



## LESSONS FROM A KING

about a truth we all need to hear:

# How to Finally Have VICTORY Over SIN

Psalm 119 : 9 - 11

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• All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

• God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.

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## A. PSALM 119 - Overview

### Insights:

1. This Psalm was not written by King David—it was written by Ezra.
2. King David's Psalms are quoted in Psalm 119.
3. Brief Biblical History:  
*Following the Babylonian Captivity:*
  - Zerubbabel, in the first group to return to Jerusalem, rebuilt the temple.
  - Ezra, in the second group to return to Jerusalem, reestablished worship.
  - Nehemiah, in the third group to return, rebuilt the walls around the city.
4. Ezra basically sought to help the Israelites get *back on their feet* with God.
5. Ezra called the Jewish people back to a place of holiness in their lives.
6. Psalm is written on an acrostic of the Hebrew Alphabet.
7. Psalm 119 is the longest of any Psalm with 176 verses.
8. In these 176 verses, "God" and "Word" are both mentioned 176 times each.
9. God will use Psalm 119 today to renew your love for His Word.
10. The British Preacher Thomas Manton (circa early 1600s) preached 190 sermons—each lasting about two hours—over these 176 verses.

### Psalm 119 asks and answers a foundational question:

Question: "How can a young man keep his way pure?"

Answer: "By loving and obeying God's Word!"

### Dr. Roy Fish has a sermon on this passage:

Title: "Victory over Sin—once and for all."

Outline: (1) Heed the word, (2) Hide the Word, and (3) Herald the Word.

Quote: "Keep the best thing (God's Spirit/Word), in the best place (your heart/mind) for the best purpose (Our good/God's glory)."

## B. PSALM 119 - Study

### 1. Desire purity!

Psalm 119:9, NLT -<sup>9</sup> How\* can a young person stay pure?

Psalm 119:9, NCV -<sup>9</sup> How\* can a young person live a pure life?

Psalm 119:9, NKJV -<sup>9</sup> How\* can a young man cleanse his way?

\*Heb: מַה (meh) translated "how" is rhetorical—it *can't* happen.

### 2. Devour God's Word!

Psalm 119:9, NLT -<sup>9</sup> How can a young person stay pure? By obeying\* your word.

\*Heb: שָׁמַר (sha-mar) translated "obeying" means "to keep a treasure when found" or "to protect/value a valuable (life)" or "to devour a meal" when starving or emaciated.

### 3. Do God's Word!

Psalm 119:11, NKJV -<sup>11</sup> Your word I have hidden\* in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

\*Heb: צָקוּן (sa-fawn-tee) translated "hidden" means to "hoard," or "cherish" or "please the greatest value on something."

### 4. Depend on God's Power—not yours!

Psalm 119:10–11, NKJV -<sup>10</sup> **With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander\*** from Your commandments!

(Bold face added to stress this pivotal aspiration needed by every believer.)

\*Heb: שָׁגָה (shaw-gah) translated "wander" typically means "to stray" but in this form means don't "be ignorant" of His Word.

## C. PSALM 119 - Application

1. **Seek Divine Intimacy with God above all things.**
2. **Our sacred task is to ALWAYS be surrendering to God.**
3. **Identify your battles and chose your Sword.**
4. **Scripture memory is the basic discipline for every follower of Christ.**