

Psalm 119

All About God's Word

Lessons 19-22

Pursuit of Truth
Psalms 119:145-152
Qoph

- 1) HIS _____ , 145-148
- a) Strong emotion comes through in the opening of this stanza.
 - b) In verse 145 we hear the _____ of his prayers.
 - c) This _____ is from the heart.
 - d) Prayer is acceptable only if it is by the heart.
 - e) If it is with the lips only then all is lost.
 - f) Heart cries are the essence of fervent prayer.
 - g) He has cried and was still crying with all his heart.
 - h) The word _____ can also be rendered
" _____ ."
 - i) Don't let my words die in the air but respond to them O Lord.
 - j) In verse 146 the _____ is repeated.
 - k) He cries out to God to be saved.
 - l) He needed saving, and none but the Lord could save him.
 - m) "Save me" from the _____ which surround me, from the
enemies that pursue me, from the temptations which beset me, from the sins which
accuse me.
 - n) The answer that he wants from God's divine intervention is so that he may keep God's
"testimonies."
 - o) He is fully committed to obeying God's Word.

- p) The intensity of the psalmist's cry is revealed by his _____ communion with God in verse 147.
- q) The help that he needs is divine deliverance.
- r) The basis of his prayer is God's revelation: "I hope in Your words."
- s) Verse 148 declares that when he is awake at _____ he meditates on the Word.
- t) He redeemed the time by "meditating on" God's "Word" so that he would not be caught of guard by the enemy of his soul.
- u) When God awakens us in the night we too would do well to keep vigil by mediating on the Word.

2) HIS _____ , 149-151

- a) The psalmist asks God to answer his _____ in verse 149.
- b) Loving-kindness calls to mind God's "covenant-love."
- c) As he encounters promises in the _____ he claims them and asks God to apply them because he is a Covenant keeping God
- d) He wants to be made vigorous after God and joyful in His pursuit.
- e) The _____ for his urgency appears in verse 150.
- f) Those that stay away from God's Word, are far from God.
- g) They therefore are easy manipulated into wickedness and into attacking those being made righteous by God's word and work.
- h) At the same time the _____ is closing in the psalmist realizes that God is near in verse 151.

- i) It is God's _____ that enables us to over come the _____ of those who disobey His Word.
- j) While the psalmist counts on God's presence, he also counts on the authority of His law. Thus he adds: "And all Your commandments are truth."
- k) Either we have welcomed a Bible that is true but _____ the vital Presence of God in our midst, or we have _____ after an experience of God and made God's truth subjective.

3) HIS _____ , 152.

- a) This section concludes in verse 152 with a confession that God is _____ faithful to His _____ .
- b) God's own precepts declare themselves to be everlasting.
- c) God's words have not only been found _____ for a time, they are forever true.
- d) God has "founded" His testimonies that is, He has laid them as a foundation, both settled and established them for all the ages to come.
- e) They therefore have been verified by person after person, generation after generation.
- f) God's words are trustworthy and _____ , _____ , and _____ .

Revive Us Who Love Your Word
Psalms 119:153-160
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- 1) _____ **ME BECAUSE OF MY CIRCUMSTANCES, 153-154**
- a) The psalmist again calls on God to _____ him because he had not forgotten His Word (vv. 153-154).
 - b) Verse 153 opens with a _____ that God respond to the psalmist's affliction by rescuing him.
 - c) The writer's presents his case before God for divine arbitration.
 - d) He is _____ to ask because he has not _____ God's Word.
 - e) His obedience to God's law indicates that he takes his relationship with God seriously and thus can expect God to takes His part in their covenant relationship seriously also.
 - f) Jesus said, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you" (John 15:7).
 - g) One of the secrets of prayer is to pray the Scriptures. James says, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss (4:2, 3).
 - h) Many of our prayers are not answered because we don't pray in accordance with Scripture.
 - i) If you want an effective prayer life, pray the _____ .
 - j) Having asked to be _____ , the prayer in verse 154 indicates a way it could be accomplished.
 - k) The psalmist asks God to be his _____ , to plead his cause.
 - l) He then asks God to keep His promise and, "Revive me according to Your Word."

- m) Revive me is the key phrase in this section (vv.154, 156, & 159).
- n) The psalmist knows how the Spirit of God has lift him up before and prays that God will make him so alive again.
- o) The Lord will perform His promises.

2) REVIVE ME BECAUSE OF MY _____, 155-158

- a) Verse 155 proclaims that salvation is _____ available to the wicked.
- b) The psalmist distances himself "from the wicked."
- c) Salvation, he asserts, is far from them because they do not _____ God's Word.
- d) The reason salvation is _____ available to the wicked is because they will _____ seek nor respond to God's Word or statutes.
- e) The wicked are those who do not think the law of God is _____ enquiring after, but _____ it in the way they live and the way they believe
- f) The result is that God's salvation is _____ from them.
- g) They may talk about being saved, but they cannot know it or they would not remain wicked.
- h) The psalmist affirms in verse 156 that God's compassion toward him was great.
- i) Despite his faithfulness before God, he does not ask for God to answer because of his own merit but because of God's mercies.

- j) God in His mercy does not give us what we deserve instead by His grace He grants what we do not deserve, salvation and deliverance.
- k) God alone can revive us but to the Lord and giver of life the work is possible, and He delights to bring it to fruition.
- l) If we plead God's _____ we will find many reasons to ask God to _____ us
- m) In verse 157 we are reminded that the godly disciple _____ be loved where his Master and His Word are _____ .
- n) Again, the psalmist's mind moves to the crisis surrounding him which is caused by people.
- o) It is these very testimonies that have given him a true knowledge of God and his moral compass.
- p) The psalmist continues to distinguish himself from the _____ in verse 158.
- q) The psalmist is not like these evil and disobedient people.
- r) He states the reason he is so much different from the treacherous is because he keeps God's Word and they don't keep God's Word.
- 3) REVIVE ME BECAUSE I LOVE YOUR _____, 159-160**
- a) In contrast to his treacherous enemies the psalmist _____ God's Word and wanted to _____ it out.
- b) Thus, he boldly professes his love for the Word and then asks God to revive him in verse 159.
- c) He prays again the third time, using the same words, "Revive me.

- d) What he wanted was revival, restoration, renewal; therefore he pleaded for more life.
- e) His love for God's Word or precepts enables him to _____
pray and he asks God to take his love into consideration.
- f) His confidence in God's new work in his life though is not based upon his obedience to God but upon God's faithfulness to His lovingkindness or 'covenant-love.'
- g) The psalmist concludes with a key to _____ in verse 160.
- h) "The sum of your Word is truth" means all of it can be trusted.
- i) The totality of God's written revelation is not just true-it is truth.
- j) A half-hearted _____ and a half-hearted
_____ will never bring revival
- k) The Bible has been through the shredder because of destructive criticism for most people today.
- l) Weak in authority, the church endures with a weak faith.
- m) Such renewed commitment today will bring renewed faith and spark the revival for which we pray.

Pursuit of Truth
Psalms 119:161-168
Shin

1) THE CONSTANT _____ —vs. 161–163.

- a) Who calls the _____ in your life?
- b) For the psalmist it was not the rulers of this world.
- c) Even their persecution does not deter him. God's Word alone
_____ him as we learn in verse 161. "Princes persecute me
without cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your words."
- d) The psalmist affirmed that though princes hated him without a cause he trembled in awe
at God's Word (v.120).
- e) This man of God found himself attacked by the judges of the earth, for eminent position
added weight and venom to their hostility.
- f) He had not broken their laws, he had not injured them, he had not even desired to see
them injured, he had not been an advocate of rebellion or anarchy, nor had he openly nor
secretly slandered them.
- g) He could stand up under such powerful pressure because his
" _____ " stood "in awe of God's Word."
- h) This awe is because of the _____ and
_____ God who brought into being.
- i) He is also in awe of it because of the just demand that we will be measured against in day
of judgment.
- j) Since the psalmist is in awe of God, he is not in _____ of
anyone else.

- k) This is our true freedom in this world.
- l) May the word of God continually _____ supreme power over our hearts also.
- m) The Word that awakens awe also brings the _____ to rejoice the psalmist confesses in verse 162. "I rejoice at Your Word, as one who finds great spoil."
- n) Awe of the Word elicits rejoicing in the Word.
- o) Yet the Word is a better kind of treasure for God's promise never loss their value.
- p) The psalmist found great _____ could be taken away from God's Word
- q) A part of this joy is that in the Word of God we find eternal truth.
- r) The constant safeguards for the heart is love for the Lord's teaching with a corresponding _____ of deception.
- s) Verse 163, "I hate and despise falsehood, but I love Your law."
- t) The psalmist contrasts his hatred for falsehood with his love for God's directions.
- u) He has found absolute _____ and will no longer accommodate the deceptions of man.
- v) This love comes because God is _____ and He is making us _____ .

2) THE CONSTANT _____ —vs. 164–166.

- a) Such love for God's Word leads to constant _____ as verse 164 indicates. "Seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous ordinances."

- b) The psalmist reinforces his love for God's directions by praising God often throughout the day.
- c) This verse influenced the practice of _____ prayer in Jewish and Christian traditions.
- d) His constant _____ and thanksgiving to God is because of God's divine Word that dictates His righteous actions.
- e) Verse 165 indicates that those who _____ God's Word enjoy great _____. "Those who love Your law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble."
- f) An additional blessing that comes from loving God's Word is that it brings "great peace."
- g) Modern man longs for peace of mind.
- h) Here are clear-cut instructions on how it is attained.
- i) If we love God and His Word we will have "great _____," a transcendent peace that does not come from this world not is it dependent on our circumstances in this world, but on God.
- j) God's great _____ passed all human understanding (Phil. 4:7).
- k) When God's Word is loved, sin must depart.
- l) As the old saying goes, "Sin will either keep you from God's Word, or God's Word will keep you from sin."
- m) Loving the Word of God and walking in obedience to it brings peace with God, peace within yourself and peace with others

- n) They regard the Bible as a relic from the past. But God's laws are just as relevant and practical now as when He first gave them.
- o) His standards are more constant than the North Star and as un failing as the law of gravity.
- p) They are not arbitrary rules like the traffic laws that tell us whether to drive on the right side of the road or the left
- q) God's Word is the _____ that keeps you on course.
- r) Those who develop through a **love** for God's Word demonstrates a sense of _____ in God's "salvation which we find in verse 166. "I hope for Your salvation, O Lord, and do Your commandments."
- s) God's help is viewed as deliverance from real hazards and problems.
- t) Since this is future, it may refer to the final salvation of heaven.

3) THE CONSTANT _____ —vs. 167–168.

- a) The writer then said he observes God's testimonies out of _____ for them in verse 167. "My soul keeps Your testimonies, and I love them exceedingly."
- b) He observes God's testimonies by letting them _____ his daily life.
- c) He first internalize God's precepts in his soul so that he might follow them with his thoughts and actions or his external behavior.
- d) The psalmist _____ God's directions.
- e) The more we see the great riches of the Bible the more our love will grow for it.

- f) With repetition for emphasis in verse 168, the writer wants to please God by of _____ or _____ His precepts. "I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For all my ways are before You."
- g) He concludes, "For all my ways are before You."
- h) In other words, God sees him and knows his walk, the way in which he goes.
- i) The Psalmist has a deep sense of being known by God
- j) The idea of total transparency before God has a sense of accountability but also a sense of God's guidance (119:1).

God's Final Cry and Confession
Psalms 119:169-176
Tav

- 1) LORD, _____ ME—vs. 169-172.
- a) Verse 169 expresses the psalmist's longing _____ for understanding. "Let my cry come before You, O Lord; Give me understanding according to Your Word!"
 - b) "Let my cry come before you" is a plea to let his _____ come into the very Presence of God.
 - c) As the Psalmist approaches the end of the psalm, his petitions gather force and fervency.
 - d) He desires to break into the inner circle of divine fellowship, and to come even to the feet of the great God whose help he is imploring
 - e) The psalmist views his _____ need as an "understanding according to" the Word.
 - f) He knows that spiritual understanding particularly of the Word is man's great needs so he makes it a matter of fervent prayer
 - g) How often have we comprehended the historical and even theological substance of a text in the Bible but missed the spiritual point, the real understanding?
 - h) His second petition in verse 170 is for the _____ that understanding can bring. "Let my supplication come before You; Deliver me according to Your Word."
 - i) Again he asks that his "supplication" or petition come before Almighty God.
 - j) Then the psalmist prays, " _____ me."

- k) "Deliver means to "rescue," like taking _____ out of an animal's mouth.
- l) It is good to note that his prayer for deliverance did not precede his prayer for understanding.
- m) Understanding of God may not always secure deliverance but it facilitates our gratitude for it.
- n) The psalmist again implies that God's Word includes a commitment to rescue him
- o) From his supplications the psalmist passes on to a note of praise.
- p) Verses 171–172, which are linked by references to lips and tongue, are both praises for responsiveness for the Word taught and for recognition of what it is.
- q) In verse 171 the psalmist portrays that his cries have been fulfilled in the _____ and he wants to be enabled to _____ God for teaching him His Word. "Let my lips utter praise, For You teach me Your statutes.
- r) As God intervenes and instructs him by His actions, he promises, "My lips shall pour forth praise."
- s) The basis for this praise is, "For You teach me Your statutes."
- t) Such instruction results in witness in verse 172. "Let my tongue sing of Your Word, For all Your commandments are righteousness."
- u) He prays that his tongue could _____ or _____ of God's Word
- v) The motive and content of that witness concerns the righteous Word of God.

w) If we are to have the Word of God on our tongue, it must first be in our heart. Jesus said in **Matthew 12:34** that it is "out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks."

x) That is the reason we must _____ God's Word in our heart (119:11)

2) LORD, _____ ME—vs. 173-175.

a) The psalmist resumes his request for divine action, basing the requests on his responsive loyalty to God's Word (v. 173) and his delight in them (v. 174).

b) Verse 173 is a call for _____ intervention. "Let Your hand be ready to help me, For I have chosen Your precepts."

c) God's hand represents His _____ (see Ex. 15:6).

d) Knowing God's Word or precepts he knows that God is a God of _____ .

e) He implies that his loyalty to God and His directions should influence God's loyalty to him.

f) God-honoring His Word is also a sign of faithfulness to His covenant

g) The prayer in verse 174 _____ up the petitions of the whole Psalm. "I long for Your salvation, O Lord, and Your law is my delight."

h) This deliverance could include from his enemies (v. 170).

i) It was the _____ of the psalmist to meditate in the law of God because he had received God's salvation.

j) This longing came from the deep pleasure he has found in God's Word.

k) The psalmist _____ in the Word of God; and spontaneously, joyously, and purposefully absorbed himself in God's Holy Word.

- l) Verse 175 focuses on personal _____ which is the sense of ebbing vitality. "Let my soul live that it may praise You, And let Your ordinances help me."
- m) His soul had been made alive by God's Spirit, and it is the redeemed soul's response to praise the living Lord.
- n) This help and guidance as he _____ through this life comes from God's ordinances.

3) LORD, _____ ME—vs. 176.

- a) The last verse [176] of this great psalm is the psalmist's _____ confession of his tendency to stray and his prayer for restoration. "I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments."
- b) Although sheep were valuable, they were also notoriously wayward and would wander off without a shepherd to guide them.
- c) Lost sheep is a frequent _____ in the Scriptures (Isa 53:6; Jer 50:6; Mt 10:6; 15:24).
- d) Lost sheep cannot find their own way back to the shepherd.
- e) Thus the psalmist's final prayer is, seek thy servant He knows that straying souls experience misery.
- f) He needs _____ to find him.
- g) No man seeks God in and of himself (Rom 3:10-23).
- h) The psalmist knew that his sins separated him from the Lord God of Heaven

- i) The law of God had ever been in his mind; He had meditated on it and longed for it (vv. 15, 20, 40).
- j) Only the Lord God could save him.
- k) Thus, he ends his psalm with a note of dependency upon the grace of God praying, Seek Your servant
- l) Because he is a member of God's covenant people and holds onto God's Word. "For I do not forget Your commandments."
- m) He has observed God's commandments
- n) It has been well documented by the _____ of **Psalm 119**.
- o) A comparison of this final verse with the first stanza of Ps 119 reveals the motifs of path and seeking, as well as a focus on diligent observance of God's Word