

“YOUR WORD IS... Celebrated in Psalm 119”

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible and is devoted to the subject of God’s Word. The Psalmist, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote eight stanzas for each of the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet, with each stanza starting with a word corresponding to that particular letter of the alphabet. How beautiful it is to hear all the words of Psalm 119 read aloud (176 verses).

Throughout Psalm 119 the Psalmist refers to Scripture in the following ways: law, precepts, statutes, Word, decrees, ways, commands, and promises. He gives us these facts about the Word: it’s good, right, forever settled in heaven, wonderful, upright, righteous, very faithful, very pure, truth, everlasting, and it endures forever. Here are some benefits that come from the Word: it counsels me and strengthens me, it gives me life, it is a lamp that lights my way, it directs my steps, it gives light and understanding when it enters, it makes me wise, it helps me to have an answer, it enables us to walk in freedom, it helps us to overcome affliction and not perish in it, God revives us according to His Word, it brings peace and reconciliation, it brings blessing, it enables us to not sin or be overcome by iniquity. The Psalmist indicates many times that he would have been conquered had he not had the Word to turn to and to trust in.

In Psalm 119 the Psalmist describes how we should feel about the Word. He says that we should rejoice in the Word as one who finds great treasure. We should consider it a precious treasure, and we should delight in it. We should long for the Word, stand in awe of it, love it, and be afraid of it. The Psalmist says that we need to meditate on the Word, remember it, trust and believe in it, hope in it, search it to plumb its depths, turn it into songs, cling to it, and covenant to obey it. The best way to navigate life, is to be people of the Word. The Word of God will change our lives if we allow it to. The most incredible things await, if we will be people of the Word, and if we have hungry, seeking, responsive and obedient hearts.

Discussion Guide/Action Steps

1. Thank you for journeying with me through God’s Word in Psalm 119 over these past 26 months!
2. Don’t ever sell yourself short regarding your ability/inability to memorize Scripture. Regardless of how much you retain, the very act of spending time *trying* to memorize will result in Its words being burned into your heart!