

# **Psalms 119:89-176 – 7 December 2025**

## **“The Purpose Of God’s Word”**

### Introduction

\*This is 6<sup>th</sup> of about 12 messages in the 5<sup>th</sup> & final Book of Psalms

\*In the 1<sup>st</sup> half of Psm 119, we determined 3 things:

\*The Word has the power to change our very nature

\*But it’s the Holy Spirit that’s needed to discern the Word bringing answers and hope

\*So the individual has to choose to abide in it

\*Today we push deep into determining the character and purpose for God’s Word to be used in our lives

**\*Today, we’ll see 3 intended uses for God’s Word**

**#1: It’s powerful for wisdom to light the way (Psm 119:89-112)**

Read Psm 119:89-91

1. Purpose of the whole universe was established in the beginning when God spoke it into existence

2. It's by Jesus that they're held together in order to this day (Read Col 1:16-17)

Read Vs 92-94

1. Psalmist saw in God's Law, the God whose Word established creation & it brought him out from under the afflictions of this world
2. When we see the grand nature of God & His universe, it makes our problems become small & manageable for God
  - a. Read Psm 8:3-4 – We're insignificant, yet God has ascribed significance to us by grace

Read Vs 95-96

1. Psalmist has sensed the utmost part of God's creation & yet sees God's Law, His Word as much broader & wider than even creation
2. There is nothing that a wicked man inside this creation could do to us that could prevail over God's Word

## Read Vs 97-100

1. The Word's sweet counsel makes one wiser than enemies, the teachers & the elder generation
2. The Word is always with me when I meditate on them and do them
3. We have access to all things for life & godliness

## Read Vs 101-104

1. It is sweet & pleasant to receive its counsel
  - a. When it's such a delight to come to the Word, why would we go off course into worldly temporary pleasure
2. We can receive instruction straight from God, why go another direction
  - a. In John 6 as Jesus' instructions to the people seemed difficult, many began to leave
  - b. Jesus asked the 12 if they would leave also
  - c. Peter responded, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life'

## Read Vs 105-109

1. God's Word lights our way one step at a time

2. Walking thru affliction is one step at a time
  - a. This is life pleasing to God, lived by faith
3. Slow deliberate progress is the best growth
  - a. God told Israel how they would conquer the promised land in (Read) Deut 7:22
  - b. Quick change would bring a whole other set of troubles we don't want

Read Vs 110-112

1. If we step in the direction of the world, we'll find it to be a snare & trap
2. If we step toward God, which is harder to do, we'll always find it to be a cause of rejoicing

**#2: It's pure for bringing eternal security (Psm 119:113-144)**

Read Psm 119:113-115

1. Living in the world, there is always doubt of what we'll receive from them

- a. James tells us the double-minded are unstable in all their ways
- 2. As we're abiding under the shadow of God's wing, there is expectation of consistent protection

Read Vs 116-117

- 1. The Lord has given us eternal life & as John 10:28 says, no one can pluck us from His hand
  - a. He sustains and holds us up to both will & do what pleases Him
  - b. He has given us an eternal security

Read Vs 118-120

- 1. The Lord will sit in judgement over every life & will divide the redeemed from the disobedient
- 2. This awesome power alone is reason to revere God
  - a. Now if you're still sitting in your sin, you think there's something wrong with this idea
  - b. If you've been saved at the cross, you see the judgement coming & rejoice, falling in love w/ the Lord, His Word & His ways

## Read Vs 121-123

1. This isn't a claim of sinless perfection, but the claim that he's driven to do what his Master wants
2. A slave should expect his master to keep him within his control
  - a. Slave to sin & the devil? He'll keep you there
  - b. Slave to the Lord, He will keep you there

## Read Vs 124-126

1. It's in a slave-master's best interests to protect his slaves from outside attack
2. But notice our Master is loving & merciful
3. God shows His love & mercy toward us by teaching us

## Read Vs 127-128

1. We need to develop a hatred for the selfish, lying ways of our flesh and the world
2. Do you see the value in following God's ways
3. Don't wait until the consequences of going the way of the flesh before we begin to value God's ways

## Read Vs 129-131

1. No matter the luminescence of a room, when you turn up the light, it always reveals more
2. As we consume more of the Word, more is always revealed

## Read Vs 132-136

1. He depended on the Lord even to be taught the depths of what the Word is saying
2. It saddens him that others don't have the same desire to know God thru His Word

## Read Vs 137-139

1. Do you ever get frustrated when people lie, cheat, gossip, & otherwise become hateful?
  - a. It's b/c they've departed from God's Word

## Read Vs 140-142

1. God truth is every Word of God
  - a. Bible isn't a seabed of oysters that we must work thru to find the valuable parts, the pearls
  - b. Bible is pure like a seabed of only pearls!

Read Vs 143-144

1. We can trust that every time we come to these pearls, we can find understanding & delight
2. The Lord has the answers to our circumstances

### **#3: It's perfect for producing the fruit of the Spirit (Psm 119:145-176)**

Read Psm 119:145-148

1. Psalmist is eagerly waiting for God's Word
2. He doesn't give up or depart, but waits eagerly

Read Vs 149-152

1. The Word gives the means to draw near to God
2. It's in that drawing near process that we are energized and established in strength

Read Vs 153-155

1. Salvation is found as we seek God in His Word
2. Notice the choice is constantly given
  - a. Will you seek Him thru His Word or will you be among the wicked

## Read Vs 156-160

1. With the choice to abandon God before him, he chooses endurance, he chooses to trust God
2. Though there is much trouble in the world, there is much relief in Christ Jesus
3. We understand that those “who wait on the Lord shall renew your strength”, you shall find life

## Read Vs 161-164

1. I do not fear men who would attack me for walking in your ways
2. It's a joy to live for the Lord b/c we find in it great treasure

## Read Vs 165-168

1. As the Holy Spirit produces His life within us, we develop this treasure, this peace
  - a. It doesn't come overnight
2. It's when we're acting by the fruit of the Spirit that we can affect others
  - a. My Mrs. Pyne had this peace from being w/ God in His Word & it changes me

## Read Vs 169-172

1. The intent to receive from the Lord, is to go use what the Lord has given
2. What is something from Psalm 119 that you've gained, that you intend to put into action

## Read Vs 173-176

1. After writing this entire Psalm desiring to know God thru His Word, he ends w/ humility
2. As much as we want to run after God and catch Him, we have a long way to go
3. God help us even to work the will within us to pursue Him daily

## Conclusion

So what are we to use the Word for?

1. For wisdom to light the way – It's powerful!
2. For bring eternal security – It's pure!
3. For producing the fruit of the H.S. – It's perfect!