

In Praise of The Word of God --Psalm 119

Psalm 119:73-80

Introduction To The 119th Psalm

- The longest psalm.
- The longest chapter in the Bible.
- An inspired treatise in praise of the word of God – The Bible.
 - Refers to the word of God in all but five verses (84, 90, 121, 122, 132)
 - The psalmist uses 10 different words, all referring to the word of God. Each of these gives it a slightly different emphasis. (law, way, statutes, commandments, testimonies, precepts, judgments, etc.)
- The acrostic, literary form of Psalm 119.
- The inspired writer tells us what the proper response to the word of God is:
 - Desire it. 119:20** → I desperately long to know your regulations at all times. (NET)
 - Love it. 119:47** → And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. **119:127** → Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.
 - Meditate on it. 119:15** → I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.
 - Store it. 119:11** → In my heart I store up your words, so I might not sin against you. (NET)
 - Obey it. 119:34** → Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law...observe it with my whole heart. (cf. 30,13)
- Lesson: The 119th psalm tells us what the effect the proper response to the word of God will produce in our lives.

Discussion: What Will The Word of God Do In My Life?

- It will bless me if I walk in it and keep it. (119:1-2)
 - Those who are happy in the truest, deepest, most meaningful and lasting sense are those who respect and obey the word of God.
 - True happiness not found in money, things, self-centeredness, worldly popularity, etc.
 - Why will the word of God bless me? (I Tim. 4:8; Jn. 6:68; Rom. 1:16; Jn. 12:48)
- It will help me to live and keep my life pure. (119:9)
 - The necessity of living a pure life. (Ps. 24:3-4; I Jn. 3:1-2)
 - In the face and obstacle of an evil world. (Phil. 2:15)
 - If...
 - ...I hide it in my heart. (119:11)
 - ...I meditate on it. (119:15)
 - ...I delight in it. (119:16)
 - It enjoins pure thinking (Phil. 4:8), which leads to a pure life. (Matt. 15:16-20)
 - Leads to forgiveness when I sin. (I Jn. 1:8ff)
- It will show me marvelous things. (119:18)
 - If I desire the word of God. (119:20)
 - If I delight in the word of God. (119:24)
 - In the word of God, I learn wonderful spiritual truths that I can learn nowhere else:
 - I am created by God in His image. (Gen. 1:27-28)
 - I learn of the wonderful works of God. (Judges 2:10)
 - I learn of the wonderful love of God. (Jn. 3:16)
 - I have a soul. (Matt. 10:28)
 - I learn that I have an eternal destiny. (Matt. 25:46)
- It will revive and strengthen me and fill my heart with joy. (119:25,28)
 - The word of God is living, relevant; it makes us alive. (Heb. 4:11-12)
 - Acts 20:32 → God's word is able to build us up...
 - Eph. 6:10 → Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
 - II Cor. 4:16 → The inward man is renewed day by day...(Rom. 12:1-2)
 - But we must...
 - Choose the way of truth. (v-30)

- Stick to the testimonies. (v-31)
- Run the way of God's commandments. (v-32)

- It will give me understanding, which leads to whole-hearted service. (Ps. 119:34,130; 104-105, 144)

- Service to God not a better felt than told experience, but to be according to his revelation, the pattern. (Jn. 4:24; Heb. 8:5)

- We can't obey what we don't understand. (Ps. 119:33-34; Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)

- We can't teach what we don't know. (Ps. 119:46,172)

- We can understand the will of God. (Eph. 3:3-5; 5:17; Jn. 7:17; Matt. 13:15)

- Trust in God's word will enable me to answer others. (Ps. 119:42; I Pet. 3:15)

- The word of God will provide me with hope. (Ps. 119:49; Heb. 11:1)

- The word of God will cause me to be grateful to God. (Ps. 119:62)

- The word of God will help me to see the benefits of afflictions. (Ps. 119:65,67,71)

- The word of God is my instruction book from earth to heaven. (Ps. 119:73)

- The word of God tells me about salvation, hope, and the God of judgment. (Ps. 119:81,84,88)