



Introduction:

Psalm 119 is at the “heart” of God’s Word, in the middle of the Bible. As we’ll see tonight, Psalm 119 is focused on a person’s love for the Word of God. It is vital for each of us to evaluate if we seek and love God and His Word with our whole heart, as is emphasized in Psalm 119. Is God’s Word on your mind when you get up? When you’re driving to work? When you’re winding down your day before bed? Are you teaching God’s Word to your kids? Are you speaking of God’s Word at home? Is God’s Word displayed in your house? Let us dive into God’s Word tonight in Psalm 119, and I pray that each of us would let God’s Word change us to truly seek God, and love Him as we ought.

Psalm 119 Overview:

- Theme: A person’s love for the Word of God
- The key chapter in the Bible concerning the Word of God
- Every verse (except a few), mentions the Word of God, such as Word, Law, Testimony, Judgements, Statutes, Commandments, Precepts, Ordinances, Ways, etc.
- Written in Acrostic form (Alphabetic Psalm)
 - Hebrew alphabet: 22 letters. Psalm 119 has 22 stanzas (8 verses each), correlated to alphabet, with each stanza beginning with the same letter (in Hebrew)
- Longest chapter in the Bible

Foundational Truths of God’s Word:

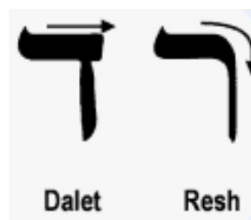
- Ps 119:130- The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.
- John 1:1; 2 Peter 1:15-21; 1 John 1:5

God’s Word Preserved:

- Ps 12: 6-7; Ps 119: 89-90, 140, 152, 160
- Every word matters!
 - Pro 30:5- Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.
 - Matt 5:18- For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.



Jot (jod)- Smallest letter in Hebrew alphabet.
Ps 119:73



Dalet

Resh

Tittle- a small pen stroke that distinguishes the letters dalet (deleth) and resh in the Hebrew alphabet.

Ps 119:25

Ps 119:153

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119:1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

- 2 Cor 5:21; Ps 119:105, 133

119:2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

- John 8:31,32; Ps 119:112; “whole heart” in the KJV in Psalm 119 (vs. 2, 10, 34, 58, 69, 145)

119:3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

- 1 Thess 2:13; 2 Cor 5:17; Ps 119:59, 67, 71, 101, 110

119:4 Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

- Deut 6:17, 11:13, 11:22; 2 Tim 2:15

119:5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

- Spiritual battle! Romans 7:15-25; 1 John 2:15-17

119:6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

- Ps 119:60, 80; Ro 1:16

119:7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

- Ps 119:64

119:8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

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119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

- 2 Tim 3:15-17

119:10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

- Ps 119:165

119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

- Luke 4:1-13

119:12 Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

- Ps 119:24, 33, 124, 135; 2 Tim 4:1-4

119:13 With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

- Acts 20:27

119:14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.

- Ps 119:72, 111, 127; Mk 10:17-22

119:15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

- Ps 119:97

119:16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

- Ps 119:47, 93; Deut 6:12

119:30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

- Ps 119:142, 151; Ps 117:2; John 3:16-21; John 3:36

Reflection:

Deuteronomy 6 tells God's people to "love the LORD thy God with all thine heart", which is directly correlated to having God's Word in your heart. I encourage you to continue to read Psalm 119, and fill your whole heart with God's Word, and live for Him daily!