

# Psalms 119:1-88 – 30 November 2025

## “How Far Can God’s Word Take Us?”

### Introduction

\*This is 5<sup>th</sup> of about 12 messages in the 5<sup>th</sup> & final Book of Psalms

\*Psalm 119 is entirely about God’s Word and it uses many nuanced words to describe God’s principles to us – Let’s look at a few of them

\*Law: *torah* – to teach or direct

\*Word: *dabar* – the spoken word

\*Judgements: *mispatim* – to determine or discern

\*Testimonies: *edut* – to witness or obey

\*Commandments: *miswah* – have authority to say

\*Statutes: *huqqim* – engrave/ inscribe, written word

\*Precepts: *piqqudim* – specific instructions

\*Word: *imrah* – any general word

\*Each of these are used 19-25 times

\*But how do we properly utilize God’s Word?

**\*Today, we’ll see 3 ways to do just that**

# **#1: God's Word has the power to change our very nature (Psm 119:1-32)**

Read Psm 119:1-2

1. This isn't a command to follow the Lord, it simply expresses the joy of doing so
  - a. To follow God is to follow His Word
  - b. Oh the blessing of living IAW God's Word
2. Notice the all or nothing attitude; the blessed are those who follow with their whole heart

Read Vs 3

1. James: can a fountain to send sweet & bitter water
2. Our heart is either born again seeking godliness or it's not
3. We live for God or we're ignoring His call

Read Vs 4-8

1. What a great acknowledgement that we cannot keep God's ways perfectly
2. Praise God we can ask the H.S to do vs 5 in us

## Read Vs 9-12

1. Notice the fullness of these words, ‘cleansing’, ‘pure’, ‘whole heart’
  - a. God’s Word will lead us only ever to good
2. The Word keep the sin away, but it’s the Holy Spirit that empowers us to not stray from it
3. Sin will keep you from the Bible, but the Bible will keep you from sin

## Read Vs 13-16

1. How to we allow the Word to purify us?
  - a. Treasure it in our hearts, Speak it w/ our lips
  - b. Meditate on it w/ our minds, Enjoy it in our spirit

## Read Vs 17-20

1. What a wonderful prayer to ask God each time before looking into His Word
2. Open my eyes to see wonderous things about You God
3. Now Jesus told us just how effective this prayer is in (Read) Matt 5:6

## Read Vs 21-24

1. We come away different after being in the Word
  - a. We receive strength & wisdom for living
2. Reminds me of Daniel who went to pray knowing others were watching him, to entrap him

## Read Vs 25-28

1. We can bring our distress & trouble to the Lord thru His Word & He'll meet us there
2. Notice he told all "his ways", he confessed all
3. We need to read w/ a mind to agree with it

## Read Vs 29-32

1. There an earnest seeking of God here
2. A clear ask for God to change him
  - a. Some apply face cream, some apply sports practice, we all apply food
  - b. But the goal of it all is that we'd be changed
  - c. Apply God's Word in such a way that we would be changed

## **#2: The Holy Spirit Discerns the Word to bring answers & hope (Psm 119:33-56)**

Read Psm 119:33-35

1. Train me, discipline me to be in Your Word
2. We can have the Word, but still need the H.S.  
to motivate us to be in it & b/c it's a spiritual matter

Read Vs 36-37

1. Have the H.S. do His work in my heart
2. Fred & Martha at church
  - a. On way home, Martha talks of all the things that distracted her, Fred tells of all he learned
  - b. It's a matter of submission to the Spirit

Read Vs 38-40

1. Being in the Word brings us reverence for God
  - a. It removes reproach which is shame
  - b. God wants to replace our disgrace, w/ grace
  - c. He wants to replace our fear, w/ faith

Read Vs 41-42

1. Your Word gives me answers to my enemies
2. We answer common questions of my culture

## Read Vs 43-45

1. We receive answers to many circumstances
2. The Word applies to all of life's questions

## Read Vs 46-48

1. So confidently bring the Scriptures into all the situations that you face
2. Read I Pet 3:15 – Get ready to help people

## Read Vs 49-50

1. God has promised that good things are coming
2. We hold this truth in difficult times

## Read Vs 51-52

1. This hope in God's promises enables us to continue w/o deviating into trusting the world

## Read Vs 53-56

1. Psalmist knows there's a difference between him and the worldly one - & he's good with that
2. We can be in our own world w/ Christ while surrounded by unbelievers – yet with great joy

### **#3: The Individual becomes active within God's protective home (Psm 119:57-88)**

Read Psm 119:57-60

1. Portion is the idea of inheritance
  - a. This really gives the imagery of the Prodigal Son in the pigpen longing for home
2. With options of where to go, we've turned our feet toward God's land, toward God's Word
  - a. Speaks of setting God's place & presence
3. Goal of coming to God's portion is to do His will

Read Vs 61-64

1. There is the pull of the world and the choice to stay close to godly people
  - a. Though the world allures, we don't forget God's way
  - b. We're intentional to surround ourselves with godly habits and godly people

Read Vs 65-68

1. God's Word has that corrective work within it
  - a. When restored from rebellion, we see it's good

2. Not only is the Lord good by nature, but also by activity
3. The Word is what leads us into His good path that will keep us from going astray again

Read Vs 69-72

1. We want to learn by hearing the Word, but there is learning by experience
2. In the cases that we have to learn by experience, it leaves us with unmistakable results
  - a. We should NEVER do that again!

Read Vs 73-75

1. If God made us in the first place, makes sense that He has the ability to mold us to hear His Word
2. Remember: God is the Potter & we're the clay

Read Vs 76-80

1. Requesting for self, enemies, & others
  - a. Self: Mercy & compassion
  - b. Enemies: Be ashamed or be denied desires
  - c. Believers: Return or come in closer



2. God knows how to change things
3. We should come to God's Word seeking for the Lord to act and change things

Read Vs 81-82

1. He longs for God to work in him thru His Word
2. We come to the Word, so that the Word can speak
  - a. The Word will afflict the comfortable, but it will also comfort the afflicted

Read Vs 83-87a

1. God please perform your Word & establish justice by removing these arrogant liars

Read Vs 87b-88

1. God's Word came from God's mouth
  - a. There's a direct link between the Bible we hold & God Himself
2. Notice the Psalmist knows that the very purpose of being revived is to go forward & live for the Lord

## Conclusion

So here's your challenge for the next few days

1. **Study God's Word with understanding that it has the power to change our very character**
2. **Ask God to activate the Holy Spirit within you to discern the answers & hope you need**
3. **Stay there! Believing that God's Word & His ways are ALL that we need & it's our protection**