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PSALM 119

The Power of God's Word

ROMANS 15:4

*For whatever was written
in earlier times
was written for our instruction,
so that through perseverance
and the encouragement
of the Scriptures
we might have hope.*

GOD'S WORD

- The Law (*Torah*): Instruction, teaching; especially “The Law” as a whole (119:1)
- Testimony (Ed, Edah): Always used in reference to the testimony of God. Usually connected with the Tabernacle. Sometimes stands alone to refer to the ark of God. Warning, admonition, especially of the 10 Commandments, divine legislation; to say again and again or affirm (119:2)

GOD'S WORD

- Way (*Derek*): a road; figuratively, a course of life or mode of action (119:3)
- Precepts (*Piqqudim*): Always used in the plural; responsibilities God places on people. Used only in Psalms (119:4)
- Statute (*Choq*): Something decreed, prescribed; usually positive statutes or tasks; institutions of religious and civil polity. Used also of privileges and duties (119:5, 8)

GOD'S WORD

- Commandment (*Mitzvah*): A command, especially of God; often contains the idea of something that is prohibited (119:6, 10)
- Ordinance (*Mishpat*): Something to which penalties were attached; divine judgment, right, privilege, verdict, regulation; rule, just decrees, sometimes translated *judgment* (119:7)

GOD'S WORD

- Word (*Dabar*): Word, saying, talking; used especially of The Ten Commandments because they were literally spoken out loud by God (119:9)
- Word (*Imra; Emrah*): utterance, answer, speech, word, saying, promise (119:11)

PSALM 119:122

- Be surety for Your servant for good; Do not let the arrogant oppress me (NASB).
- Guarantee your servant's well-being; do not let the arrogant oppress me (CSB).

DELIGHT IN GOD'S WORD

- I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,
As much as in all riches
(Ps. 119:14; cf. v.72).
- I shall delight in Your statutes;
I shall not forget Your word
(Ps. 119:16).

LOVE FOR GOD & HIS WORD

- Turn to me and be gracious to me,
After Your manner with those who love
Your name (Ps. 119:132).
- How blessed are those who observe
His testimonies,
Who seek Him with all their heart
(Ps. 119:2).

AWE FOR GOD'S WORD

- Princes persecute me without cause,
But my heart stands in awe of Your
words (Ps. 119:161).
- My flesh trembles for fear of You,
And I am afraid of Your judgments
(Ps. 119:120).

GOD'S WORD IS

- righteous (7, 75, 123, 138, 144, 172)
- dependable (86, 142, 151, 160)
- forever (89-90, 152)

GOD'S WORD GIVES

- Wisdom (19:8; 119:98)
- Joy (19:8)
- Understanding (19:8; 119:100, 130)
- Warning (19:11)
- Counsel (119:28)
- Strength (119:28)

GOD'S WORD GIVES

- Reverence for God (119:38)
- Life (119:50, 93)
- Liberty (119:45)
- Comfort (119:50, 92)
- Guidance (119:130)
- Peace (119:165)

ACROSTIC

- In English, a short poem or saying in which the first letters of the lines form a word, a name, or a sentence
- God's
- Righteousness
- At
- Christ's
- Expense

ACROSTIC

- In Hebrew, poetic sections of Scripture in which every verse begins with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
- In Psalm 119, all 22 letters appear in order. In each 8-verse section, every verse begins with the same Hebrew letter.
- Other acrostic passages: Psalms 25, 34, 37, 111, 112, 145; Prov. 31:10-31; Lam.1-4

HEBREW ALPHABET—22 LETTERS

Read right to left.
Some have 2 forms.



SURPRISING LAST VERSE

*I have gone astray
like a lost sheep;
seek Your servant,
For I do not forget
Your commandments.
Psalm 119:176*

WHEN DID HE GO ASTRAY?

- Before I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Your word (Ps. 119:67).
- The wicked have laid a snare for me,
Yet I have not gone astray from Your
precepts (Ps. 119:110).

WHY END THIS WAY?

- He's aware of his sinfulness and of the fact
that he can still go astray.
- He's begging God to seek him in such a
case.
- He's still God's servant.
- He's also pledging not to forget God's
commandments.

Isaiah 53:6

*All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned
to his own way;
But the LORD has caused
the iniquity of us all
To fall on Him.*

Jesus said:

*"My sheep hear My voice, and I
know them, and they follow Me;
and I give eternal life to them, and
they will never perish; and no one
will snatch them out of My hand."
John 10:27-28*

1 John 1:9

*If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us
from all unrighteousness.*

Romans 10:13

*For whoever calls on the name
of the LORD shall be saved.*

*Take God at His Word.
He has spoken.
Trust Him!*