

**September 22, 2021**

**Psalm 119 (NKJV) – Life According to Your Word - Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God. Read vv. 33-48**

**ה HE (Hey)**

- <sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it *to* the end.  
<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.  
<sup>35</sup> Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it.  
<sup>36</sup> Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness.  
<sup>37</sup> Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, *And* revive me in <sup>[h]</sup>Your way.  
<sup>38</sup> Establish Your word to Your servant, Who *is devoted* to fearing You.  
<sup>39</sup> Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments *are* good.  
<sup>40</sup> Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me in Your righteousness.

**Theme: God's Word delights**

**י WAW (VAV)**

- <sup>41</sup> Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD— Your salvation according to Your word.  
<sup>42</sup> So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word.  
<sup>43</sup> And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I have hoped in Your ordinances.  
<sup>44</sup> So shall I keep Your law continually, Forever and ever.  
<sup>45</sup> And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.  
<sup>46</sup> I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, And will not be ashamed.  
<sup>47</sup> And I will delight myself in Your commandments, Which I love.  
<sup>48</sup> My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, Which I love, And I will meditate on Your statutes.

**Theme: God's Word Liberates**

**Introduction:** Psalm 119 is an example of what is called an “alphabetic acrostic.” Each stanza—made up of 8 verses—begins each line with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet. For verses 1–8, every line begins with the letter “aleph,” the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet. For verses 9–16, every line begins with the letter “Beth,” the second letter in the Hebrew alphabet. The psalm follows this structure for all twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet. This style of poetry was often utilized to help with effective memorization.

Psalm 119 is a shadow of what has come in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We do not gain the blessed life through works of our own, but through the finished work of Jesus Christ, which is credited to us by faith. A disciplined reading of God's Word will ultimately lead us to the Word made flesh—Jesus.

**Review and Reflect:**

1. List the words found for God's Law in this text that we discussed in our opening introduction. (i.e., statues, law)
2. What does it mean to "observe" the Word of God with you whole heart?
3. What does it mean to delight in the Lord?
4. What does it mean to walk in Liberty?
5. Rewrite HE or WAW in your own words.

**LIVE IT OUT**

**Pray:** Set aside time this week to pray and ask God to teach you how to delight in God's Word. Incorporate verses Ps 119:33-48 into your prayers this week.

**Memorize:** Select 2–3 verses from the text we studied this week that encourage you to delight in God's word.

**Journal:** Sometime this week, sit down and write about what it means to you to delight in God's Word.

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## The Joy of God's Word

1. Allows us to know the mind of God.
2. Provides an established standard.
3. Provides strength, comfort, and peace.
4. Gives guidance and enlightenment.
5. Provides "advanced" education.
6. Helps the young cleanse their way.
7. Helps provide proper companions.