

The Word of God

Psalm 119:1-176

Overview

- Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible (176 verses)
- The theme of this chapter is the Word of God
- Psalm 119 is an acrostic poem in Hebrew – each section of 8 verses begins with one of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet

Acrostic

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| 1. | Aleph | vs. 1-8 | The Word of God Brings Happiness to those who Obey |
| 2. | Beth | vs. 9-16 | The Word of God Provides Cleansing to those who Take Heed |
| 3. | Gimel | vs. 17-24 | The Word of God Gives Strength to Live in this World |
| 4. | Daleth | vs. 25-32 | The Word of God Encourages and Strengthens Us |
| 5. | He | vs. 33-40 | The Word of God is our Teacher |
| 6. | Vau | vs. 41-48 | The Word of God is our Answer to Others |
| 7. | Zain | vs. 49-56 | The Word of God is our Comfort |
| 8. | Cheth | vs. 57-64 | The Word of God Reveals God's Kindness |
| 9. | Teth | vs. 65-72 | The Word of God Teaches Us in Times of Affliction |
| 10. | Jod | vs. 73-80 | The Word of God Teaches Us to be a Godly Example |
| 11. | Caph | vs. 81-88 | The Word of God Gives us the Strength to Go On |
| 12. | Lamedh | vs. 89-96 | The Word of God is Faithful |
| 13. | Mem | vs. 97-104 | The Word of God Gives Wisdom |
| 14. | Nun | vs. 105-112 | The Word of God is a Light in a Dark World |
| 15. | Samech | vs. 113-120 | The Word of God is our Shield and Protection |
| 16. | Ain | vs. 121-128 | The Word of God is our Guarantee |
| 17. | Pe | vs. 129-136 | The Word of God is our Satisfaction |
| 18. | Tzaddi | vs. 137-144 | The Word of God is Righteous |
| 19. | Koph | vs. 145-152 | The Word of God Draws us to Him in Prayer |
| 20. | Resh | vs. 153-160 | The Word of God Demonstrates Deliverance Through Prayer |
| 21. | Schin | vs. 161-168 | The Word of God Brings Peace Through Answered Prayer |
| 22. | Tau | vs. 169-176 | The Word of God Gives Joy Through Answered Prayer |

Introduction – Words used to Describe God's Word

- Law – instruction, direction
- Testimonies – bear witness, to testify
- Precepts – mandate
- Statutes – prescribed written law
- Commandments – commands
- Judgments – judicial decision, sentence, determination
- Word – the Word of God or words from speech
- Way – path

I. The Word of God Brings Happiness to those who Obey

(Psalm 119:1-8)

A. The Directive to Obey God's Word

- 1. Walk**
 - a)** In the law of the Lord (vs. 1)
 - b)** In his ways (vs. 3)
- 2. Keep (Observe)**
 - a)** His testimonies (vs. 2)
 - b)** His precepts (vs. 4)
 - c)** His statutes (vs. 5, 8)
- 3. Seek**
 - a)** Him with the whole heart (vs. 2)
 - b)** His direction (vs. 5)
- 4. Learn**
 - a)** His judgments (vs. 7)

B. The Results of Obedience to God Word

- 1. Undeified – complete, whole (vs. 1)**
- 2. Righteous – do no iniquity (vs. 3)**
- 3. Respect for his commandments (vs. 6)**
- 4. Upright in heart (vs. 7)**
- 5. Not be forsaken (vs. 8)**

C. Our Response to Obeying God's Word

- 1. Blessed (Happy) (vs. 1, 2)**
- 2. Unashamed (vs. 6)**
- 3. Praise (vs. 7)**

II. The Word of God Provides Cleansing to those who take Heed

(Psalm 119:9-16)

A. The Directive to take Heed to His Word

- 1. Take heed to the Word of God (Observe) (vs. 9)**
- 2. Seek Him with our whole heart (vs. 10)**
- 3. Hide His Word in our Hearts (vs. 11)**

B. The Results of taking Heed to His Word

- 1. We will not wander from His commandments (vs. 10)**
- 2. We will not sin against Him (vs. 11)**
- 3. He will teach us His statutes (vs. 12)**

C. Our Response to taking Heed to His Word

- 1. We will declare His judgments with our lips (vs. 13)**
- 2. We will rejoice in His testimonies (vs. 14)**
- 3. We will meditate in His precepts (vs. 15)**

4. We will have respect unto His ways (vs. 15)
5. We will delight in His statutes (vs. 16)
6. We will not forget His word (vs. 16)

III. The Word of God Gives Strength to Live in this World

(Psalm 119:17-24)

- A. The Status of the World in which We Live
 1. The World may not treat you fairly (vs. 17)
Deal bountifully
 2. The World has much to look at that is not profitable (vs. 18)
Open thou mine eyes
 3. The World is not a comfortable place for a Christian (vs. 19)
I am a stranger
 4. The World does not satisfy the soul (vs. 20)
My soul is longing
 5. The World is full of proud people who do not obey His commandments (vs. 21)
 6. The World will show disgrace and disrespect (vs. 22)
Reproach and contempt
 7. The World has those in authority who speak against you (vs. 23)
Princes did sit and speak against me
- B. The Desire to know the Word of God
 1. Keep His Word (vs. 17)
 2. Open my eyes to see the wonderful things in His law (vs. 18)
 3. Hide not any of His commandments (vs. 19)
 4. Longing for his judgments (vs. 20)
 5. Keep His testimonies (vs. 22)
 6. Meditate in thy statutes (vs. 23)
 7. His testimonies are my counselors (vs. 24)

IV. The Word of God Encourages and Strengthens Us

(Psalm 119:25-32)

- A. Our emotional condition
 1. Our soul is in mourning (vs. 25)
My soul cleaveth unto the dust (sackcloth and ashes)
 2. Our lips need to share (vs. 26)
I have declared my ways
 3. Our eyes are filled with tears (vs. 28)
Soul melteth for heaviness
 4. Our mind wants to hide the truth (vs. 29)

- 5. Our heart feels empty (vs. 32)
- B.** Our spiritual help
 - 1. The Word of God revives us (*quickens*) (vs. 25)
 - 2. The Word of God teaches us and helps us understand (vs. 26-27)
 - 3. The Word of God strengthens us (vs. 28)
 - 4. The Word of God is a gift of grace (vs. 29)
- C.** Our steadfast determination
 - 1. Choose the truth (vs. 30)
 - 2. Let the Word of God be your guide (*laid before me*) (vs. 30)
 - 3. Cling to his testimonies (vs. 31) (contrast with vs. 25)
 - 4. Run on the path of His commandments (vs. 32)

V. The Word of God is our Teacher

(Psalm 119:33-40)

- A.** The Method of Learning
 - 1. Teaching way of His statutes (vs. 33)
 - 2. Giving understanding (vs. 34)
 - 3. Making to march on the road of his commandments (vs. 35)
 - 4. Inclining (stretch out) your ear to his testimonies (vs. 36)
 - 5. Covering my eyes from vanity (vs. 37)
 - 6. Quickening (reviving) in the way of righteousness (vs. 37, 40)
 - 7. Establishing His word (vs. 38)
 - 8. Passing over reproach (disgrace, intimidation) (vs. 39)
- B.** The Student as a Learner
 - 1. Not forget those lessons (vs. 33)
Keep it unto the end
 - 2. Keep the law (vs. 34)
 - 3. Observe them whole heartedly (vs. 34)
 - 4. Delight in his commandments (vs. 35)
 - 5. Avoid covetousness (vs. 36)
 - 6. Devoted to thy fear (vs. 38)
 - 7. Realize His judgments are good (vs. 39)
 - 8. Desire his precepts (vs. 40)

VI. The Word of God is Our Answer to Others

(Psalm 119:41-48)

- A.** Our most valued possession
 - 1. God's mercies (vs. 41)
 - 2. The truth of salvation (vs. 41)
- B.** Our reproach (vs. 42)

1. Taunting from others
2. Insults
3. Bitter feelings
4. Sarcasm
- C. Our message to others
 1. Word of truth (vs. 43)
 2. His testimonies (vs. 46)
- D. Our confidence
 1. Trust in His word (s. 42)
 2. We have hope in His judgments (vs. 43)
 3. Walk with liberty (vs. 45)
 4. Speak with courage before authority (vs. 46)
 - a) Not be ashamed
 - b) Not be fearful
- E. Our desire
 1. Keep thy law (vs. 44)
 - a) Continually
 - b) Forever
 2. Seek his precepts (vs. 45)
 3. Delight in his commandments (vs. 47)
 4. Hold up his commandments (vs. 48)
 5. Meditate in his statues (vs. 48)

VII. The Word of God is Our Comfort

(Psalm 119:49-56)

- A. Our need for comfort because of our circumstances
 1. We have forgotten His word – remember, bring to mind (vs. 49)
 2. We are impatient – hope, wait patiently (vs. 49)
 3. We are depressed – afflicted (vs. 50)
 - a) Pain, distress, trouble
 - b) Continual state
 4. We are discouraged – quickened me (vs. 50)
 5. We have been ridiculed by the proud/arrogant – derision (vs. 51)
 - a) Laughed at, mocked
 - b) Treated with a mean spirit
 - c) Scorned – despised
 6. We have become angry because of the wicked – horror (vs. 53)
 7. We are in darkness – night (vs. 55)
- B. The source of our comfort is the Scripture
 1. His word (vs. 49-50)

- 2. His law (vs. 51, 55)
- 3. His judgments (vs. 52)
- 4. His statutes (vs. 54)
- 5. His name (vs. 55)
- 6. His precepts (vs. 56)
- C. Our responsibility to receive comfort
 - 1. I will not decline or turn away (vs. 51)
 - 2. I will remember – bring to mind (vs. 52, 55)
 - 3. I will keep His law/precepts (vs. 55, 56)
- D. The results of the comfort from His Word

This I had – has happened, occurred (vs. 56)

 - 1. It is our hope – to patiently wait (vs. 49)
 - 2. It is our comfort – consolation (vs. 50)
 - 3. It keeps us going/alive (revive) – quickened (vs. 50)
 - 4. It allows us to sigh or take a breath – comfort ourselves (vs. 52)
 - 5. It puts a song to our lips (vs. 54)

VIII. The Word of God Reveals God's Kindness

(Psalm 119:57-64)

- A. God's Provisions
 - 1. Our Portion – inheritance, allotment (vs. 57)
 - 2. His Favour – His presence, He turns His face toward us (vs. 58)
 - 3. His Graciousness (merciful) – to show favor (vs. 58)
 - 4. His Kindness (mercy) (vs. 64)
- B. Our Responsibilities
 - 1. Our actions
 - a) I will keep (guard) thy words (vs. 57)
 - b) I begged (intreated) for thy favour (vs. 58)
 - c) I turned my feet unto thy testimonies (vs. 59)
 - d) I hurried (made haste) to keep thy commandments (vs. 60)
 - e) I have not forgotten thy law (vs. 61)
 - f) I will give thanks because of thy righteous judgments (vs. 62)
 - g) I will have godly companions (vs. 63)
 - (1) Those who fear God (honor, stand in awe)
 - (2) Those who keep His precepts (mandates)
 - 2. Our attitude
 - a) I will practice what I preach (have said) (vs. 57)
 - b) I will be whole hearted (vs. 58)
 - c) I will think about my own actions (vs. 59)
 - d) I will not delay (vs. 60)

- e) I will not worry or fret (being robbed) (vs. 61)
- f) I will be committed (rise at midnight) (vs. 62)
- g) I will have a teachable spirit (vs. 64)

IX. The Word of God Teaches us in Times of Affliction

(Psalm 119:65-72)

- A.** The Reality of affliction (vs. 67, 71)
 - 1. Continual pain of body or mind, distress, grief
 - 2. To be humbled – went astray, compare the proud (vs. 67, 69)
 - 3. False accusations, slander, forged a lie (smear with glue) (vs. 69)
 - 4. To lose finances, prosperity (vs. 72)
- B.** The Goodness of God during affliction
 - 1. Good things are produced in us – dealt well (vs. 65)
 - 2. We are taught good discretion – judgment (vs. 66)
 - 3. We are reminded that God is good (vs. 68)
 - 4. We are reminded that God does good things (vs. 68)
 - 5. We are reassured that affliction is good (vs. 71)
 - 6. We are reminded that God’s Word is better than riches (vs. 72)
- C.** The Lessons learned during Affliction
 - 1. Teaching (vs. 66, 68)
 - a) Judgment – taste, determine the quality
 - b) Knowledge – discernment, understanding
 - c) Statutes – prescriptions
 - 2. Believing (vs. 66)
Commandments
 - 3. Returning – brings us back in line – I went astray (vs. 67)
The Promise of His Word
 - 4. Keeping (vs. 67, 69)
 - a) Promise of His Word
 - b) Precepts – commands for moral conduct
 - 5. Delighting (vs. 70)
Law – instruction, direction
 - 6. Learning (vs. 71)
Statutes – prescriptions

X. The Word of God Teaches us to be a Godly Example

(Psalm 119:73-80)

- A.** The Attributes of God as our example
 - 1. We were designed and made by Him (vs. 73)
 - 2. His decisions are right and fair (vs. 75)

- 3. He is faithful, firm (vs. 75)
- 4. He is kind (vs. 76)
- 5. He is compassionate (vs. 77)
- B.** The Desire to be a good example
 - 1. Give me understanding – mental discernment between right and wrong (vs. 73)
 - 2. Help me learn thy commandments (vs. 73)
 - 3. The Law is my delight (vs. 77)
 - 4. I will meditate in thy precepts (vs. 78)
 - 5. Sound heart – complete in integrity (vs. 80)
 - 6. Not ashamed (vs. 80)
- C.** Being an example in spite of affliction
 - 1. God allows affliction in our lives (vs. 75)
 - a) He is fair
 - b) He is faithful
 - 2. God gives comfort through His kindness to us (vs. 76)
 - 3. God gives compassion to revive us (live, quicken) (vs. 77)
- D.** The result of being a good example to others
 - 1. Those who fear God will find joy because they see that we patiently trusted and hoped in His Word (vs. 74)
 - 2. We need to have friends who fear God and have known His testimonies (vs. 79)

XI. The Word of God Gives us the Strength to Go On

(Psalm 119:81-88)

- A.** Our physical condition
 - 1. Soul fainteth – exhausted (vs. 81)
 - 2. Eyes fail – strained (vs. 82) (same word as fainteth in vs. 81)
 - 3. Like a shriveled up bottle (vs. 83) dried up, parched
Bottles were made of animal skins and dried out near the fire before being used
 - 4. Weary after many days, frustrated (vs. 84)
 - 5. Persecuted – chased after and pursued (vs. 84, 86)
 - 6. Entrapped – pits all around placed to trap animals (vs. 85)
 - 7. Almost consumed – finished off (vs. 87)
 - 8. Feel like not going on – in need of reviving (vs. 88)
- B.** Our physical needs
 - 1. Hope (vs. 81)
 - 2. Comfort (vs. 82)
 - 3. Reminders – not forget (vs. 83)

- 4. Closure, see the end, finish – when will thou execute judgment (vs. 84)
- 5. Faithfulness, constancy (vs. 86)
- 6. Help (vs. 86)
- 7. Lovingkindness (vs. 88)
- C.** Our supernatural source
 - 1. God's salvation (vs. 81)
 - 2. God's Word (vs. 81, 82)
 - 3. God's statutes (vs. 83)
 - 4. God's commandments (vs. 86)
 - 5. God's precepts (vs. 87)
 - 6. God's testimony (vs. 88)

XII. The Word of God is Faithful

(Psalm 119:89-96)

- A.** The Word of God Described
 - 1. The Word of God is eternal, for ever (past and future) (vs. 89)
 - 2. The Word of God is settled, established, standing erect (vs. 89)
 - a) David's life had been unsettled and now he finds certainty, that which cannot be disturbed
 - b) What do we need to settle in our lives?
 - 3. The Word of God is faithful, firm stable (vs. 90)
 - a) True and applicable to all generations
 - b) His words are not worn out old promises
 - 4. The Works of God testify of the Word of God (vs. 91)
 - a) The earth (universe) abideth – continueth
 - b) The heaven and earth continue to serve their Creator
 - c) The world was created by the word of God (and God said)
- B.** The Word of God Applied
 - 1. Delight in His word – enjoyment, pleasure (vs. 92)
 - 2. Remember His word, never forget or ignore (vs. 93)
 - 3. Seek His word – sought, investigate, habitual, often (vs. 94)
 - 4. Consider His word – discernment, understanding (vs. 95)
- C.** The Word of God Denied
 - 1. Perished in affliction – wandered in misery (vs. 92)
 - 2. Unhealthy, sick (quicken, revive) (vs. 93)
- D.** The Word of God Supplied
 - 1. The power of His word (vs. 94)
 - a) We are His children, we belong to Him
 - b) He will give salvation

- 2. The desire of the wicked (vs. 95)
 - a) Eagerly lie in wait for
 - b) Destroy, do away with
- 3. The limitation of man (vs. 96)
 - a) Man is limited in sight
 - b) Man can see the end
 - c) The Word of God is unfathomable
 - d) The picture is very wide

XIII. The Word of God Gives Wisdom

(Psalm 119:97-104)

- A. The Change that is made in our lives
 - 1. A love for the word of God (vs. 97)
 - a) Strong passion that needs to be expressed, talked about, demonstrated
 - b) Partnership
 - 2. Daily meditation (vs. 97, 99)
 - a) In our speech, uttering
 - b) In our thoughts, reflection
 - 3. Wisdom (vs. 98)
 - a) Knowledge put to practical use
 - b) Application and obedience to commands
 - 4. Understanding (vs. 99)
 - a) Prudence, planning ahead of time, thinking ahead
 - b) Circumspect, carefulness
 - 5. Discernment (I understand more) (vs. 100, 104)
 - a) To see clearly
 - b) To perceive the difference between
 - c) Distinguish, recognize
- B. The Certainty of interpersonal relationships
 - 1. Enemies – always with us (vs. 98)
 - 2. Teachers (vs. 99)
 - 3. Ancients, those older than us (vs. 100)
- C. The Caution that we must heed
 - 1. Refraining from evil (vs. 101)
 - a) Restriction
 - b) Restraint
 - 2. Keep focused (vs. 102)
 - a) Do not depart
 - b) Do not turn aside

- c) Do not leave undone
 - 3. Hate every false away (lies) (vs. 104)
 - D. The Contentment that we experience
 - 1. Sweetness, smoothness (vs. 103)
 - a) Pleasant
 - b) Easily taken
 - 2. Taste, mouth (vs. 103)
 - a) He allowed the words to enter his ear
 - b) He applied those words to his lips
 - (1) He tasted it himself
 - (2) He benefited from wisdom himself
- It must be sweet to our taste when we think of it, or it will not be sweet to our mouth when we talk of it.*

XIV. The Word of God is a Light in a Dark World

(Psalm 119:105-112)

- A. The Light for the Believer (vs. 105)
 - 1. It is the lamp itself
 - a) There is no need to walk in darkness
 - b) There is no need to fear what is ahead, danger
 - c) The lamp is fueled by the oil (power) of the Holy Spirit
 - 2. It is the illumination – light
 - a) It guides our steps
 - b) It guides us to the right path and keeps us from wandering off of the path
 - c) It keeps us from stumbling over obstacles and falling down

2 Peter 1:19-21 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

Psalm 18:28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:

Psalm 37:23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

- B. The Darkness of the World – dangerous paths
 - 1. Vehemently afflicted (vs. 107)

- 2. Always running from danger (vs. 109)
- 3. Avoiding the traps, snares of the wicked (vs. 110)
- C.** The Blessings of the Word of God
 - 1. His judgments are righteous (vs. 106)
 - 2. His Word gives us the strength to go on (quicken) (vs. 107)
 - 3. His judgments teach us (vs. 108)
 - 4. His law is with us at all times – good or bad (vs. 109)
 - 5. His precepts keep us from wandering into traps (vs. 110)
 - 6. His testimonies we have inherited as possessions (vs. 111)
 - 7. His testimonies bring joy to our heart (vs. 111)
- D.** The Desire of the Believer
 - 1. His promise (vs. 106)
 - a) He made a promise to keep God's commands
 - b) He will keep that promise
 - 2. His praise and thanksgiving on his lips (vs. 108)
 - a) Spontaneous
 - b) Voluntary
 - c) Abundant
 - 3. His commitment (vs. 112)
 - a) He stretched his heart to perform his commandments
 - b) He will continue in His commandments till the end

XV. The Word of God is our Shield and Protection

(Psalm 119:113-120)

- A.** The Need for Protection
 - 1. Fearful thoughts – vain thoughts, divided thoughts (vs. 113)
 - 2. Influence of evildoers (vs. 115)
 - a) They have gone astray (vs. 118)
 - b) Deceitful, liars (vs. 118)
 - 3. Weariness, uphold me (vs. 116)
 - 4. Disappointment at expectations, hopes (vs. 116)
- B.** The Protection that God Provides
 - 1. Hiding place, shelter, protection (vs. 114)
 - 2. Shield, one that protected the whole body (vs. 114)
 - 3. Place of rest, place to lean on, uphold (vs. 116)
 - 4. Live prosperously, quicken (vs. 116)
 - 5. Place of strength, hold thou me up (vs. 117)
 - 6. Safety, deliverance (vs. 117)
- C.** The Judgment of God upon Evildoers
 - 1. Tossed aside, of little value, trodden down (vs. 118)

- 2. Removed them like the dross, unusable, worthless (vs. 119)
- D.** The Respect for God's Judgment (vs. 120)
 - 1. Physical fear, hair standing up, awareness (flesh trembling)
 - 2. Godly fear, reverence, awe, healthy fear of punishment
- E.** The Confidence that We have in His Word
 - 1. Love His law (vs. 113)
 - 2. Hope in His word (vs. 114)
 - 3. Keep God's commandments (vs. 115)
 - 4. Continual respect for His statutes (vs. 117)
 - 5. Love for His testimonies (vs. 119)

XVI. The Word of God is Our Guarantee

(Psalm 119:121-128)

- A.** His complaint to God
 - 1. The oppression (vs. 121-122)
 - a) Treated with cruelty – fond of causing pain
 - b) Treated with severity – strict, harsh
 - c) Treated unjustly – not fair
 - 2. The oppressors
 - a) Full of pride (vs. 122)
 - b) Broken God's laws (vs. 126)
 - c) Spread untruth (vs. 128)
- B.** His cry to God
 - 1. Don't abandon me – don't leave me (vs. 121)
 - 2. Be my guarantee – surety (vs. 122)
 - a) Protect as his own
 - b) Guarantee safety
 - 3. Open my eyes – failed to see (vs. 123)
 - a) His salvation
 - b) His word of righteousness
 - 4. Show kindness – deal mercifully (vs. 124)
 - 5. Teach me thy statutes (vs. 124)
 - 6. Give understanding to know thy testimonies (vs. 125)
 - 7. It is time – don't delay (vs. 126)
- C.** His commitments to God
 - 1. Live a righteous and upright life – justice and judgment (vs. 121)
 - 2. Be a servant (vs. 125)
 - 3. Love his commandments (vs. 127)
 - a) Above gold – overlaid with gold
 - b) Above fine gold – pure gold

4. Recognize his precepts are right (vs. 128)
5. Hatred of falsehood (vs. 128)

XVII. The Word of God is our Satisfaction

(Psalm 119:129-136)

- A.** His description of God's Word
 1. Wonderful, marvelous, miraculous (vs. 129)
 2. Gives light (vs. 130)
 3. Gives understanding (vs. 130)
- B.** His desire, thirst for God's Word (panteth)
 1. Keep his testimonies (vs. 129)
 2. Acceptance of his words, entrance (vs. 130)
 3. Desire, longing for his commandments (vs. 131)
 4. Keep his precepts (vs. 134)
- C.** His desire from God
 1. Turn and look at me (vs. 132)
 2. Show mercy to me (vs. 132)
 3. Direct my steps (vs. 133)
 4. Don't allow sin to govern me (vs. 133)
 5. Look upon me and shine upon me (vs. 135)
 6. Teach me thy statutes (vs. 135)
- D.** His despondency toward sinful man
 1. Deliver me from their oppression (vs. 134)
 - a) Cruelty (misery)
 - b) Severity (burdened down)
 - c) Unjustly (unfairly)
 2. Recognize my sadness because of their sin (vs. 136)

XVIII. The Word of God is Righteous

(Psalm 119:137-144)

- A.** What is righteousness?
 1. Conformity to God's laws in heart (thinking)
 - a) What is right – holy
 - b) Opposite of wrong – sin
 2. Conformity to God's laws in practice (actions)
 - a) Discerning right and wrong
 - b) Actions that are pleasing to God
 3. Conformity to God's laws in speaking (speech)
- B.** Description of Jehovah's righteousness (vs. 137)
 1. His judgments are upright, straight, level, correct (vs. 137)

2. His commandments are righteous (vs. 138)
 3. His testimonies are faithful, firm, steady (vs. 138)
 4. His words are pure (vs. 140)
 5. His righteousness is eternal (vs. 142)
 6. His law is truth (vs. 142)
 7. His testimonies are eternal (vs. 144)
- C.** His needs because of unrighteousness
1. In need of strength – his zealous anger has worn him down because of those who have forgotten God’s righteousness (vs. 139)
 2. In need of encouragement – he is of little value and considered worthless (vs. 141)
 3. In need of relief – trouble and anguish (stress) have taken hold of him (vs. 143)
- D.** His desires for righteousness
1. Love for the purity of the word (vs. 140)
 2. Remember his precepts (vs. 141)
 3. Delight for his commandments (vs. 143)
 4. Understanding that I may live (quicken, keep alive) (vs. 144)

XIX. The Word of God Draws us to Him in Prayer

(Psalm 119:145-152)

- A.** His prayer to God
1. He cried out to God with his whole heart (vs. 145)
 2. He cried out for God to hear (answer) him (vs. 145)
 3. He cried out for God to save (deliver) him (vs. 146)
 4. He cried out to God before the sun came up (vs. 147)
 5. He cried out to God before the night watch was announced (vs. 148)
 6. He asked God to kindly hear (listen to) his voice (vs. 149)
 7. He asked God to quicken him (live prosperously, keep alive) (vs. 149)
 8. He asked God for protection (vs. 150)
 - a) The wicked are near (those who follow after mischief)
 - b) The wicked have distanced themselves from God’s laws
- B.** His promise to God
1. Keep thy statutes (vs. 145)
 2. Keep thy testimonies (vs. 146)
 3. Hope in thy word (vs. 147)
 4. Meditate in thy word (vs. 148)
- C.** His reminders about God (vs. 151-152)

1. Reminder that God is near
2. Reminder that God's commandments are truth
3. Reminder that God's testimonies have been established forever

XX. The Word of God Demonstrates Deliverance through Prayer

(Psalm 119:153-160)

A. The Need for Deliverance

1. Affliction, misery, poverty, trouble (vs. 153)
2. Persecution, harass, chase, pursue (vs. 157)
3. Enemies, adversaries (vs. 157)
4. Transgressors, deceitful, unfaithful (vs. 158)

B. His Cry for Deliverance

1. What he asks
 - a) Deliver me (save me) (vs. 153)
 - b) Defend my cause (vs. 154)
 - c) Deliver me (redeem, by back) (vs. 154)
 - d) Quicken me (vs. 154, 156, 159)
2. What he promises
 - a) I will not forget thy law (vs. 153)
 - b) I will not decline (turn aside) from thy testimonies (vs. 157)
 - c) I love thy precepts (vs. 159)

C. Those who will not be delivered

1. Salvation is far from the wicked (vs. 155)
2. Those who seek not God's statutes (vs. 155)
3. Those who keep not his word (vs. 158)

D. The Deliverer

1. Compassion (tender mercies) of Jehovah (vs. 156, 159)
2. Judgments (decisions of Jehovah) (vs. 156, 160)
3. Words are true from the beginning (vs. 160)

XXI. The Word of God Brings Peace Through Answered Prayer

(Psalm 119:161-168)

A. Hindrances to peace

1. Those who deserve respect and honor have persecuted him (princes) (vs. 161)
2. Those who lie (vs. 163)
3. Unrighteous judgments (vs. 164)

B. Characteristics of peace (vs. 165)

1. He stands in awe (reverence) of God's word (vs. 161)

2. He rejoices in his word as one who just found an unexpected prize (vs. 162)

3. He loves his law (vs. 163, 165, 167)

4. He praises God seven times a day because of his righteous judgments (vs. 164)

5. He has been waiting (hope) for his salvation (vs. 166)

6. He has accomplished his commandments (vs. 166)

7. He hath kept his testimonies (vs. 167, 168)

8. He has kept his precepts (vs. 168)

C. Results of having peace

1. Nothing shall offend them (obstacle, stumbling block) (vs. 165)

2. The path, course and direction set by God is before us (vs. 168)

XXII. The Word of God Gives Joy Through Answered Prayer

(Psalm 119:169-176)

A. The shout of his lips

1. Hear my cry of praise, joy, gladness, shouting (vs. 169)

2. Hear my request for favor (supplication) (vs. 170)

3. Hear the praise from my lips (vs. 171, 175)

4. Hear my tongue speak they word (vs. 172)

B. The request from his lips

1. Give me understanding (vs. 169)

2. Deliver me with thy word (vs. 170)

3. Teach me thy statutes (vs. 171)

4. Accept your righteousness commandments (vs. 172)

5. Help me with your hand of strength (vs. 173, 175)

6. Quicken me, make me alive (live) (vs. 175)

7. Search for me (I have gone astray) (vs. 176)

C. The commitment on his lips

1. I have chosen thy precepts (vs. 173)

2. I have longed for (desired) thy salvation (vs. 174)

3. I have delighted in thy law (vs. 174)

4. I will not forget thy commandments (vs. 176)