

## PSALM 119

### ***THE EXCELLENCIES OF THE WORD OF GOD (Part 2)***

#### Introduction

- 1) In our prior study we prepared to meditate on the wonderful qualities of the law/word/precepts/statutes/commandments/testimonies of God as described in **Psalm 119**
- 2) We will continue that study as we consider **vv. 57-120**

#### **I) Vv. 57-64 – Faithful Service and Companionship**

- A) v. 59 – think before you act – turn feet to God’s direction (Prov. 4:26-27)
- B) v. 60 – do not linger, but make haste to obey God’s word (Gen. 19:16)
- C) v. 62 – God is always available, even at midnight! (Acts 16:25)
- D) v. 63 – companionship/fellowship with faithful brethren (Psa. 133:1)

#### **II) Vv. 65-72 – Good Tastes and the Help of Sufferings**

- A) v. 66 – good judgment – good “taste” [spiritual discrimination] (Heb. 5:14)
- B) v. 67 – without troubles we can lose focus and become spiritually lazy
- C) v. 71 – suffering drives one to God and His wisdom (Jas. 1:2-3)
- D) v. 72 – priority of God’s word – not “book-worship,” but the law of God is based on the goodness of God Himself

#### **III) Vv. 73-80 – God Knows Best**

- A) v. 73 – God is our Creator – highest, supreme, majestic, perfect, loving
- B) v. 75 – God knows what is best for us; allows affliction with strength to bear it
- C) vv. 76-77 – source of all kindness and mercy toward man

#### **IV) Vv. 81-88 – Our Stability**

- A) v. 81 – our soul faints [longs] for God’s salvation (Psa. 84:2); sustains us (Acts 20:32)
- B) vv. 84-88 – stability in the midst of uncertainty and danger – absolute truth and hope

#### **V) Vv. 89-96 – Settled in Heaven**

- A) v. 89 – God’s word is settled in heaven forever (permanent divine authority)
- B) vv. 92-93 – pulls us through troubling times – hope, identify right vs. wrong

#### **VI) Vv. 97-104 – Avoiding and Hating Evil**

- A) v. 97 – emotion! Word of God demands careful study (Psa. 1:2; 1 Tim. 4:15)
  - 1) “all the day” – constant companion every moment in life (Deut. 6:7)
- B) vv. 98-100 – wiser than those of earthly wisdom [enemies, teachers, aged] (Lk. 10:21)
- C) v. 101 – our feet need to be restrained from evil ways – just say no!
- D) v. 102 – God teaches → we learn; not other way around
- E) v. 104 – must hate evil ways when understand and love true way (v. 128)

#### **VII) Vv. 105-112 – The Light for Our Path**

- A) v. 105 – the illuminated path – understanding of where we are going (v. 104)
- B) v. 106 – what the path is – God’s righteous judgments (Jn. 8:12)
- C) vv. 111-112 – lifelong commitment “to the very end” (Rev. 2:10)

#### **VIII) Vv. 113-120 – Single-mindedness**

- A) v. 113 – God hates the double-minded – two-way thinking (Jas. 1:6-8; 4:8b)
- B) vv. 114-117 – safety and hope in God’s word
- C) v. 120 – fear and trembling – reverence and respect for God’s judgments (1 Pet. 1:17)

*Next study: Vv. 121-176*