

Summer Psalms
A SUPERNATURAL BOOK
Tuesday, July 22
Reading: Psalms 119:113-136

Psalm 119:129 *Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them.* **130** *The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.*

For 15 seasons, the sci-fi TV show “Supernatural” followed the adventures of brothers Sam and Dean Winchester as they hunt evil supernatural monsters, demons, and other spirits that roam the earth. This show is but one example of what most people think about when they hear the word “supernatural.” It is not natural! It is not reality! Something supernatural is some weird science fiction idea that could not possibly be true or part of real life.

The psalmist reminds us that God is in the business of the supernatural and He has given us a supernatural book – the Bible. The Hebrew word translated “wonderful” (119:129) means more than simply great. God is always the object of this word. The word refers to something beyond the bounds of human power or expectation – it is a miracle. God’s Word is supernatural! It is “God-breathed” (2 Timothy 3:16). Its words are the very words of God. That is why it is eternal (119:89) and grows us into servants of God “thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:17).

1. The Word gives us HOPE in the midst of our enemies (119:114-117). If our hope is firmly grounded in God’s promises than nothing can shake us. God sustains and upholds those who are trust in Him.
2. The Word gives us a greater AWE for God (119:118-120). When we consider the fate of the wicked it should “make our skin crawl” (“flesh tremble”). As the book of Hebrews says, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (10:31). While they stray from God’s Word, the faithful love and stand in awe of it because it reminds them of a better fate prepared for those who love the Lord.
3. The Word gives us a greater DESIRE to see God’s will done (119:126-128). The intensity of the psalmist’s words tell us of His desire to see God act in the world to set things right.
4. The Word gives LIGHT by unfolding God’s truth (119:130, 135). The more we meditate on God’s Word the more the Holy Spirit will teach us. As stated earlier, the Word is “a lamp for my feet, a light on my path” (119:105). God seldom shows us very far down the road we are travelling, but He gives us the light we need for what lies directly ahead. He guides us step-by-step as we seek His face.
5. The Word gives DIRECTION toward God and away from sin (119:133). It has been said about the Bible - “This book will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from this book.” How true! We stray from God’s path when we stray from study and application of His Word.
6. The Word gives us a SENSITIVE HEART toward sin and obedience (119:136). When was the last time you actually cried over those who disobey God and reject His Word? We need to develop the sensitive, loving heart of our heavenly Father who “so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...”

Far from useless science fiction, God’s Word is the sure source of truth and light. Only a supernatural book inspired by God Himself could do everything we need to walk by faith.