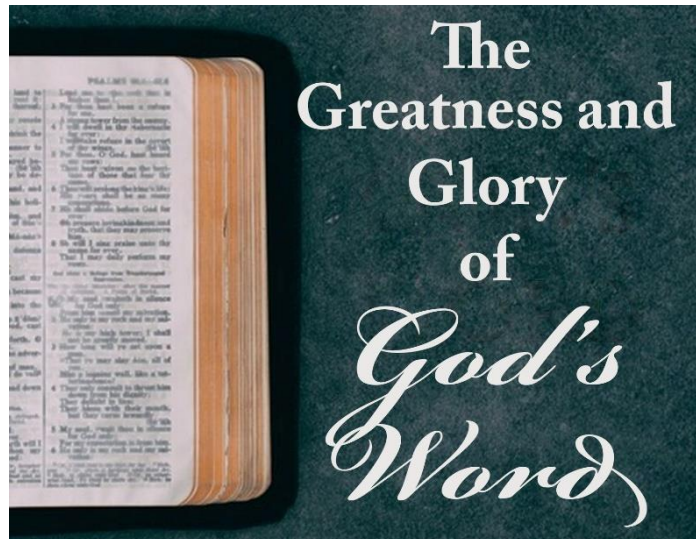




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Psalm 119

I. WHY SHOULD WE TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE WORD OF GOD?

- a) God's word is a Source of TRUTH.
 - i. Pilate to Jesus – What is truth? (John 18:38)
 - ii. Jesus to Father God – “Your Word is Truth.” (John 17:17)
 - iii. Ps 119:30 – I have chosen the way of Truth.
(Daniel 12:4/Psalm 119:89)
- b) God's Word is a Source of GLADNESS
(Ps 119:54/Luke 11:28/1 John 1:4)
- c) God's Word is a source of VICTORY.
(Psalm 119:45/Ephesians 6:17)
- d) God's Word is a source of GROWTH.
(Ps 119:32/1 Peter 2:2/Job 23:12)
- e) The Word of God is a source of POWER.
(Ps 119:25/Psalm 119:28/Hebrews 4:12)
- f) God's Word is a Source of GUIDANCE
(Psalm 119:105)

God's will for us all:

- i. To be Saved (2 Peter 3:9)
- ii. To be Sanctified (1 Thess 4:3)
- iii. To be Spirit-filled (Eph 5:17-19)

II. FIVE STEPS TO HELP BETTER UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD

a) PRAY

(Psalm 119:12/Psalm 119:18)

When you do this...

1. Your heart will be stirred. (Psalm 119:36)
2. Your mind will be Enlightened (Psalm 119:73)

b) PONDER

(Ps 119:15/Psalm 119:23/Psalm 119:97/Psalm 1:2/Psalm 119:127/Psalm 119:147-148/Luke 2:19)

c) PRACTICE

(Ps 119:167-168/James 1:22/John 14:21)

d) PROCLAIM

(Ps 119:13/Psalm 119:46/Psalm 119 172)

e) PERSONALIZE

(Ps 119:135/Psalm 119:11)

Christ is the OLD concealed, Christ is in the NEW revealed.

“LORD, speak to me from Your Word, help me to learn more about YOU and YOUR ways and draw closer to You. Amen.”