

# **Psalm 119**

## **All About God's Word**

### **Lessons 1-6**

## Psalm 119 Introduction

The book of Psalms is one of the most interesting books of the Bible.

The 150 chapters make up this book containing different forms of literature and writing.

There is no particular order to the Psalms.

Psalm 119 in of itself is unique among the unique.

It is the longest chapter in Psalms and also the Bible.

It comprises 176 verses broken down into 22 sections of 8 verses each.

It is not easy to see in our English translations but each section is related to a letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

Within each section each line starts with that same letter.

Verses 1-8 represent the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet Aleph. And each line starts with a word beginning with Aleph.

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**Blessing of Obedience**  
**Psalm 119:1-8**  
**Aleph**

**1) THE BLAMELESS OF GOD ARE \_\_\_\_\_—vs. 1-3.**

- a) The Psalmist is enraptured with the Word of God because the highest ideal of \_\_\_\_\_ comes from being transformed by it.
- b) Notice that the holy life is a walk, or a steady progress, a maintained advance, a determined endurance.
- c) The word, "blessed," is the \_\_\_\_\_ of fullness mean overflowing with fullness which signifies "happy" [or better "happy, happy" or overflowing happiness] to some.
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ literally is "complete, or having integrity."
- e) This is what will happen to those who make the Word of God the center of their life.
- f) The word testimonies is derived from a legal term meaning "\_\_\_\_\_."
- g) It refers to God's precepts which bear witness against sin and on behalf of holiness.
- h) If we walk in God's ways, sin will be banished from our lives.
- i) Notice it says God's ways, not man's or our own ways.

**2) THE BLAMELESS BECOME \_\_\_\_\_ IN HIS WAYS— vs. 4-6.**

- a) From verse 4 on the Psalm is addressed to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) God's command is "to keep" ['preserve, protect'] His "precepts diligently."
- c) The word diligently means "greatly, exceedingly, mightily."
- d) There is no \_\_\_\_\_ keeping of God Word.

- e) God must give us the desire for obedience.
- f) For our natural \_\_\_\_\_ are opposed to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- g) Statues are God's permanent enactments.
- h) When the Holy Spirit alerts us to their presence, we should immediately hit the brakes.
- i) The signals of Scripture are meant for our protection, correction, and direction.
- j) But I can't keep God's commandments in my own power, by my own will [Rom. 7].

**3) THE BLAMELESS \_\_\_\_\_ TO OBTAIN THE BLESSING—vs. 7-8.**

- a) As we are transformed by God's Word we become expressive of our \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- b) Learning means not only the act of but the consequences of one's learning
- c) In other words, instruction in God's Word is the way to become a person of praise.
- d) We must learn to \_\_\_\_\_, so that we may praise, and then praise when we have learned
- e) Verse 8 is a calm commitment to God to keep His Word and an admission that God must enable one to do it. "I shall keep Your statutes; Do not forsake me utterly!
- f) Statues comes from a Hebrew word meaning "to hew, cut, engrave, inscribe," indicating something indelibly prescribed or enacted.
- g) Never leave me to my own strength, nor to my own head and heart.

**God's Word Cleanses Our Lives**  
**Psalm 119:9-16**  
**Beth**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ **BY THE WORD , 9-11.**
- a) An immensely \_\_\_\_\_ question is raised in verse 9.
  - b) First, the question; How can a young man keep his way pure?
  - c) The question concerns a person, a young man, and his most difficult task, keeping his way \_\_\_\_\_, is proposed.
  - d) For we are asked to choose the pure clean way and walk in it.
  - e) We are \_\_\_\_\_ in a sea of impurity.
  - f) If you will ask this wise question you then may truly hear the wise man's answer.
  - g) For God's promised \_\_\_\_\_ you must turn to God's instructions.
  - h) Only if you pore over God's Word will His cleansing power pour in and then through you.
  - i) \_\_\_\_\_ is a key word in Scripture.
  - j) What is the heart?
  - k) One definition of the heart is that it is the organ that **DISTINGUISHES** the \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - l) The second half of verse 10 reveals the earnestness of his whole hearted search by praying that the Lord would prevent his going astray from God's Word.
  - m) For it is by \_\_\_\_\_ that we follow after God.
  - n) If we leave the ways of God we most certainly will not find God, for He is sought and found by walking in His ways.

- o) He had stored away portions of God's Word in his heart, as a treasure in treasure chest or as a choice seed buried in fruitful soil.
- p) The word was God's own Word, and therefore precious to God's servant.
- q) The Word laid up in the heart has great effect.
- r) Hiding ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) God's Word in our hearts is a deferent to sin.
- s) But memorization alone will not keep us from sin; we must also put God's Word to work in our lives making it a vital guide for every thing we do.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ **BY THE WORD—vs. 12-14.**

- a) With a sense of great joy and admiration the psalmist blesses the Lord God.
- b) He is the perfection of all that is good and holy.
- c) We cannot become \_\_\_\_\_ Him unless He \_\_\_\_\_ us His Word.
- d) Ignorance of God and His will does not lead us into blessedness.
- e) Someday we will be held accountable for our response to His truth.
- f) The most blessed God stands ready to teach us His Word.
- g) The law of God comes from His \_\_\_\_\_.
- h) It \_\_\_\_\_ is His Word.
- i) David tells us the degree of his joy that meditating on God's Word brought him.
- j) But God's laws were given to free us to be all he wants us to be

3) \_\_\_\_\_ **BY THE WORD—vs. 15-16.**

- a) What delights us will capture our attention and we think about it and meditate upon it.  
This should be true of God's Word.

- b) Reading the Bible is vital for every Christian.
- c) Taking a few minutes each day to read a chapter is a good way to start.
- d) A whole \_\_\_\_\_ would not be long enough to appreciate fully the beauty and learning and value of the Bible.
- e) To be a healthy Christian, don't treat the Bible as snack food.
- f) God's Word is not meant to be fast food.
- g) Take time for a good long chew.
- h) Meditation is more than reading the Bible and believing it.
- i) It's applying Scripture to everyday life.
- j) Meditation on God's Word will yield heartfelt delight
- k) Delight yourself in God's Word.

**God's Wonderous Word**  
**Psalm 119:17-24**  
**Gimel**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **TO THE WORD—vs. 17-20.**
- a. The prayer is for the bestowal of that blessing which brings spiritual life.
  - b. It is an undeserved \_\_\_\_\_ of grace which brings with it God's enabling.
  - c. For without abundant mercy and grace the servant could not live spiritually much less obediently.
  - d. Spiritual life comes from God's bountiful dealings.
  - e. Obedience is the natural out-come of gratitude for God's care and blessings and the enabling of God's care and blessings.
  - f. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God if we are the servants of God (vv. 17, 23, 38, 49, 65, 76, 84, 122, 124, 125, 135, 140, 176).
  - g. How can fallen beings understand God's Word?
  - h. The Word of God is not revealed to natural man for it is foolishness to him
  - i. Uncover or open denotes divine communication.
  - j. The MOST FREQUENT MIRACLE Jesus performed was opening \_\_\_\_\_.
  - k. Without God's touching your \_\_\_\_\_ you'll stumble through life, blind not only to who God is, and what He can do; but also to who you are, and what you can accomplish in His strength.

- l. God can be doing all sorts of things around you, yet you don't see them because you're spiritually blind.
  - m. But mostly He opens His Word and our understanding, and we begin to see Him at work in a way we never have before.
  - n. Verse 19 asks for directions that cannot be found in the world. "I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me."
  - o. The psalmist says that he is a "\_\_\_\_\_ on earth," and in need guidance.
  - p. He desired that he might walk obediently, that his is mind might be attuned to God's Word, and that his heart might be filled with longing for fellowship with his Lord.
  - q. You're aware of the differences between your view of life and that held by the majority of people around you.
  - r. The true Christian can be right-side-up in an upside-down world because of God's Word.
  - s. Verse 20 expresses the souls intense desire for renewal through the Word. "My soul is crushed with longing after Your ordinances at all times."
  - t. The term longing means "fervent desire."
  - u. True godliness lies in one's continual desire for it.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **TO THE WORD—vs. 21-24.**
- a. Verse 21 indicates that God will \_\_\_\_\_ those who do not live in accordance to His Word.
  - b. Presumption can deceive and \_\_\_\_\_ anyone.

- c. Verse 22 is a prayer to take away the reproach and contempt the arrogant have heaped on him.
- d. Because they \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word they reproachfully reject God's people.
- e. The petitioner wants God to remove their criticism and disrespect.
- f. Innocence may justly ask God to be cleared from man's reproach.
- g. Before we meet any challenge or seek the Lord's blessing on our lives, we should look \_\_\_\_\_ in His Book for His direction and guidance.
- h. Verse 23 indicates that he does not follow the worldly counsel of the rulers but seeks God's Word instead
- i. When principle men plotted and united against him, his refuge was in God's Word.
- j. He meditated or reflected upon God's statutes.
- k. Statutes are regarded as unchangeable or unalterable decrees.
- l. Frequently in this psalm, he referred to the wicked and those who oppressed him (vv. 23, 53, 61, 69-70, 78, 85-87, 95, 110, 115, 119, 122, 134, 155, 157-158, 161)
- m. The writer needed wisdom to know how to handle these difficult situations so he turned to the counsel of God's Word.
- n. Instead of listening to the reproach of the world, it is best to meditate on God's Word.
- o. The words of God were his \_\_\_\_\_.

**God's Word Revives Us**  
**Psalm 119:25-32**  
**Daleth**

**1) THE \_\_\_\_\_, 25**

- a) Verse 25 is a prayer for revival according to the \_\_\_\_\_ and empowering of God's Word.
- b) The psalmist prayed for \_\_\_\_\_ because he was laid low in suffering, affliction or deep contrition.
- c) We don't know why the psalmist prostrated himself in the dust before God, but he fervently sought God's enlivening breath or Spirit.
- d) He asks the Lord to invigorate and \_\_\_\_\_ new life into him.
- e) He prays for personal revival based on the Word of God.

**2) THE \_\_\_\_\_, 26-29.**

- a) The psalmist realized that God's Word has the \_\_\_\_\_ to the believer's every need.
- b) In these verses he applies God's Word in various ways to his life.
- c) Verse 26 stresses that through His Word God answers those who confesses their ways to Him.
- d) Those who have heard God's voice in His Word should pray,  
" \_\_\_\_\_."
- e) Without divine assistance we do not comprehend the Word of God.
- f) The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ any other book.
- g) That is what the psalmist had in mind when he asked God to teach him its precepts.

- h) He desired, and we should strive for, an increased knowledge of God and His will.
- i) Let's prayerfully study the content of the Bible to discover what God is saying to us about Himself and His plan for our lives.
- j) That will make our Bible knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ profitable.
- k) Thy Word is like a \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ mine, And jewels rich and rare  
 Are hidden in its unfathomed depths  
 For every searcher there
- l) Our lives are cluttered with textbooks and instructional books, but the authors never come with us to help us follow and implement their teachings.
- m) But God does.
- n) That is the uniqueness of our Bible.
- o) All we must do is invite Him to \_\_\_\_\_ us and respond to His direction.
- p) God is the instructor.
- q) Dedicating our minds to Christ allows the Spirit to guide our thoughts into pathways that are positive and restorative.
- r) As we study Scripture, He gives us new verses for every day and every dilemma.
- s) The Bible tells us all we need to know so we can be all that God wants us to be and do all that God wants us to do.
- t) Verse 28 is a prayer for strength according to the promise of God's Word.
- u) The psalmist's soul "melts ['drops'] from heaviness."
- v) The Word of God will restore him.

- w) Life can be a \_\_\_\_\_ AND  
 \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE.
- x) I've seen what relentless poverty can do to people all over the world.
- y) Despite knowing that these scenarios exist, I don't despair.
- z) Life is not all smiles and happy hearts-even for the people of God.
- aa) The despair of the psalmist, recorded in Psalm 119, leads him to the promise of comfort and mercy.
- bb) Out of tribulation new understanding and strength will arise.
- cc) Ask Him for mercy and strength.
- dd) Cling to His \_\_\_\_\_ in the Scriptures.
- ee) Verse 29 suggests the reason for his pain. "Remove the false way from me, and graciously grant me Your law.
- ff) Lying may be the way of enemies who attack him, or it may be the way of falsehood in which he has been trapped.
- gg) To lose touch with God is to lose touch with reality.
- hh) He believed God's Word was the answer to his need.
- ii) God's truth is what we all need to restore us to the living way.
- jj) Lying and half-truths are still prevalent in our culture.
- kk) Which is more dangerous: a lie or A HALF-TRUTH?
- ll) Without doubt, it's the half-truth.
- mm) Despite the common perception that we're a people "come of age," our culture remains inundated with half-truths-modern myths most people believe implicitly, and become offended when called into question.

nn) We love these myths because they give us hope.

**3) THE \_\_\_\_\_, 30-32.**

- a) Instead of the deceitful way of verse 29 he chooses the faithful way in verse 30.
- b) God discloses His \_\_\_\_\_ way in His Word.
- c) The Word of the Lord thus confirms the choices of those who sets before themselves make a determination to walk in the faithful way, the way of God's ordinances.
- d) In verse 31 he resolved that he will stand upon God's Word. "I cling to Your testimonies; O Lord, do not put me to shame!"
- e) The prayer places his hope in God's Word.
- f) Disappointment is the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.
- g) Verse 32 teaches that the Word of the Lord inspires and renews resolve. "I shall run the way of Your commandments, For You will enlarge my heart."
- h) His fear has turned to faith as he runs or zealously turns in obedience to God's Word.
- i) The word \_\_\_\_\_ can be rendered "mind" or "understanding."
- j) Sin had hardened and impeded the Word's work and growth in his heart -or the capacity of his inner man.
- k) As the psalmist absorbs God's Word and obeys it, both his comprehension and experience of divine truth and its trustworthiness grow.

**In God's School**  
**Psalm 119:33-40**  
**He**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ **in God's School—vs. 33-34**
- a) The word 'statutes' here represents the Hebrew word which represents things written by \_\_\_\_\_ but they are NOT direct references to the specific Law of God but they hover around the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law, not necessarily the letter of the Law!
  - b) The psalmist asks God to "Teach me" and this is a direct request TO God for His \_\_\_\_\_ into the life of the psalmist
  - c) The 'way' of your statutes which means path or road, but also lends itself to a specific direction on the road
  - d) But in this context this is not referring to a direction on the compass, but the direction of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the individual, which are their manner of living, their habits, the ways of their life
  - e) Quite literally the \_\_\_\_\_ of their life.
  - f) To guide him in the manner God would want him to live, to point out the manner in which he should be living
  - g) He says that he will 'keep' it to the end
  - h) The word translated as 'keep' is the Hebrew word which means: to preserve, to observe, to guard with fidelity.
  - i) The psalmists request here is a confession of his lack of perception or discernment when it comes to the Law of God
  - j) He is asking God to give him this \_\_\_\_\_

- k) He wants to observe and adhere to the Law God has set forth
- l) The context of the verses gives us a clear indication of the psalmist's desire and that is to become a truly committed guardian of what God allows him to discern or perceive.
- m) This phrase carries with it a sense of TOTALITY and while translated as 'heart' the word here is the Hebrew word which represents the 'seat of the emotions' for the Hebrew person.
- n) This is often translates as \_\_\_\_\_ to give the picture of a person's INNERMOST parts!

2) \_\_\_\_\_ **In God's School—vs. 35-36**

- a) 'Lead me' is yet another request by the psalmist crying out for God to help him know His Law
- b) This is a 'walk in a path' that is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in a certain way and commanded by a single authority.
- c) So the psalmist is asking God to \_\_\_\_\_ his path, as an officer directs his troops march me along is what he is saying to God!
- d) This represents the psalmists desire to walk as other obedient followers had walked
- e) The psalmist says, 'for I delight in it' indicating that the psalmist is joyful in obedience and joyful in service to God.

3) \_\_\_\_\_ **In God's School—vs. 37-38**

- a) The psalmist continues in his appeals to God for help
- b) Here he asks God to 'incline my heart'
- c) In other words, expand my heart!

- d) Make it \_\_\_\_\_ for you
- e) His yearning was that his heart would be stretched and molded to the Law of God, expanding his heart or his innermost parts to perceive the Law and put it into practice in his life
- f) Here the psalmist asks God to ‘turn his eyes’
- g) So the psalmist is asking God to take his physical eye AND spiritual eyes and turn them away from what he describes as ‘worthless things’
- h) The psalmist does not wish for these ‘empty’ things to dominate his life or distract him from serving God and he is asking God to turn his eyes
- i) Here the psalmist is asking God to \_\_\_\_\_ him to life in the way of His Law
- j) At this point the psalmist has asked God to:
- k) Teach him God’s law/God’s way
- l) Give/Grant him understanding and discernment about God’s Laws/ways
- m) Lead him in God’s path
- n) Incline his heart/uttermost being
- o) Turn his eyes/soul away from worthless/empty things
- p) Give him life in the law of God
- q) And now the psalmist is claiming the promise of God
- r) This promise was made by God to His people back in \_\_\_\_\_ where God said, you are my people and I am your God
- s) The psalmist is claiming this promise of God

t) And asking God to confirm His law within his life

**4) Not \_\_\_\_\_ Out of God's School-vs. 39-40**

a) Here the psalmist reflects what so many of us fear

\_\_\_\_\_!

b) To be embarrassed or put to shame for his beliefs.

c) The psalmist is asking for God to direct his steps in such a way that he will never be

\_\_\_\_\_ and he knows he won't because God's Law is good!

d) Finally here in this section we find the psalmist expressing a yearning from within himself

e) God is providing life thru His law and will sustain and protect life

\_\_\_\_\_ His law

f) When we learn to submit ourselves to God

g) Humble ourselves to ask God to direct our steps, we can come to the point where God can and will help us! Are you willing to be taught?

**God's Word Saves Us**  
**Psalm 119:41-48**  
**Vav**

**1) CLAIMING GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_, 41-42.**

- a) He prays that God's \_\_\_\_\_ which the Lord has prepared for his need, come to him.
- b) Lovingkindness is a frequent word in Psalm 119 (vv. 64, 76, 88, 124, 149, 159)
- c) The great outcome of lovingkindness is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
- d) This word could be a personal promise he received from the Word (1 Kgs 8:56).
- e) David loved the Scriptures, because of the implanting and outworking they brought about in his life (James 1:21-22).
- f) He was not satisfied to read the word, he longed to experience its \_\_\_\_\_ deliverance.
- g) He valued Scripture for the sake of the \_\_\_\_\_ which he had discovered in it.
- h) He remains faithful because he has faith in God and His Word.

**2) PROMISED \_\_\_\_\_, 43-46.**

- a) This declaration he would be willing to do by the grace of God that he might glorify God.
- b) He prays for \_\_\_\_\_ to remain with him for he is responsive to it.
- c) If we refuse to follow and confess God, He may \_\_\_\_\_ His unused truth from us.

- d) I have heard people say, "If only God would talk to me!"
- e) If He would just tell me what to do, I would do it."
- f) The real question is, " \_\_\_\_\_ we listen to Him as He speaks?"
- g) The psalmist desired to obey God's Word "continually, forever and ever."
- h) He will keep God's Word not only till he receives the promise deliverance, but forever and ever.
- i) The psalmist says, "So shall I keep Your law continually."
- j) He knew he needed to keep his commitment fresh every day.
- k) We must give the Lord our full devotion now.
- l) This is an inner freedom God provide for those seek it by seeking His Word.
- m) They will be unrestrained by the intimidation of the world
- n) The psalmist talks about keeping the \_\_\_\_\_ and yet being free.
- o) By seeking God's salvation and forgiveness we have freedom from sin and the resulting oppressive guilt.

**3) PROMISED \_\_\_\_\_, 47-48.**

- a) He will not obey God's commandments simply out of dread or obligation, but because he loves them and derives great blessing from them.
- b) Love for God's Word was the settled \_\_\_\_\_ of his soul.
- c) In Psalm 119, David tells of his " \_\_\_\_\_ " in God's Word.
- d) He uses the word delight \_\_\_\_\_ times (vv. 16,24, 35,47,70,77,92,174).

- e) When we remember how much He loves and has done for us, we will respond with love and we will delight to spend time with Him. "Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day" (v.97).
- f) As he meditates on the Word, he would raise his hands in surrender, in submission, in adoration.