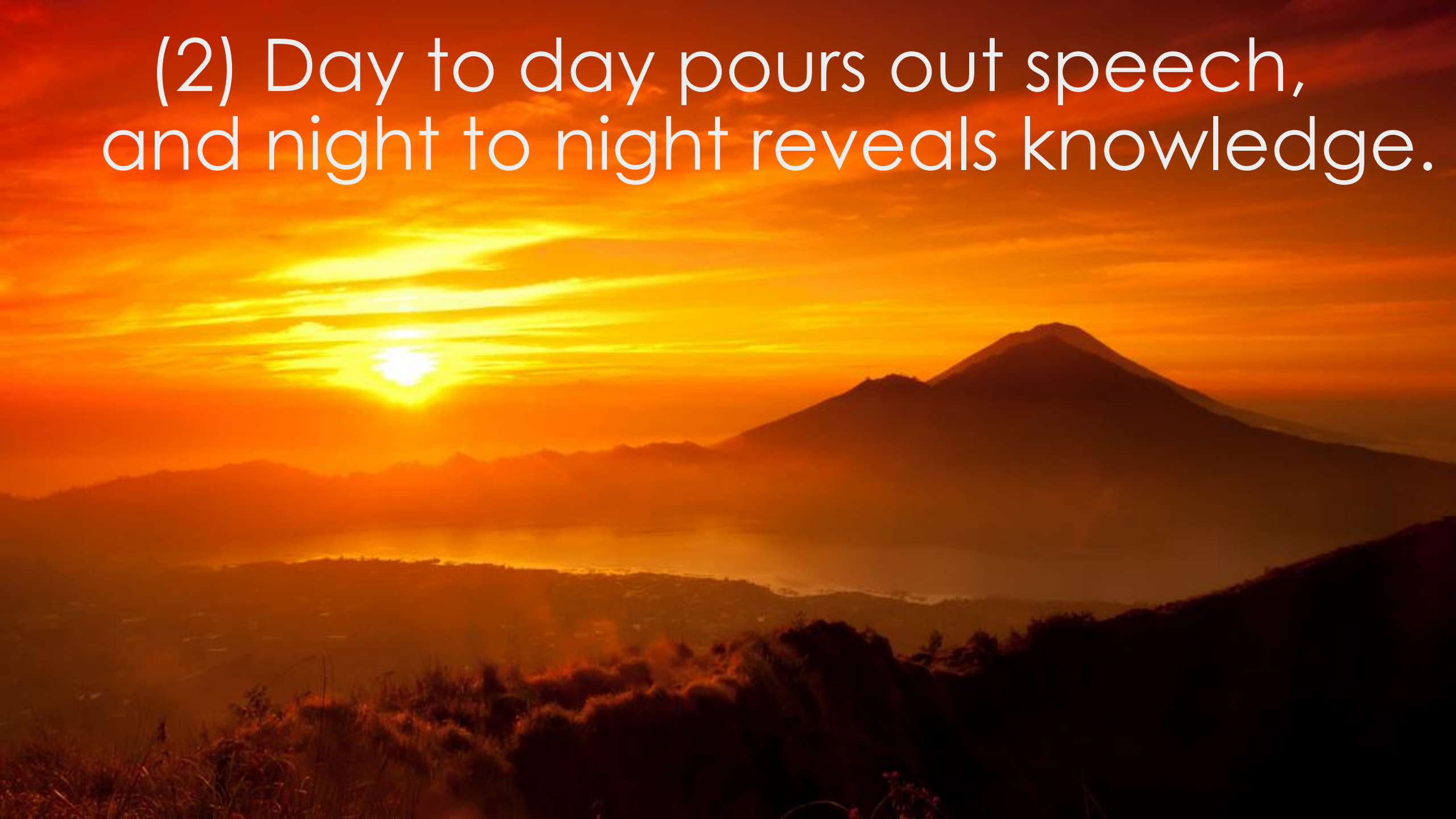


God's creation
proclaims
His *existence*,
wisdom &
power.

For by Him **all things** were created, both in the heavens and on earth, **visible and invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Col 1:16

(2) Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.



(3) There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.



(4) Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.



David says that God *displays*
His glory in the creation of
the world. And its convicting
cry goes silently out to all the
world...day after day...and
very few hear it.

The whole
world is a
witness.




David says that everyone is a witness to this testimony, day after day, decade after decade.

And out of this display should
come a praise of His name
and a worship of His
glory...and failure to is guilt!



All of
mankind is
without
an excuse.



(5) In them he
has set a tent for
the sun, which
comes out like a
bridegroom
leaving his
chamber, and,
like a strong man,
runs its course
with joy.

(6) Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them, and
there is nothing hidden from its heat.



David is amazed, when he
contemplates God's grand
purpose for creation.

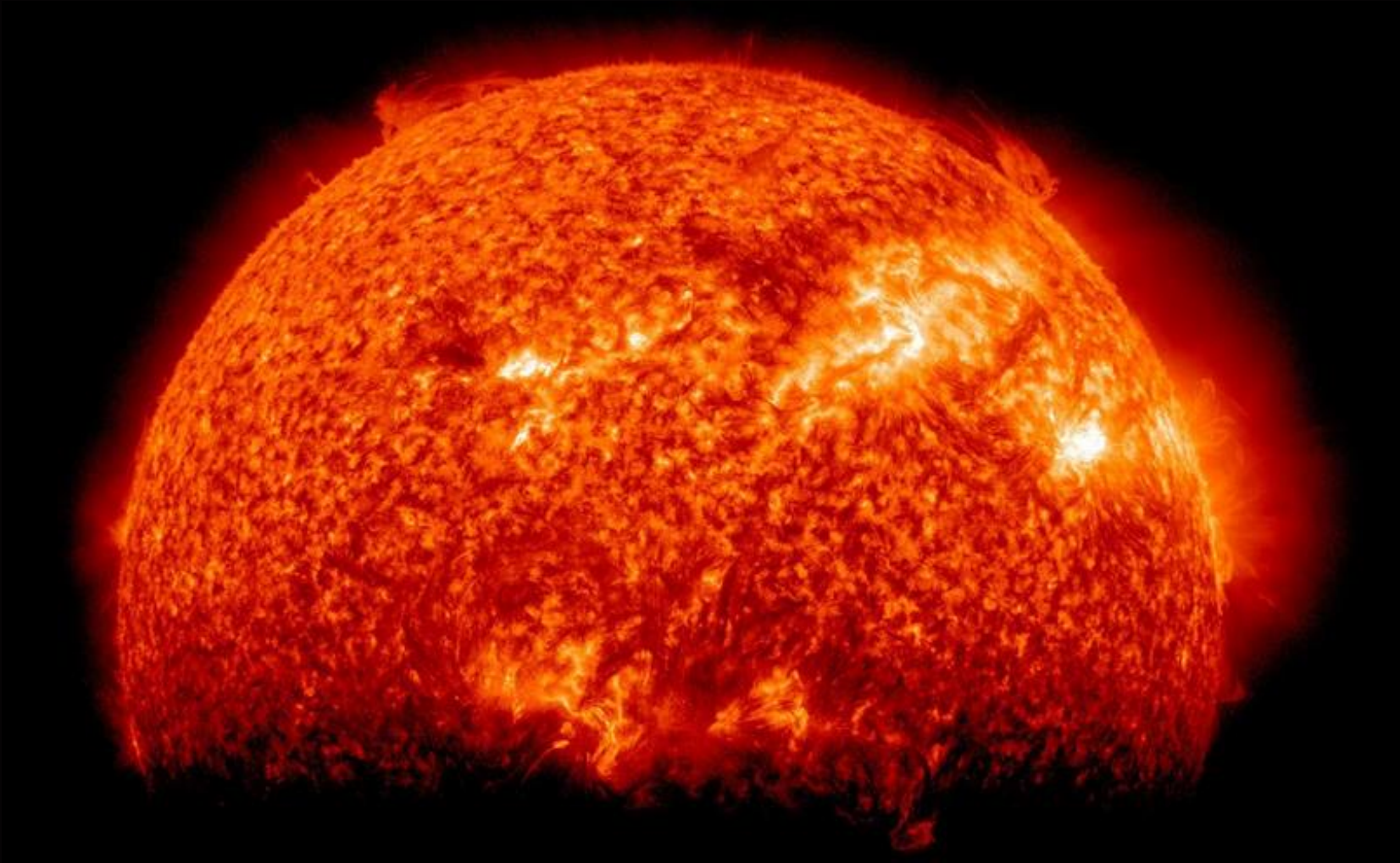
David realizes that everything
in the universe has a specific,
set, established and
appointed place in the
purpose of God's display of
His majesty.

David is amazed, when he
contemplates God's design
for the display of His glory &
power in creation
...specifically in the placing
of the sun.

Everything God has made exists to
magnify His name.



Even God's most powerful creation in the universe was placed with a specific purpose.



David is even more amazed,
when he *contemplates* how
joyful the sun is (must be) in
fulfilling God's *purpose* for
him (it). Day after day he
gladly obeys God's design.

Like a 'groom' the sun is totally content
and full of joy with his position.

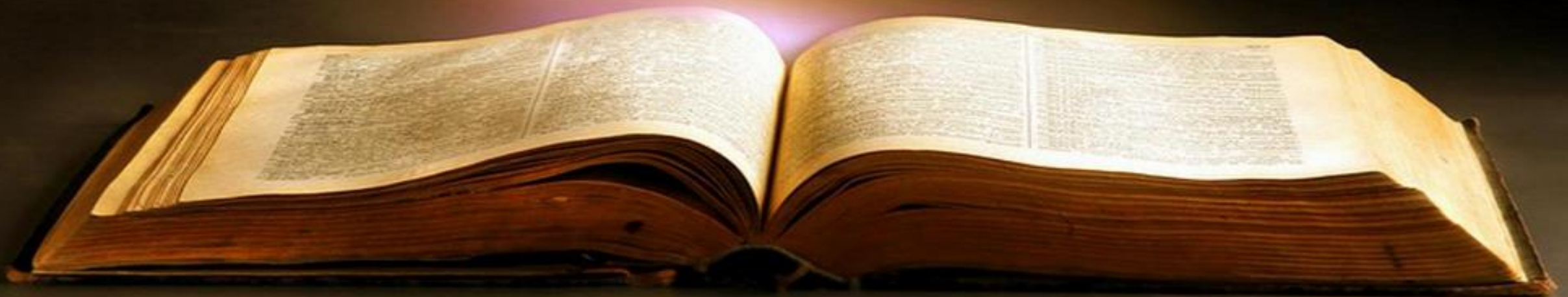


The sun (and universe) displays God's order
and laws in the physical universe.



The sun (and universe)
displays the joy that comes
from submitting to God's
purpose & design in the
physical world!

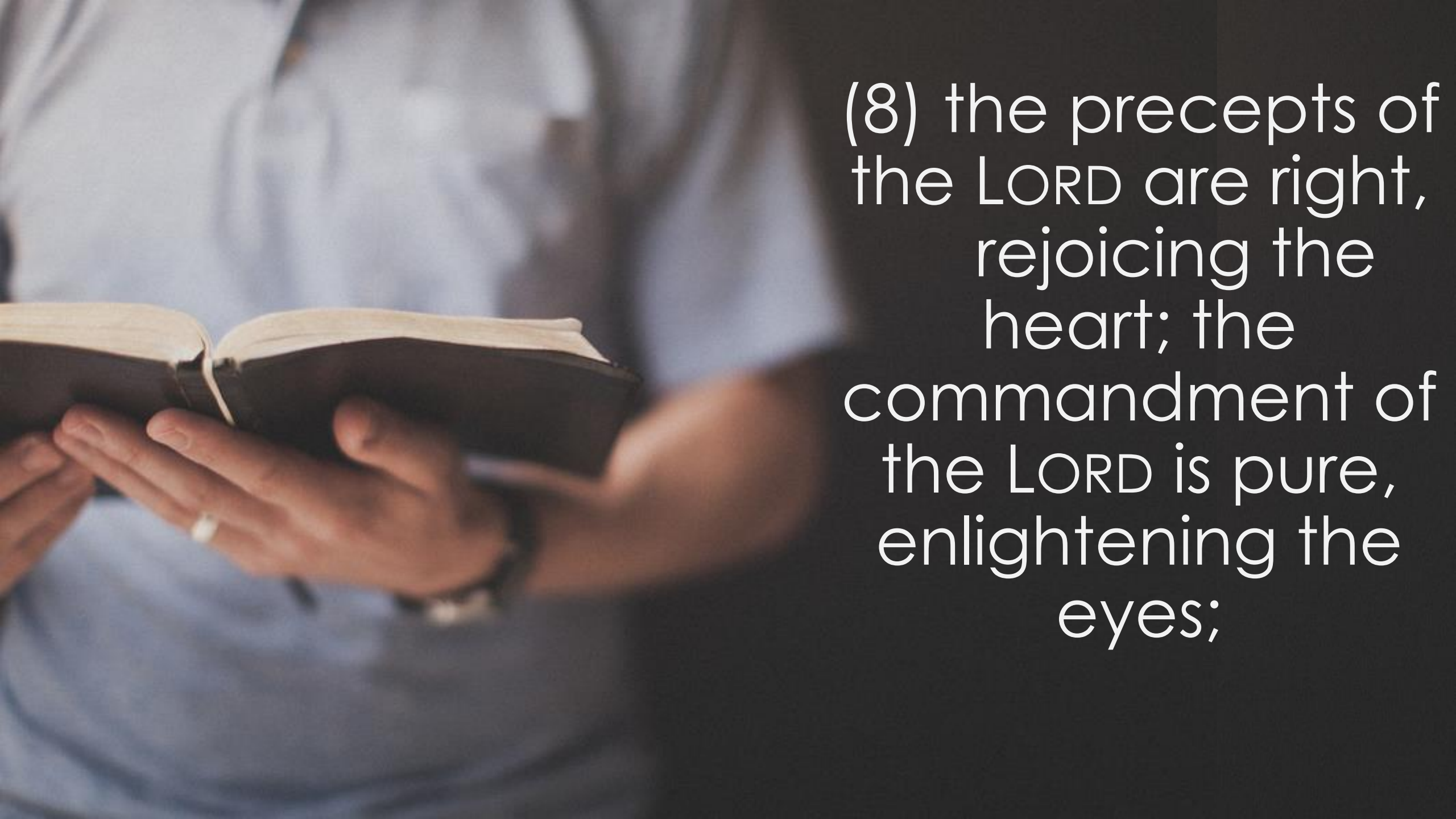
(7) The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;



David transitions from talking about the physical universe to talking about the spiritual or moral universe (humanity).

God's word displays God's order and laws in the spiritual universe.





(8) the precepts of
the LORD are right,
rejoicing the
heart; the
commandment of
the LORD is pure,
enlightening the
eyes;

David tell us that men and women can be as happy as the sun (rest of creation) by following His moral laws, commands day after day, decade after decade.



When we submit to His law/order/purpose
we will be filled with joy. Just like the sun.

(9) the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever; the rules of the LORD
are true, and righteous altogether.





God's laws are true,
His word is correct. And they offer
us the road map we need to find
our place in His world.

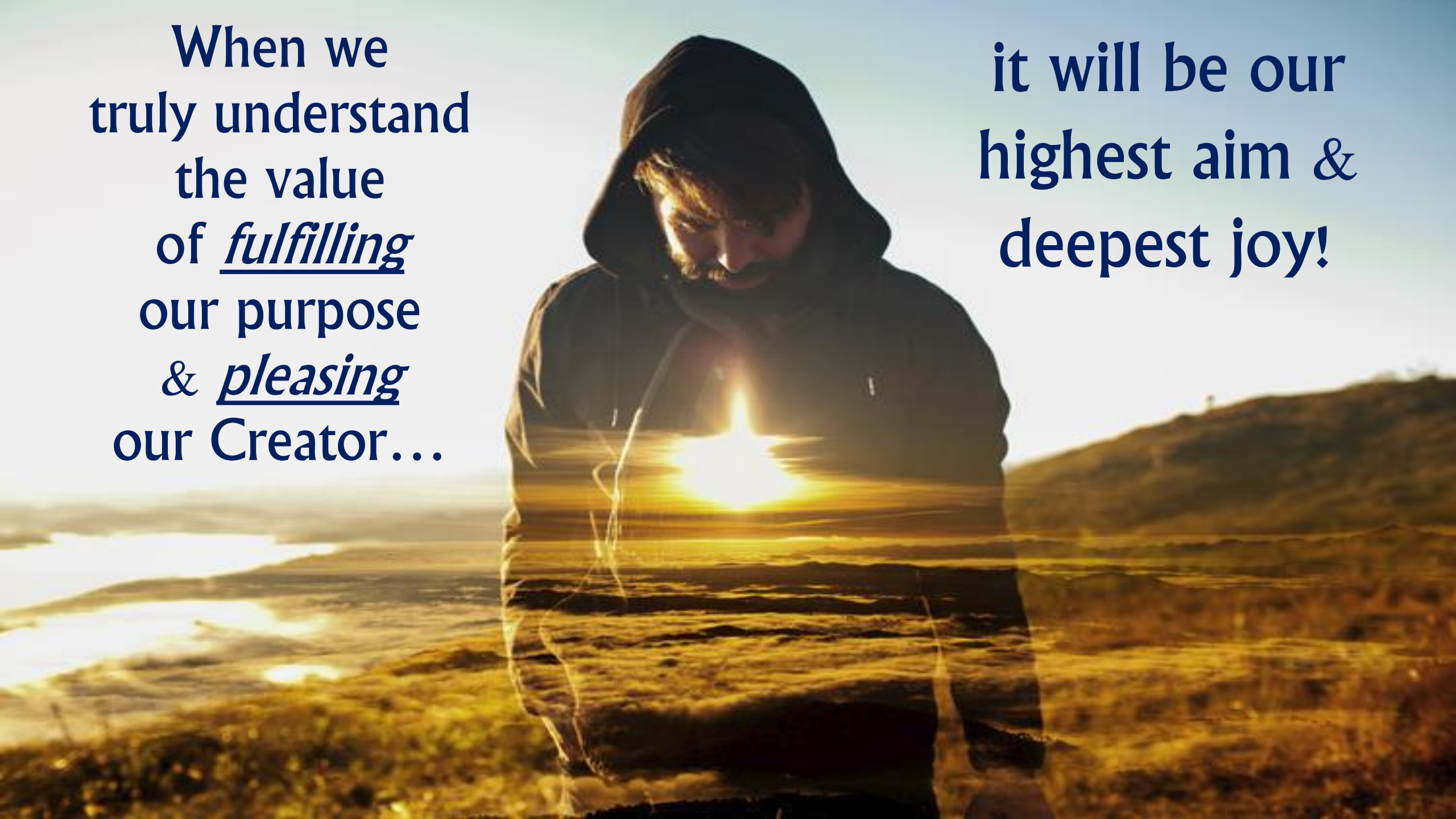
(10) More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.



More than anyone else (except Christ), David understood that God's instruction (and obeying it) was the only true way to be happy and therefore he desired hearing from & obeying God more than anything else.

When we
truly understand
the value
of fulfilling
our purpose
& pleasing
our Creator...

it will be our
highest aim &
deepest joy!



(11) Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.



(12-13) Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.



Our greatest desire should be to
please and *honor* our Creator by
gladly submitting to His design...and
to not grieve Him with sin.

Sin =
Going *against*
God's design.



(14) Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.



David knew that the only way to experience true joy was to submit to the truth and align his life to the truth about God and about himself in God's word & world.

Right living =
Thoughts, words
& actions
that are acceptable
(inline with) to God.



sub·mit

Accept or yield to a superior
force or to the authority or will
of another person.

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies **(submit)** to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable **(design)**. **This is truly the way to worship him.** Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world **(design)**, but let God transform you into a new person **(submit)** by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

(Romans 12:1-2)

