

Psalm 119

All About God's Word

Lessons 7-12

Blessing of Obedience
Psalm 119:49-56
Zayin

- 1) **REMEMBER GOD'S** _____—vs. 49-50.
- a) Verse 49 begins as the psalmist calls upon God to remember _____ or promise, which He has given him and which is the source of his hope.
 - b) The cry is for God to remember to fulfill His _____.
 - c) God has promised to work on behalf of His faithful children.
 - d) As we present God's promises back to Him and place our faith in His Word, hope shines brighter and brighter in our inner man.
 - e) When we place our _____ in God and remember His promises, our future brightens up.
 - f) God will not _____ hope authorized and encouraged by His own promises
 - g) The word of God not only speaks comfort in affliction it revives us in our affliction as verse 50 indicates.
 - h) The comfort the writer receives from God's Word is one of the main reasons he cherishes it (vv. 89,144,152,160).
 - i) Because God answers His _____ to His people, the psalmist finds comfort in his affliction.
 - j) What if, despite your fervent prayer, God doesn't see fit to deliver you from terrible circumstances?
 - k) God's Word tells us that believers often suffer

l) Heb. 11:35-38

m) God _____ to stand by you.

n) He'll strengthen you and give you the grace to rejoice, even in the face of suffering and loss.

o) That's real triumph in tragedy.

2) REMEMBER GOD'S _____ --vs. 51-53.

a) In verse 51 we find that though the arrogant scorned his faith he is determined to follow God's Word.

b) Part of the affliction that he is experiencing is derision or contempt.

c) The Lord _____ him when he being is ridiculed.

d) These "proud" are those who refuse to submit to God's Word.

e) They presume to be autonomous, independent of such authority or need.

f) Thus they are those who "stray from Your commandments" (119:21).

g) Nevertheless, he will not turn aside from God's _____.

h) Let us be certain it is the Divine law that we believe, and then not let scoffers succeed in turning us aside from it either.

i) His faith and hope are sustained by remembering the record of God's past actions as verse 52 states.

j) God's law is ancient [from _____ past].

k) It is grounded securely in His unchanging character and infinite wisdom.

l) Neither God nor His principles have ever changed.

m) The thought of God's mighty acts, steel him for the suffering and rejection that he endures.

- n) When we are in the battle for our _____, we need to remember what God has done for others and for us.
- o) Don't doubt in the darkness what God has revealed in the light.
- p) Verse 53 defines the wicked as those who forsake God's Word.
- q) As the psalmist renews his strength by remembering what God has done, he becomes zealously angry over those who reject God's law, who denounce its authority.
- r) The " _____ " make themselves enemies of God.
- s) They are _____ of rebelling against Him (Ps. 1:1).
- t) Sin is horrible in the eyes of all that are being sanctified.
- u) When man determines that God's law no _____ is authoritative, it should cause anguish and constructive action.
- v) If this great horror of the consequence of their sin would seize hold of us, maybe it would seize hold of the wicked.

3) REMEMBER GOD'S _____ --vs. 54-56.

- a) His righteous indignation causes the psalmist to express his own _____ toward God's word in verse 54.
- b) He not only _____ about the Word, he _____ the Word!
- c) As we go through difficulties we need God's songs or psalms [songs is literally "psalms."] to comfort and sustain along the way.
- d) The "house of my pilgrimage" probably refers to this _____ which he is passing through.

- e) In just a little while our earthly _____ will end and the believer will be absent from the body, and present with the Lord.
- f) The Christian life ought to make music.
- g) We must _____ God even when we don't feel like doing so.
- h) Doing God's will becomes our delight.
- i) Our lives will make beautiful music!
- j) There is no harmony in the heart without the joyful notes of obedience.
- k) In verse 55 the psalmist also thinks of God at night by meditating on the Word.
- l) The name of the _____ is full of meaning and power.
- m) The name Yahweh [Jehovah] speaks of His sovereignty, His power, His self-caused existence.
- n) The name of God communicates His being, His character, His power, and His presence.
- o) The psalmist made trusting and honoring God's holy name the practice of his life as verse 56 indicates.
- p) It has come to pass and been verified by his own experience, and as his own experience.

Our Attitude
Psalm 119:57-64
Chet

1) The Psalmist's _____ —vs. 57-58

- a) Here we see the personal _____ of the psalmist's understanding put forth...
- b) Here he is obligating himself to obedience to the God whom has personally taken him under His wing and has given him the Law to guide his life.
- c) God has included him and has given him this portion.
- d) He goes onto to then issue a promise based on that portion he has been granted... that promise is to be obedient and to follow the law of God.
- e) How does this apply to us... it should be obvious to the believer... we have portion in the kingdom of Heaven because of Jesus Christ... In Him we have forgiveness of sin, redemption from the fall, and eternal life...
- f) be gracious to me according to Your _____ —vs. 58
- g) Here again the psalmist portrays a very personal nature about his relationship with God. He says, "...I entreat YOUR favor..." this indicates a relationship... to whom else do we ask favor... to whom else do we seek good will?
- h) He is saying everything within him believes God will be there for him...
- i) Finally the psalmist says, "...be gracious to me according to Your promise..."
- j) I am going to promise to be obedient... please be gracious to me as you have promised... this is what he is saying!
- k) This is akin to our _____ walk and stepping out on _____ in obedience to God...

2) **The Psalmist's _____ —vs. 59-60**

- a) Now in this verse we find the psalmist reflecting on his _____ nature...
- b) We are selfish and sinful beings... we want OUR way!
- c) The psalmist understands this...
- d) He then quickly says, "...I turn my feet to Your testimonies..."
- e) How often do we seek instruction or direction and we rely on our own heart/desires to guide us!
- f) Have you ever heard the phrase, "You have to follow your _____ ..." OR "You have to be _____ to yourself..."
- g) Those platitudes are well meaning and sound like good advice, but knowing the heart of humanity...
- h) Scripture _____ us away from following our own heart and toward the instruction of God revealed in His Law... and ultimately in Christ Jesus!
- i) Here the psalmist gives clear guidance on what needs to be done...
- j) I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments—vs. 60
- k) The psalmist is revealing an _____ here that sheds light on how important _____ is to him.
- l) It is _____ in his mind and in his life, so it comes FIRST!
- m) He hastens to do it... he does not DELAY in doing it!
- n) The psalmist does NOT want this to happen, and he is taking steps to MAKE service and obedience a priority in his life...

- o) he does this by NOT delaying in putting these things into action in his life!
- p) Let's take the _____ of the psalmist here and make our obedience a priority...

3) **The Psalmist's _____ —vs. 61**

- a) Here the psalmist continues in his constant desire to be _____ to God, and obedient to His _____.
- b) This can also represent the circumstances and situations of life that deal harsh blows to our hearts and minds on a daily basis.
- c) The _____ of this world surrounds us...
- d) it _____ us...
- e) but our focus must always be on the law of God...
- f) the Word of God...
- g) for the believer, on Jesus Christ the _____ Word of God!

4) **The Psalmist's _____ —vs. 62**

- a) The psalmist uses this verse to _____ to those around him of his complete _____ in God.
- b) Here he makes the statement that even at midnight... the deepest darkest time of the day...
- c) that which represents the deepest and darkest moments of our lives...
- d) EVEN THEN... he can rise to praise God! All because of God's law!
- e) ALL BECAUSE of who He is...
- f) Christ the Righteous Lord...
- g) The psalmist reveals an attitude of fully trusting God... even when it seems hopeless!

- h) How is _____ trust in God?
- i) I pray that I can do what the psalmist is saying here... that I will rise to praise God even when I cannot see reasons FOR praise!

5) **The Psalmist's** _____ **—vs. 63**

- a) Here the psalmist switches from praise to _____ and _____ of God.
- b) Here he portrays his ultimate respect and honor for God.
- c) So for the psalmist to say he is a companion with those who FEAR God, he is saying that he holds God up in reverence, and stands in awe of WHO He is...
- d) that is the _____ of all things... and he bestows honor on Him for WHO he is!

6) **The Psalmist's** _____ **—vs. 64**

- a) The psalmist ends this particular stanza with a line of _____ to God.
- b) He proclaims the _____ of God in that God's love is _____!
- c) He says, "...the earth...is full of Your steadfast love..."
- d) Even as believers we find ourselves losing sight of God's love made manifest in our world. All we can see is the darkness... all we can see is the circumstances and situations that press down on us... but the psalmist tells us that God's love is ever present...
- e) God's love is kind, God's love is good and most importantly, God's love is faithful! It is a love that can be relied upon... it is a love is a love that reaches out to those who do NOT know it... a love that desires all to KNOW it!

- f) The psalmist realizes that God teaching him His law will change his heart and will cause him to serve and be obedient!
- g) He is placing it as a _____ priority in his mind.

God's Good Good Word
Psalm 119:65-72
Chet

1) GOD'S GOOD _____, 65.

- a) David makes a _____ acknowledgment of God's constant gracious dealings with him in verse 65.
- b) His loving work and word are designed to deal with us for our eternal good.
- c) God has done well for us and for all His servants.
- d) In the light of God's Word he sees that all his _____ and all his years of hardships were not a loss or a waste but were years in God's rigorous _____ of transforming grace.

2) LEARNING _____ DISCERNMENT, 66-68.

- a) Because God's dealings are now realized as _____, the Psalmist asks for more _____ instructions in verse 66.
- b) Notice it takes being taught the Word of God to have _____ discernment.
- c) Discernment is the capacity to distinguish between _____ and _____.
- d) Good discernment is the ability to distinguish the best from the good.
- e) We should pray to God for a good mind, a sound mind, and then ask Him for the good spiritual sense to exercise it (Heb. 5:14).
- f) Therefore he cries, "Lord, _____ me."
- g) Verse 67 declares that God used adversity to bring the psalmist back to Himself.
- h) In adversity he was caught up short and brought back to God.

- i) He then was ready to learn from the Lord so that he would no longer go astray as he did formerly.
- j) How often I meet people who have come to Christ in affliction.
- k) When life presses in upon them, they learn that they do not have the answers, that they have made wrong choices, and that they are ready for outside help.
- l) We have come to the end of our _____.
- m) Part of God's goodness (v. 65) has been to allow affliction to come into the psalmist's life. Because of the resulting change that his affliction brought, he confesses that he now obeys God's Word.
- n) The Bible suggests that _____ is a frequent visitor in our fallen world.
- o) Since God is sovereign, our first question is not how to be free of trouble but how to discover God's purpose in it.
- p) God in His nature or essence is good and God is good to others.
- q) The verb do good indicates habitual, constant action.
- r) He implores our Good God to do him good by teaching him His Word.
- s) The good Word of our gracious God is the _____ of all good.

3) GOOD TO TRUST _____ AFFLICTION, 69-70.

- a) The Psalmist references _____ source of his affliction in verse 69.
- b) Apparently the arrogant are angry because of his _____ to God.

- c) All we are and all we have may be brought into danger by those who without conscience forging a lie.
- d) They took a _____ in trampling upon him.
- e) They persuaded themselves that it was not sin to tell a deliberate lie because they held him in contempt.
- f) Nevertheless, he promises: "I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart."
- g) He has put his _____ to the plow.
- h) Knowing God's truth also makes him wise about those who oppose God as verse 70 implies. "Their heart is covered with fat, but I delight in Your law."
- i) Their _____ made them smug and at ease (Ps. 123:4).
- j) They had been getting on in the world; he had been getting on in the Word.
- k) He found his _____ the best protection against becoming like them.

4) A GOOD _____ OF AFFLICTION, 71-72.

- a) As the psalmist looks back upon his affliction [pain] he concludes in verse 71 that it brought about a good result.
- b) God has used _____ to bring the psalmist back to Himself.
- c) Now he has become a _____ once again.
- d) God sometimes allows a flood of adversity & trials to sweep over us so that the light of His presence may break through to our lives.
- e) Are you in the midst of a great storm?
- f) Have your cherished dreams been shattered?
- g) Remember, God has a _____ in allowing this.

- h) David's spiritual growth has lead to a new perspective concerning the value of God's Word in verse 72.
- i) Do we agree with what David wrote in verse 72,
- j) If we do, we'll study _____, embrace its teachings, and obediently live out its truths.
- k) The best commentary on the Bible is a person who puts it into practice.
- l) It was better to him, yielding better joys, better protection, and a better inheritance, than all the treasures King David could make his own.

Instructed By The Word
Psalm 119:73-80
Yod

1) Faithfully _____ By the Word, 73-75.

- a) Verse 73 opens with the confession that God is the _____.
- b) It is God's hands that have "made" and "fashioned" the psalmist.
- c) He has been _____ like the potter molds his clay (Jer. 1:5; Gen. 2:7).
- d) But since the Fall it is not enough for us to have been _____ by God.
- e) We must also be _____ by Him.
- f) As we owe our existence to God so we owe our spiritual illumination to His grace.
- g) God may have mass-produced the universes (when He spoke them into existence), but God rolled up His _____ and made man with His own hands.
- h) How much more care God is putting into His own born-again children who will display His craftsmanship (Eph. 2:10) throughout all eternity?
- i) The psalmist recognized that he was a _____ of God.
- j) Verse 74 indicates the encouragement the God-fearing receive when they meet believers who have been matured by the Word.
- k) He wants his trust in God's _____ to _____ others to trust also.
- l) So he prays the God-fearing will find joy through seeing His faith in God and His word so that they too may be encouraged to trust God's Word also.
- m) Those who hope in the future have placed their faith in God's infallible Word.

- n) The Word though _____ bright in the
_____ moments of life to lead us in the everlasting way.
- o) Although the psalmist has been in pain, he never doubted the justice or righteousness of God.
- p) Since we are sinners, the amazing thing is not that some are lost; the amazing thing is that any are saved.
- q) This process reminds me of the way God brings our sins to the surface of our consciousness in order to remove them from our lives.
- r) He carefully applies pressure just where it's needed.
- s) By faithfully afflicting us, as the psalmist says, God works out the sins in our life.
- t) It's up to us to _____ with God in this work by yielding to Him.

2) Comfort and _____ From the Word, 76-77.

- a) Affliction, even though it may be for God's good _____, is bitter.
- b) We are offered the love of God to comfort us and the Word of God to encourage us.
- c) When the Psalmist embraces God's _____ and confesses God's actions are just, he finds God's mercy, forgiveness, and peace.
- d) In spite of our fallenness and our situation we can always run to the arms of our Lord to find lovingkindness.
- e) God has promised _____ to all His servants who abide in relationship with Him and His Word.
- f) The Psalmist also wants more compassion therefore he prays for it in verse 77.

g) God is a God of great _____, especially for those who delight in His Word.

h) For God is not indifferent to those who delight in His precepts.

3) _____ **Because of the Word, 78-80.**

a) In verse 78 the psalmist turns to the _____ with a plea that they be punished for their subversive actions.

b) The _____ are those who have not lived under the authority of God's Word.

c) These arrogant have misrepresented the psalmist in order to oppress and afflict him.

d) The psalmist though would leave the _____ in God's capable hands and give himself to the study and contemplation of the Word.

e) He calls out to God in prayer for those who _____ God in verse 79.

f) Here the God-fearers are defined.

g) They are people of the _____. They are the ones that he now wants to be in his company.

h) He prays to be a _____ to the God-fearing.

i) He wants to enrich them through his experience with God and knowledge of His Word.

j) God makes our _____ blameless as we allow His Spirit and His Word to do His work.

k) The ultimate shame would be being exposed as a hypocrite by God Himself on the day of judgment.

l) The comfort of this verse is that God will answer his prayer. For God can establish our
_____ blameless.

m) For those in Christ, God's sentence on the final day has already been pronounced over us.

Waiting On A Word During Suffering
Psalm 119:81-88
Kaph

- 1) _____ **ON A WORD, 81-83.**
- a) Verse 81 opens with the theme of _____ and the _____ for divine intervention.
 - b) The hour is urgent.
 - c) The crisis is clear.
 - d) The need is great.
 - e) The psalmist cries out that his soul is ready to fail while _____ for God's Word to be fulfilled.
 - f) The thing that causes him not to give up is his hope in God's Word.
 - g) When God seems absent and the darkness stalks us, we still have the _____ of His promises to us.
 - h) He longs for help from heaven.
 - i) In his pain, he continually _____ the Word of God.
 - j) His eyes even now fail or grow dim from his study or his weeping.
 - k) Blessed are the eyes that are _____ in searching after God.
 - l) The eyes of the Lord will see to it that such eyes do not actually fail.
 - m) David begs God in verse 83 to make haste to come to him because of his life-sapping affliction.
 - n) Even good men, when they are down and discouraged, sometimes think themselves more slighted than they really are.

o) Nevertheless, he _____ upon God's Word in his distress. "Yet I do not forget Your statutes."

p) In our pain God's _____ often become more real.

2) DIRE _____ FOR A WORD, 84-86.

a) David's debilitating condition causes him to wonder if he will _____ it.

b) In verse 84 David prays that God would make haste to execute judgment on those that persecuted him.

c) He feels his time is running out.

d) The sands of the hourglass near exhaustion due to the pain of relentless attacks.

e) He prays not for power to _____ himself for he refused fall into hate and malice.

f) He asks that God Himself would take action to avenge and would repay (Rom. 12:19) what man has done to him.

g) Verse 85 declares that the proud are those who live in disagreement to the law of God. "The arrogant have dug pits for me, Men who are not in accord with Your law."

h) His enemies are like _____ who have dug their pits for him, to catch him like prey.

i) They were deliberate in their designs against him and what they did was with malice intent.

j) The promise attached to God's commandments are certain verse 86 declares.

k) God's Word is " _____ " or trustworthy and true.

- l) Refusing to adhere to God's standard the arrogant use a lie, possible public accusations or slanders to heap more wood on his fiery trial.
- m) His prayer is simple, " _____!"
- n) He presents his case to God and expects His intervention.

3) IMPART A _____ WORD, 87-88.

- a) Now the psalmist asserts that though his _____ almost consumed him, he had not _____ God's Law.
- b) Verse 87 shows us that the situation is _____. It is a matter of life or death.
- c) They believe their rights in the land supercede his rights.
- d) Christ is worth everything, and therefore worth suffering for.
- e) David would sooner _____ all that was dear to him in this world than _____ the Word of God.
- f) He would sooner lose his life than _____ the duty of doing the will of God.
- g) He knows his need for fresh grace so that he might not succumb so in verse 88 he asks for it.
- h) We are therefore here taught to _____ upon the _____, the lovingkindness ['covenant-love'] of God for strength to do every good work.
- i) In the midst of the pain David appeals to the lovingkindness, the covenant promise of Yahweh.

A Settled Word In Heaven
Psalm 119:89-96
Lamed

- 1) An _____ **Word, 89.**
- a) As the battles of life rage, the psalmist has one confidence, that God's Word is _____ settled in heaven.
 - b) This is the _____ verse in the longest chapter in the longest book in the Bible.
 - c) It is one of the _____ verses of the Bible.
 - d) It conveys the _____ news that the Word of God (the theme of Psalm 119) has existed from eternity past and will continue to exist forever in the future.
 - e) It was settled in the mind of God before the world was _____ then conveyed over time to men who wrote it down for us (Hebrews 1:1).
 - f) Thus the psalmist turns to God's Word and finds the stamp of heaven upon it.
 - g) It is the one _____ for his life.
 - h) It is settled in heaven because God Himself has given it to us and it will be fulfilled by Him.
 - i) Although the Bible includes ritual and dietary regulations that no longer apply to us, it also sets forth _____ truths that never change.
 - j) Everything God wants us to know and how He wants us to conduct ourselves has been clearly spelled out for us.
 - k) And God's truth must not be amended, voted on, or vetoed.
 - l) And we can do no better than to live by the settled Word.

- m) Though born in eternity, God's Word is rooted in history and speaks to every generation that will listen.
- n) The Word is "founded forever" (v. 152) and will endure forever (v. 162, Mt. 24:34-35).
- o) Build your life on the _____ and you will weather all the changes of life!

2) A _____ **WORD, 90-91.**

- a) In verse 90 a godly man expresses confidence in the _____ of God's Word.
- b) The Word of our God is _____ and _____.
- c) God's _____ is something we do NOT have to worry about... it is ALWAYS going to be there for us!
- d) It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Isa. 55:11).
- e) When we have nothing _____ but God, we find that God is _____.
- f) To emphasize the truth of God's faithfulness, the verse ties it to creation.
- g) But until those things happen, _____ God.
- h) All of those things operate because of the Word of God and they are His sign that His promises are true and trustworthy.
- i) Verse 91 proclaims that the heavens and the earth still stand because of the faithful Word of God.

j) Until that last day when God's fire purifies all things and He ushers in a new heaven and earth (2 Peter 3; Rev. 21-22), this present creation will stand.

k) Everything in _____ serves the Lord except human beings made in the image of God.

3) A _____ **WORD, 92-93**

a) The faithfulness of God is not only reflected by His upholding creation; it is supremely seen in His Word. As the psalmist confesses in verse 92.

b) We may not be able to _____ in what is going on in the world, but we can _____ in what God says in His Word.

c) In God's Word we learn of Jesus and listen to all His precious promises.

d) As we learn and trust the Word of God, we are prepared to withstand whatever pain may come our way.

e) In His Word God shows us the _____ of suffering.

f) He shows us Satan as our _____ enemy.

g) He shows us what sin has done to ravish His earth.

h) He also shows us how suffering can become redemptive, and He gives us hope that He will come and save us and heal us from evil.

i) The Word of God has the power to _____ new life, a fresh anointing in your life.

j) God's Word is _____, it created life and it recreates life in those who receive it.

k) As He speaks His Word into our life, new sanctification comes into being.

l) The Word has the power to breathe new life into your life.

m) We must always remember that the Word and the Spirit go together.

4) A _____ **WORD, 94-96.**

a) The Word of God leads the psalmist to God Himself.

b) The Psalmist does not mean that he has earned God's help.

c) That help is _____ by the unconditional covenant that He established with His people.

d) As he seeks God's _____, he learns again and again of His gracious promise of salvation.

e) Here is a believer who beat a path to the Bible, read it over and over, studied it, and when he had to make a decision, consulted it carefully.

f) The Word brings about our sanctification as well, but only if we will allow it!

g) Are you holding onto God's Word so that it can be the liberating, saving force in your life that God intends for it to be?

h) Nevertheless, he continues to hope in God's Word.

i) Despite the persecution, he vows "but I will consider Your testimonies."

j) You and I have an _____ who is looking for ways to destroy us.

k) His name is Satan, the devil.

l) The Word reassures us that as we follow God advise, God wisdom. God's word He will keep us no matter the tribulation until the day we will see Him in glory.

m) David said when his enemies and trials overwhelmed him, he sought the Word.

n) The Word of God is _____. It is _____ and _____.

- o) _____ means "containing no error."
- p) _____ means "incapable of error."
- q) The Word of God contains no _____ because the God of the Word can make no _____.
- r) God is _____.
- s) Every word of the Bible is truth. (Ps 119:160) "Thy word is true from the beginning..."
- t) In contrast to the limits of mankind, God's Word and works have no limits.
- u) Only the Bible gives us the total view of life, death, and eternity.
- v) It never becomes irrelevant, outdated, old-fashioned or behind times.
- w) God's _____, God's _____ and God's only way to salvation; Jesus Christ are a few.
- x) There is nothing that needs to be added.
- y) God gave us all we need to know.
- z) In fact, He warns us not to take away from or add to the Word.
- aa) Everything He needed to say to us, you hold in your hands.
- bb) All we need to do is read the words on the page, absorb them and obey them as we let the Spirit of God guide us.
- cc) The Word of God is so _____ and there are no limits to what He can do!
- dd) God is on the _____; He holds the world in His _____; His promises can never _____; so, let's get moving!