



- There are 52 weeks in a year, so an average church goer listens to 52 sermons a year
- Minimum 3 points per sermon is given by every preacher
- That's 156 sermon points which the average church goer has received in a year
- *How many sermon points did you remember this year?*

Listening and understanding God's word

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

³ They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
 than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
 than honey from the honeycomb.

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 in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² But who can discern their own errors?
 Forgive my hidden faults.

¹³ Keep your servant also from willful sins;
 may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless,
 innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart

be pleasing in your sight,

LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

- God's word in Creation
- God's word in the Bible
- God's word in the Sunday morning sermon

God's word in creation

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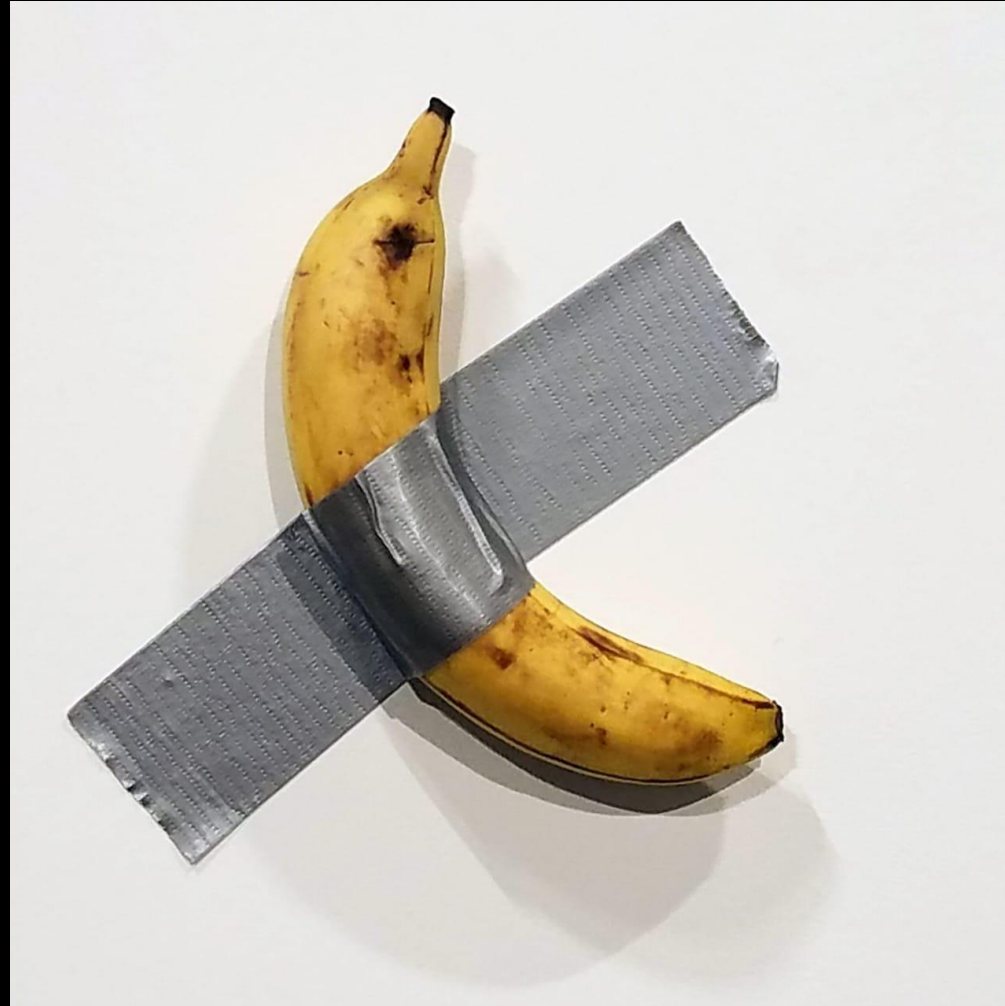
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A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a small, white rectangular card. The card is held between the thumb and index finger, with the other fingers slightly curled. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color, possibly a white shirt. The text on the card is in a bold, black, sans-serif font, arranged in four lines.

**A PICTURE
IS WORTH A
THOUSAND
WORDS**



But sometimes we still don't get it



A night sky with a meteor streaking across it. The sky is dark blue and black, filled with stars. A bright white streak with a glowing trail is moving from the upper left towards the center. The bottom of the image shows a dark silhouette of a horizon or ground.

We are Stardust.
Made from the
Generosity
of the Universe
So Long Ago.
And When We
Die,
Back Into the
Stars We Go.





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the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
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The decrees of the **LORD** are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

God's word in creation

- Observing God's creation is not enough for you to conclude if there is a God who created the world
- The purpose of reflecting on creation is to reveal if the heart is sincerely wanting to seek out who is God



¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ 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.

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

Romans 1: 18-23

It's not that people can't believe in God. It's more that they are not interested in pursuing a personal relationship with God

GOD IN MY LIFE VS
ME IN GOD'S LIFE



God's word in creation is meant to lead you to God's word in the bible

- God's word in creation
- **God's word in the bible**

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10 ““If a man commmits adultery with another man’s wife—with the wife of his neighbour—both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death. Leviticus 20:10

31 ““Do not accept a ransom for the life of a murderer, who deserves to die. They are to be put to death. Numbers 35:31

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¹² So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is
holy, righteous and good. Romans 7:12

⁷ What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”⁸ But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. Romans 7:7-8

10 They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

14 May these words of my mouth and this
meditation of my heart
be **pleasing** in your sight,
LORD, my **Rock** and my **Redeemer**.

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The **decrees** of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

The love of **Christ** is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The love of **Christ** is trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

The love of **Christ** is right,
giving joy to the heart.

The love of **Christ** is radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

The love of **Christ** is pure,
enduring forever.

The **love of Christ** is more precious than
gold,
 than much pure gold;
it is sweeter than honey,
 than honey from the honeycomb.

THE
WORD
BECAME
FLESH



- God's word in creation
- God's word in the bible
- **God's word on a Sunday morning sermon**

“What would you consider
a good sermon?”

11 By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great
reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;
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Then I will be blameless,
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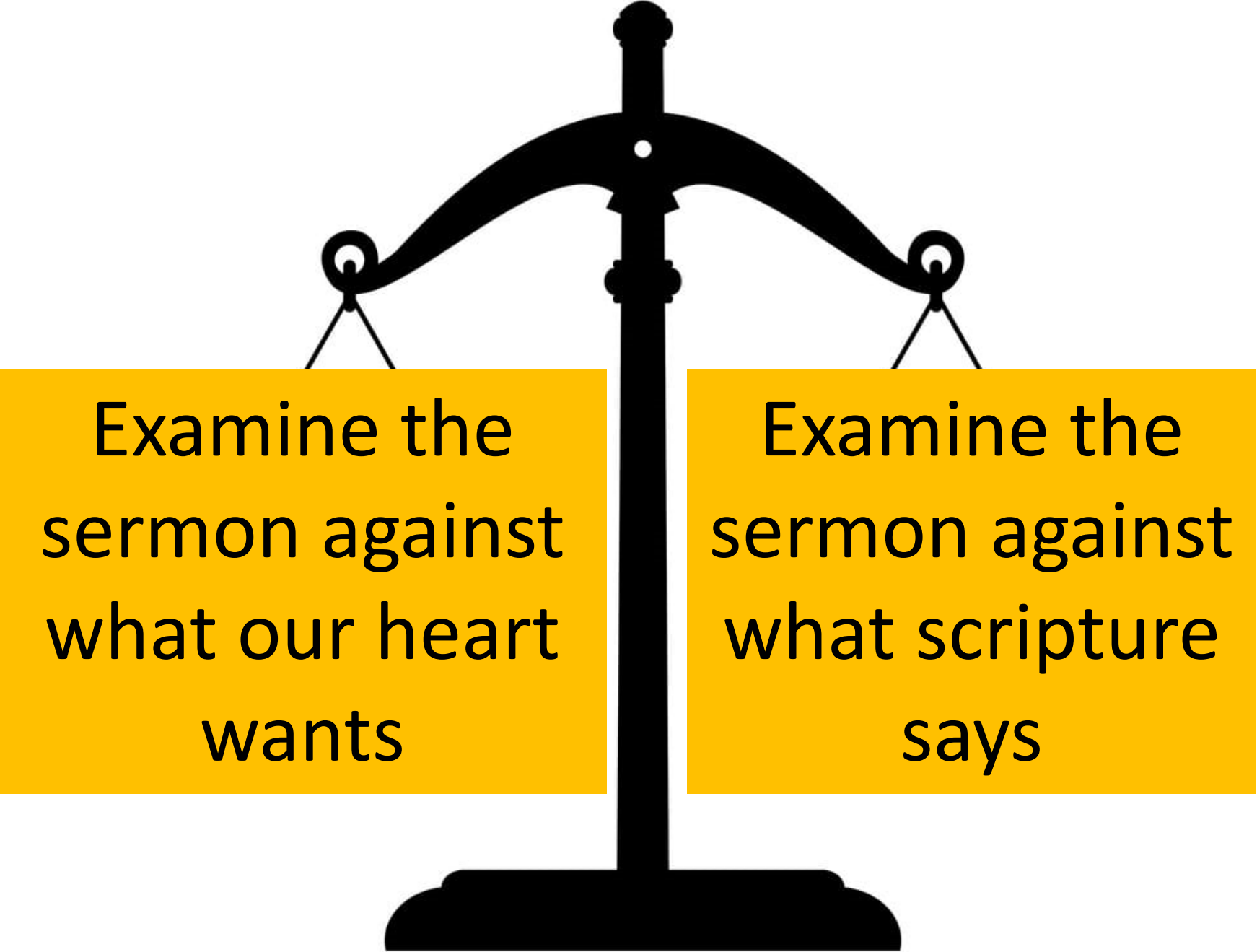
Prosper Through Prophetic Preaching

Sermon by
Joseph Prince



"God wants us to prosper financially, to have plenty of money, to fulfill the destiny He has laid out for us."

Joel Osteen



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- We often like to judge if the sermon is good or not
- What we don't often do is to *let the sermon sit in judgement over us*



Malaysia

REVIVAL MEETING

WITH APOSTLE DAVID

DAY 2





HOW NOT TO GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Apostle David
Poonyane*

“We often grieve over money.
We seldom grieve over our
sins”.

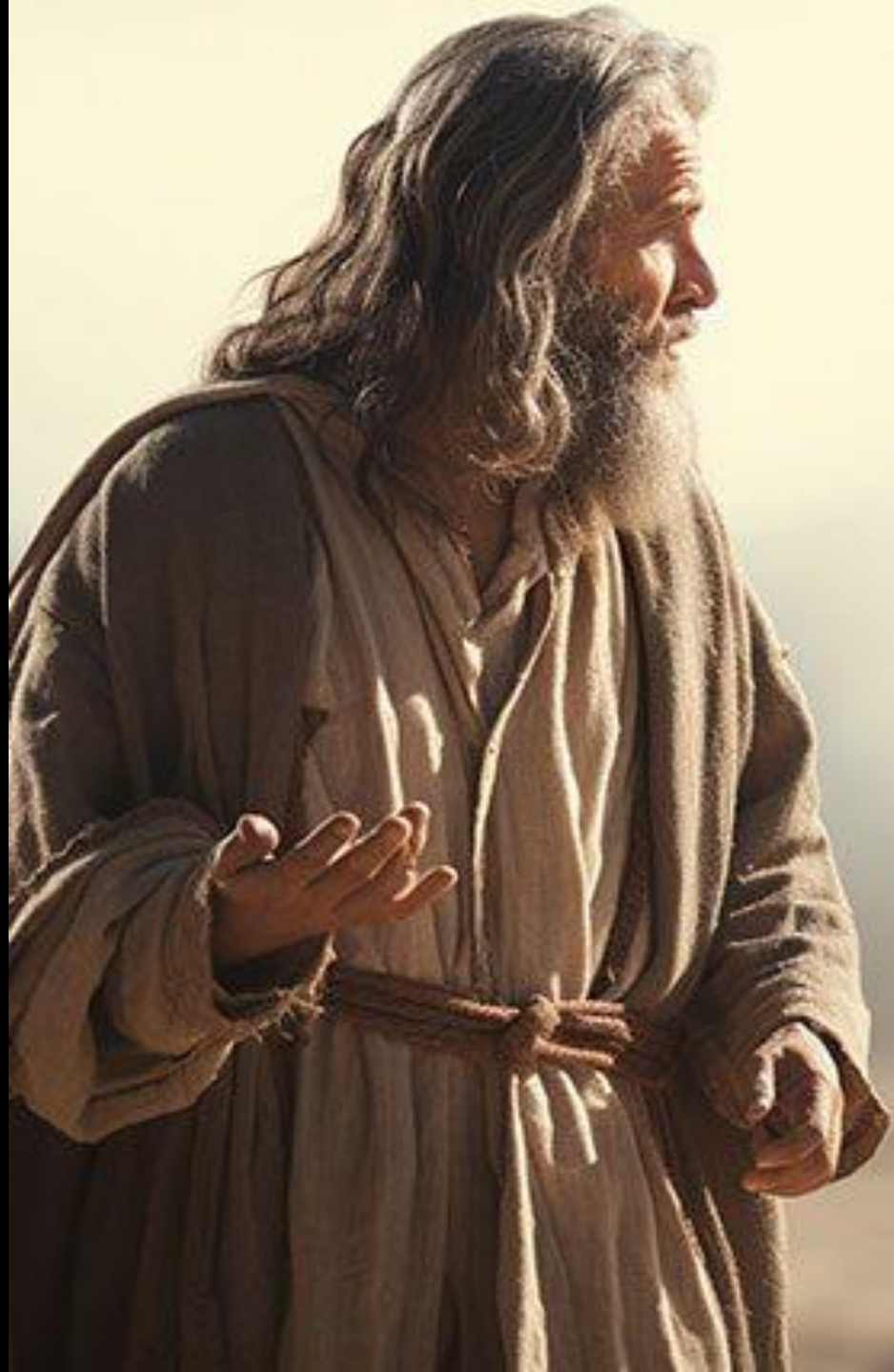
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A good sermon convicts you
of your sins and comforts
you with God's love and
grace



Don't focus on the jackass. Focus to discern if God is speaking through the jackass



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