October 20, 2021 Psalm 119 (NKJV) – Life According to Your Word - Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God. Read vv.97-112 (Mem-Nun)

Introduction: Psalm 119 is an example of an "alphabetic acrostic psalm." 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.

Re-read, Review and Reflect:

- 1. List the words and verse 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 seek wisdom in God's Word?
- 3. What is the difference in carnal and Godly wisdom?
- 4. How is God's Word a lamp and light to you?
- 5. Rewrite Mem and Nun 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 119:97-112 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 have a relationship and fellowship with God.

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⁹⁷Oh, how I love Your law! It *is* my meditation all the day.

- ⁹⁸ You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me.
- ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.

¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.

¹⁰² I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste, *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

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¹⁰⁵ Your word *is* a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn and confirmed That I will keep Your righteous judgments.

¹⁰⁷ I am afflicted very much; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, And teach me Your judgments.

¹⁰⁹ My life *is* continually in my hand, Yet I do not forget Your law.

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

¹¹¹ Your testimonies I have taken as a ^[s]heritage forever, For they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.

¹¹² I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, to the very end.