



Adoring the Word

Psalm 119

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Introduction:

QUOTE: The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible. — Dwight L. Moody

Familiarities breeds contempt. Sadly, this can be the case when it come to the Word of God we are so privilege to own. Owning a copy of the Bible and adoring it are two very different realities. Psalm 119 provides us a prolonged look into the heart and mind of one who adores the Word of God. With the help of the longest Psalm, may we cultivate an adoring attitude for the wonderful Word of God.

1. Its Subject — The _____ of God

*Psalm 119:1–3 Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the Lord. 2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,
And that seek him with the whole heart. 3 They also do no iniquity: They walk
in his ways.*

NOTE — All but five verses mention the Word of God in one way or another. The exceptions are vv. 84, 90, 121, 122, and 132. God is referred to in every verse. —Wiersbe

THE EIGHT DESCRIPTIVE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

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NOTE — Both Psalm 1 (commitment to God’s Word) and Psalm 19 (Praise of God’s Word) have the same theme and use six of the same synonyms as Psalm 119.

NOTE — To fall in love with the Word is to fall in love with Jesus.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2. Its Structure — A Hebrew _____

PSALM 119 HAS _____ STANZAS each headed by a letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

QUOTE: The Jews wrote in this fashion to help them memorize the Scriptures so they could meditate on God’s Word. —Wiersbe

EACH STANZA CONTAINS _____ VERSES all beginning with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet as heads the stanza.

NOTE — *The word “eight” in Hebrew literally means “abundance, more than enough”; it is the number of new beginnings. It is as though the writer is saying, “God’s Word is enough. If you have the Scriptures, that is all you need for life and godliness.”* —Weirsbe

Revelation 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

3. Its Significance — The _____ of God's Word

GOD'S WORD IS VALUABLE LIKE:¹

_____ (9)

_____ (14, 72, 127, 162)

A _____ and counsellor (24)

A _____ (54)

_____ (103)

_____ (105, 130)

A _____ (111)

GOD'S WORD IS VALUABLE FOR WHAT IT DOES:

It Brings _____ (1-2)

It Brings _____ (9, 11)

It Gives _____ (45)

It Provides _____ (105)

It Produces _____ (130)

GOD'S WORD OUGHT BE VALUED BY US:

_____ It

Psalms 119:2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, And that seek him with the whole heart.

_____ It

Psalms 119:129 Thy testimonies are wonderful: Therefore doth my soul keep them.

¹ Ellsworth, R. (2008). Opening up Psalms (p. 24). Day One Publications.

_____ It

Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, That I might not sin against thee.

QUOTE: The best book, in the best place, for the best purpose.
—G. Cambell Morgan

_____ It

Psalm 119:13 With my lips have I declared All the judgments of thy mouth.

_____ Over It

Psalm 119:14–16 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, As much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate in thy precepts, And have respect unto thy ways. 16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

Conclusion

Psalm 119:140 Thy word is very pure: Therefore thy servant loveth it.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

