

## The Bible our most Prized Possession Pt 2

### Psalm 119:1-8

- There is a beautiful truth about the Bible when you read it and that is, in the midst of all of man's failure you can clearly see God's triumph. Example: **Lk 23:18-25**- when man was given a choice whether to release Barabbas who was a trouble maker and a murderer or the Savior of the world what did those who supposedly had studied the scriptures, prayed and spent time with the Lord advise the people to do? To ask for Barabbas the murderer over Jesus our Savior.
- In **Lk 19:3-4**- a man climbs a tree just to get a glimpse of Jesus, **Mk2:4**, **Lk 5:19**- people cut holes in another families roof just to get closer to Him, others fought through crowds of people just so they could touch the hem of his garment, and yet when given a choice the people listened to jealous, envious false spiritual leaders and chose someone that if they saw walking down the street would close their businesses, lock up their homes, call their children in, over someone who earlier they would do almost anything to be near Him, folks don't ever trust your judgment.
- **Math 27:17-25**- they even risked putting a curse on their kids by their horrible choice in picking Barabbas over Jesus, today grandparents, parents, adults, do the same thing when they don't choose to follow Jesus despite all the wonderful things He has done for them but instead choose the path of Barabbas and encourage others to follow the same way even if it leads to their destruction. We are no different than the people in this story as we also are given a choice of whether we'll embrace a fleshly, ungodly Barabbas path or choose to be near and close to Jesus.
- Last week we talked about what the bible is (God's Word to man) and this week we'll see why it is so important to us. **1<sup>st</sup>** without God's Word we would be utterly lost > **Jer 10:23**- you and I are not created to adequately guide our own life without following God and His Word. Look around folks, the world is not getting better but worst, that's because less than **5%** of the world's population believe in the Bible, and less than **1%** actually try and attempt to live by it.
- Since man is incapable of guiding his own life what has God given to us to help us lead a healthy, Godly, and purposeful life? **Ps 119:105**- "**thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path**", Since God's Word is a lamp, the implication is we are in a world surrounded by (darkness) so we can't adequately see unless we have God's light which is His Word. Which brings us to "**feet**" we use our feet to make progress, and in order to make progress we must place our feet on solid ground or path, if we can't see where were going, then we'll place our feet on things that can't support us, causing us to fall, put ourselves in danger, and ultimately hurt ourselves.

- So the Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path, there are many paths that we can follow but what makes the path good is not how we feel about it but what God's Word says about it. If I am following scripture God tells me what a Godly relationship looks like according to His Word, what a spiritually and financially profitable job looks like, what a healthy practical decision looks like, for there is not **1** area of our lives where the Word of God cannot be applied.
- In **Ps 119:1-8** are some interesting points made about what the Word of God does for those who follow and keep it. What do you think is the number one goal people have for their lives? To be happy, people are trying anything and everything today in an effort to be happy, and yet at the very beginning of this Psalm God tells us how man can find happiness > by walking with the Word of God by his side, and by keeping the Word of God in his heart, it's that simple God says.
- Let's examine this for a moment, "**blessed**" means happy, and **V1** says "**happy**" are those who walk in the Law or Word of the Lord. Walking with God means to have Him and His Word side by side, it's your constant companion, you don't leave home without Him or it, it's what you go to for **direction, guidance, encouragement, hope**, and it is the final authority in your life. **V2** which is why the word "keep" or guard is in the next verse, because the Word of God is so precious to us the enemy is always trying to steal it or get us to forget it, so we need to protect it at all costs.
- How do we do that well the verse we "**keep**" it by placing it in our hearts; and that allows us to go after God and His ways and will with everything we have. Notice it says with a "**whole heart**" not half hearted, or cold hearted and lukewarm hearted, but with a "**whole heart**" we begin to seek after the things of God as they now have become the most important thing in our lives.
- **V3-8** says that not only does keeping God's Word please the Lord and make us happy but it also protects us from things that will make us sad like > sin **V3**, Shame **V6**, a crooked heart **V7**, and broken fellowship **V8**. These are the very things people are looking for answers to but they don't want to go to the place that will give them peace and that is the Word of God, this is where we come into play. People need to see and hear what Great things God is doing in our lives, we need not to be shy but vocal about how good the Lord is, as He has made us glad not sad Amen!