

# Three Greatest Blessings, That Can Be Found Only in the Bible

Proverbs 22:17-21

*“We lost our salvation and all our happiness by the ear, and we must come to it by the ear again. Adam, by hearkening to Eve, and Eve to the serpent, lost all; and we must recover salvation therefore by the ear. As we have heard, so we shall see. We must first hear, and then see. Life cometh in at the ear as well as death. Faith, you know, is the quickening of a Christian, the spiritual life of a Christian. Now, faith comes by hearing; and therefore I beseech you set aside prejudice, and meekly attend God’s ordinances. Do not consider who we are; we are but poor ministers, frail men as yourselves. But consider the Lord, that is pleased to convey life, and salvation, and grace, and whatsoever is fit to bring to heaven, this way.”* **Richard Sibbes**

## I. Satisfaction

**Proverbs 22:18** For it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.

*“If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world [something supernatural and eternal].”* **C.S. Lewis**

**1 John 2:16-17** For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

## II. Hope

**Proverbs 22:19** That your trust may be in the Lord, I have made them known to you today, even to you.

## III. Conviction

**Proverbs 22:20-21** “Have I not written for you thirty sayings of counsel and knowledge, to make you know what is right and true, that you may give a true answer to those who sent you?”

*“If I were the devil, one of my first aims would be to stop people from digging into the Bible. Knowing that it is the Word of God, teaching people to know and love and serve the God of the Word, I should do all I could to surround it with the spiritual equivalent of pits, thorn hedges and traps, to frighten people off. At all costs, I should want to keep them from using their minds in a disciplined way to get the fullness of its message.”* **J.I. Packer**