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Psalm 119 (NKJV) – *Life According to Your Word - Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God. Read vv.129-144 (Pe and Tsadhe)*

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. The psalm uses eight different synonyms for God’s Instruction (Hebrew, *torah*): law, commandments, statutes, ordinances, decrees, words, precepts, and promises. 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 synonyms and verse found for God’s Law (torah) in this text that we discussed in our opening introduction. (i.e., statues, law)
2. How does God’s Word give you light and understanding? In what circumstances have you found this to be true?
3. How does the Word of God “direct” your steps?
4. What ways or practices do you use to remember God’s Word?
5. How do you delight in God’s Word in the midst of trouble?
6. Rewrite Pe and/or Tsadhe 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 119:129-144** 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.

▮ PE (17th) vv.129-136

- ¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul keeps them.
¹³⁰ The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.
¹³¹ I opened my mouth and panted, For I longed for Your commandments.
¹³² Look upon me and be merciful to me, As Your custom *is* toward those who love Your name.
¹³³ Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴ Redeem me from the oppression of man, That I may keep Your precepts.
¹³⁵ Make Your face shine upon Your servant, And teach me Your statutes.
¹³⁶ Rivers of water run down from my eyes, Because *men* do not keep Your law.

▮ TSADDE or TSADHE (18th) vv.137-144

- ¹³⁷ Righteous *are* You, O LORD, And upright *are* Your judgments.
¹³⁸ Your testimonies, *which* You have commanded, *Are* righteous and very faithful.
¹³⁹ My zeal has consumed me, Because my enemies have forgotten Your words.
¹⁴⁰ Your word *is* very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it.
¹⁴¹ I *am* small and despised, *Yet* I do not forget Your precepts.
¹⁴² Your righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, And Your law *is* truth.
¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have overtaken me, *Yet* Your commandments *are* my delights.
¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of Your testimonies *is* everlasting; Give me understanding, and I shall live.

Be creative: “*Embody*” this study, using the bodily poetry of the text. List the verses on the image below: throat, mouth, feet, face, and eyes appropriately.

