

The Weight of the Nails

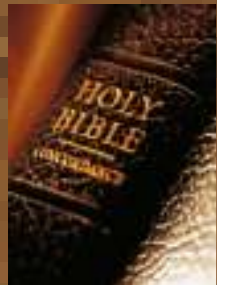
Psalm 139:1-6

GOD IS...

- Great, **Deut. 5:24**
- Good, **Ps. 33:5**
- Loving, **John 3:16**
- Holy, **1 Pet. 1:16**
- Perfect, **Matt. 5:48**
- Merciful, **Rom. 12:1**
- Invisible, **John 5:37**
- Glorious, **Ex. 15:11**
- Just, **Acts 10:34-35**
 - Omnipotent (All powerful), **Ps. 89:8**
 - Omniscient (Knows All), **Rom. 8:27**
 - Omnipresent (Everywhere), **Ps. 139:7-10**
 - Immutable (Changeless), **James 1:7**
- Gracious, **Ps. 84:11**
- Righteous, **Ps. 19:9**
- Longsuffering, **Rom. 15:5**
- Majestic, **Rev. 4:11**
- Generous, **Rom. 8:32**
- Compassionate, **Ps. 78:38**
- Kind, **Ps. 42:8**
- Wealthy, **Eccl. 5:19**
- Faithful, **1 Cor. 1:9**

Conciseness of Scripture

- **Amazing amount of detail in Scripture**
 - Detail many ignore...Readers Digest Version
- **God selected the very words**
 - **1 Corinthians 2:12-13**, *“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”*
 - **2 Timothy 3:16**, *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God...”* **(God breathed)**



Why All The Detail?

- Does a verse like **2 Chronicles 3:9** matter?

- *“And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold.”* (2 lbs. per nail)



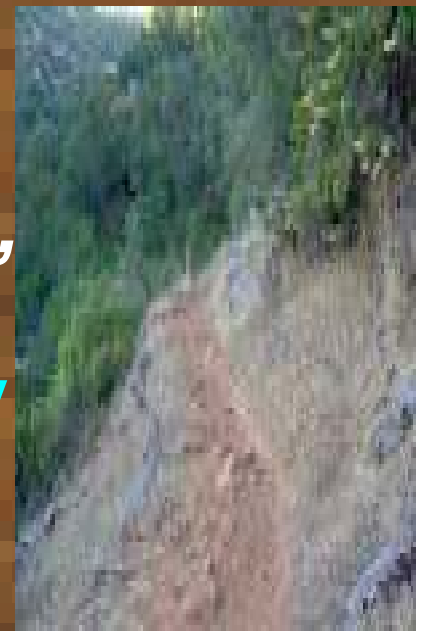
- God's always know what he was doing?

- **Romans 1:20**, *“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse”*

God's concern for detail is
never insignificant !

Details Provide Evidence

- **Luke 4:16**, *“he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.”*
- **Luke 4:31**, *“And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.”*
 - Nazareth & Capernaum very hilly
 - Nazareth elevation 1830 ft.
 - Capernaum elevation 1300 ft.
 - Difference 500 ft., 30 mile walk, down hill



Details Provide Comfort

- **“Take no thought for your life” (Matt. 6:25)**
 - **Matthew 6:25-26**, “...what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?...the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth
 - **Matthew 6:26-28**, “Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment?”
 - **Matthew 6:28-30**, The lilies of the field



Details Provide Comfort

- **Matthew 6:31-34**, *“Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”*



Details Provide Examples

- **Paul knew what it meant...**

- **To give all, 2 Corinthians 12:15**, *“I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more ...I love you, the less I be loved.”*

- **To be steadfast till the end, 2 Timothy 4: 7**, *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith”*

- **To have only the Lord at his side, 2 Timothy 4:16**, *“no man stood with me, but all men forsook me... Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me”*



Details Provide Examples

- **Paul knew what it was like...**

- **To suffer hardship, 2 Corinthians, 11:23-27,**
“in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters...robbers... Countrymen ... heathen...the city...the wilderness...the sea... false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.”

Details, Details, Details

Why is two pounds of gold nails in the construction of the inner sanctuary of the temple important?

I DON'T KNOW!

Perhaps Several Reasons !

Don't Discount What Seems To Be Trivial Information In Scripture!

Appreciate The Richness That God's Word Brings Too Our Lives !