

A Light for my Journey

Psalm 119:105. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Introduction to Psalm 119

- **The author is unknown**
- **Longest passage in our Bible**
- **A clear message about the WORD**

Theme: ‘The practical use of the Word of God in the life of a believer’.

- **Psalm 119 is Acrostic: 8 lines per section with 22 sections.**
- **Each section is headed by a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Aleph, Beth, Gimel, etc...**
 - There are 22 letters in the Hebrew Alphabet. 8 lines by 22 letters is 176.
- **The author includes a ‘word’ that describes ‘God’s Word’ in every line, or verse – except for 7 verses.**

- These include: Law, Testimony, Precept, Statute, Command/commandment, Judgement, Word, Promise, Decree.
- It is a magnificent piece of literature!
- It was written in the absence of other ‘scripture writings’ – yet embraces overall Biblical themes.

1. Blessed and Blameless

▫ Aleph – vs: 1-8

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord!

*² Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,
Who seek Him with the whole heart!*

³ They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.

⁴ You have commanded us to keep Your precepts diligently.

*⁵ Oh, that my ways were directed
To keep Your statutes!*

*⁶ Then I would not be ashamed,
When I look into all Your commandments.*

*⁷ I will praise You with uprightness of heart,
When I learn Your righteous judgments.*

⁸ *I will keep Your statutes;
Oh, do not forsake me utterly!*

▫ **Lesson: We are blessed as we live according to His Word.**

2. God is all we need

▫ **Heth – vs: 57-64**

⁵⁷ *You are my portion, O Lord;
I have said that I would keep Your words.*

⁵⁸ *I entreated Your favor with my whole heart;
Be merciful to me according to Your word.*

⁵⁹ *I thought about my ways,
And turned my feet to Your testimonies.*

⁶⁰ *I made haste, and did not delay to keep Your commandments.*

⁶¹ *The cords of the wicked have bound me,
But I have not forgotten Your law.*

⁶² *At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You,
Because of Your righteous judgments.*

⁶³ *I am a companion of all who fear You,
And of those who keep Your precepts.*

⁶⁴ *The earth, O Lord, is full of Your mercy;
Teach me Your statutes.*

- **Lesson: He is the source and sum total of all we need!**

3. Read the manufacturers instructions

- **Yodh – vs: 73-80**

⁷³ Your hands have made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

⁷⁴ Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, Because I have hoped in Your word.

⁷⁵ I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right,

And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

⁷⁶ Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort,

According to Your word to Your servant.

⁷⁷ Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; For Your law is my delight.

⁷⁸ Let the proud be ashamed,

For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood; But I will meditate on Your precepts.

⁷⁹ Let those who fear You turn to me, Those who know Your testimonies.

⁸⁰ *Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes, that I may not be ashamed.*

- **Lesson: His Word gives us instructions for every aspect of life!**

4. Strength for the journey

- **Resh – vs: 153-160**

¹⁵³ *Consider my affliction and deliver me,
For I do not forget Your law.*

¹⁵⁴ *Plead my cause and redeem me;
Revive me according to Your word.*

¹⁵⁵ *Salvation is far from the wicked,
For they do not seek Your statutes.*

¹⁵⁶ *Great are Your tender mercies, O Lord;
Revive me according to Your judgments.*

¹⁵⁷ *Many are my persecutors and my enemies,
Yet I do not turn from Your **testimonies**.*

¹⁵⁸ *I see the treacherous, and am disgusted,
Because they do not keep Your word.*

¹⁵⁹ *Consider how I love Your precepts;
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your
lovingkindness.*

¹⁶⁰ *The entirety of Your word is truth,*

And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

- **Lesson: His strength is available to us for our life's journey!**

Let the scripture speak...

Psalm 119:9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

Psalm 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

Psalm 119:16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

Psalm 119:24 Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors.

Psalm 119:28 My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.

Psalm 119:45 And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.

*Psalm 119:69 The proud have forged a lie
against me,
But I will keep Your precepts with my whole
heart.*

*Psalm 119:89 Forever, O Lord,
Your word is settled in heaven.*

*Psalm 119:93 I will never forget Your precepts,
For by them You have given me life.*

*Psalm 119:110 The wicked have laid a snare
for me,
Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.*

*Psalm 119:128 Therefore
all Your precepts concerning all things
I consider to be right; I hate every false way.*

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- **We are walking in a dark world of sin.**
- **God's Word is will light our pathway**