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  and your words became to me a joy
  and the delight of my heart,
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7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
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  making wise the simple;
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the commandment of the LORD is pure,
  enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the LORD is clean,
  enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
  and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
  even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
  and drippings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
  in keeping them there is great reward.

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**1 John 2:7-11**
7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. 8 At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 9 Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. 10 Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. 11 But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

**Matthew 13:19-23**
19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. 23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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