

Cultivating a Love for God's Word / Wednesday Night Study / OCT 22nd, 2025

Psalms 119 (selected verses)

So why do we struggle to read God's Word ?

- Lack of Discipline - Time management - Conflicting Priorities - Lack of Understanding - Fear of conviction - Ignorance - Doubt (*"Did God actually say,...?"* from Genesis 3:1; Satan questioning the word of God and the integrity of God).
- Sinful flesh / Sin nature / Shame (*Adam hides himself from the presence of God*)

Cultivating a Love for God's Word begins with...

I. **Having a Love for God** (Psalm 119:1-2) /

- A. If you Love God, then you will Love his Word / The two go Hand in hand.
- B. A fruit of having a relationship with God, through faith in Jesus.
 1. This is a Changed desire
 2. 1 Corinthians 12:3 - *...no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.*
- C. Loving the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.
 1. Psalm 63:1 - O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
 2. Ps. 119:10 - *With my whole heart I seek you...*
 3. 2 Kings 10:31 - *But Jehu was not careful to walk in the law of the LORD, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He did not turn from the sins of Jeroboam...*
 4. 2 Chronicles 25:1-2 - *Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign...in Jerusalem...[2] And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, yet not with a whole heart.*

Cultivate a Love for God's word by...

II. **Desiring to Know God through His Word** (Ps. 119:4-7)

- A. To Grow in Understanding, w/ diligence
- B. Know the Purpose for God's Word
 1. It Reveals who God is
 2. It Reveals God's Will
 3. It reveals to us that Salvation is through Christ alone!
 4. It redirects our focus onto our Lord and leads us to praise.
 - a) **2 Timothy 3:16** - *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,*
 - (1) **Teaching:** So that we know the Truth - to know what we ought to believe and rightly believe
 - (2) **Rebuke:** For when we stray from or disobey the truth
 - (3) **Correction:** To guide us back with truth (in love)
 - (4) **Training in Righteousness:** To help us grow in truth [So that we are equipped for ever good work that God has prepared for us in Christ Jesus (2 Tim.3:17 / Eph.2:10)]
 - b) John 17:17 - *Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.*
- C. **Hebrews 4:16** - Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

III. **Treasuring God's Word** (Ps. 119:9-16)

Psalms 119:72 - *The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.*

- A. Value what the Lord says.
 - 1. What we value is what we prioritize.
 - 2. Let it be what you talk about - let it be what you meditate upon.
- B. Not only something to be admired on Sunday morning rather something we cannot function without!
 - 1. Deuteronomy 8:3 - *...know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.*
 - 2. Psalm 19:10 - *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.*

IV. **Choosing to Live by God's Word** (Ps. 119:24, 103-105 & 129)

- A. Because He has given us wisdom
- B. Because He is Our Authority, we submit to Him, and His will.
 - 1. What He says is final.
 - 2. It is my filter for all of life / The foundation for my worldview
 - a) Matthew 7:24 - *"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock..."*.
 - 3. It is real / the Lord speaks into my everyday situations by his word!
 - 4. It guides me. The Holy Spirit uses scripture to transform my life!
- C. Because they are wonderful. What is more beautiful than a command like "love one another as I have loved you" why would we not comply with that? Because we wrestle with our flesh, and the self-love we all default to.

V. **Viewing Devotional Time Rightly - Getting to Meet with Jesus Everyday** (Ps. 119:174 & 176)

- A. Through prayer / reading God's word relying on the Spirit's power.
- B. His grace is there, even in our inconsistency.
 - 1. **Lamentations 3:22-23** - *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; [23] they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*
- C. Everyday is a chance to hear from the Lord, and be reminded of his gospel.
 - Ps. 119:174 - *I long for your salvation* (the Hebrew "YeShewa" / Joshua / Jesus)
 - Matthew 1:21 - *She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*

Psalm 119:97 - *Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.*