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**Context:**  
**The Law & the Prophets**







**What are the  
Beatitudes?**



# TaNak: The Hebrew Bible

- **Torah**
- **Nevim**
- **Ketuvim**



And what great nation has righteous statutes and ordinances like  
this entire law I set before you today?

Deuteronomy 4:8



Instruction (Torah) from your lips is better for me than thousands of  
gold and silver pieces.

Psalm 119:72



He who fulfills the law and the prophets displaces them in so far as he must become the centre of attention: the thing signified (Jesus) is naturally more important than the sign (the law and the prophets) pointing to it.

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Jesus fulfills the Torah by interpreting it rightly and living it completely, and he calls his followers to live out covenant loyalty in line with the values expressed in the Torah.

Jeannine Brown



**INVITATION**



# Why is delighting in Scripture so hard?

- Legalism
- Wounding
- Shifting Authority
- Credibility
- Cultural Distraction
- Detached Boredom



The Gospel is also the Gospel of happiness. It is called 'the glorious Gospel of the blessed God.' A more correct translation would be, 'the happy God.' Well, then, adorn the Gospel by being happy!

Charles Spurgeon



**We trust Scripture because  
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As Christians, we are often unaware that our beliefs are frequently shaped more by our culture than by the gospel. We take our Christianity to be biblically based and normative for everyone. We do not stop to ask what parts of it come from our sociocultural and historical contexts, and what parts come from Scripture...We fail to recognize that many of the assumptions and values that underlie our culture are not biblically based. They are our human creations.

Paul Hiebert

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4. The goal of Scripture is transformation and practice, not just information and belief



The general human failing is to want what is right and important, but at the same time not to commit to the kind of life that will produce the action we know to be right and the condition we want to enjoy. This is the feature of human character that explains why the road to hell is paved with good intentions. We intend what is right, but we avoid the life that would make it reality.

Dallas Willard

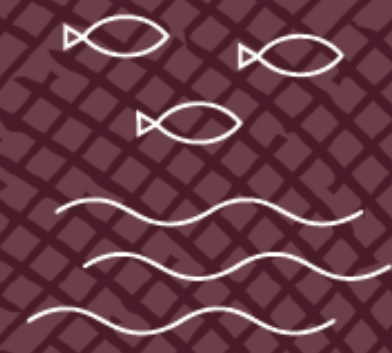
Our trust in the Bible stems from our trust in Jesus Christ: the man who is God, the King of the World, the crucified, risen, and exalted rescuer. I don't trust in Jesus because I trust the Bible; I trust the Bible because I trust in Jesus. I love him, and I've decided to follow him, so if he talks and acts as if the Bible is trustworthy, authoritative, good, helpful, and powerful, I will to...even if some of my questions remain unanswered, or my answers remain unpopular.

Andrew Wilson



# The Practice of Scripture





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Being born again happens in an instant. Learning to live as a child of God takes a lifetime.

Dr. Derwin Gray

