PSALM 119: DEVELOPING AN APPETITE FOR GOD'S WORD

(VV.105-128) LOYALTY TO GOD'S LAW PERSEVERING IN OUR FAITH AMIDST AFFLICTION

PROGRESSION OF PSALM 119 THUS FAR

- 1. The blessed man who walks according to God's word
- 2. Living by God's word is the good life and a comfort in affliction
- 3. Afflicted caused the psalmist to learn to treasure and trust God word
- 4. God's word brings clarity in the complexities of life

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

[106] I have sworn and I will confirm it,

That I will keep Your righteous ordinances.

[107] I am exceedingly afflicted;

Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word. [108] O accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord,

And teach me Your ordinances.
[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 gone astray from Your precepts.

[111] I have inherited Your testimonies forever, For they are the joy of my heart.

[112] I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes

Forever, even to the end.

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[113] I hate those who are double-minded, But I love Your law

[114] You are my hiding place and my shield;

I wait for Your word.

[115] Depart from me, evildoers,

That I may observe the commandments of my God. [116] Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live;

And do not let me be ashamed of my hope

[117] Uphold me that I may be safe,

That I may have regard for Your statutes continually. [118] You have rejected all those who wander from Your statutes,

For their deceitfulness is useless

[119] You have removed all the wicked of the earth like dross; Therefore I love Your testimonies.

[120] My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments

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[121] I have done justice and righteousness; Do not leave me to my oppressors. [122] Be surety for Your servant for good;

Do not let the arrogant oppress me.
[123] My eyes fail with longing for Your salvation And for Your righteous word.

[124] Deal with Your servant according to Your lovingkindness And teach me Your statutes.

[125] I am Your servant; give me understanding,

That I may know Your testimonies. [126] It is time for the Lord to act.

For they have broken Your law

[127] Therefore I love Your commandments Above gold, yes, above fine gold.

[128] Therefore I esteem right all Your precepts concerning everything

I hate every false way.

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PSALM 119:105-128 OVERVIEW

- 1. Overarching theme of commitment
- 2. Repetition of words and phrases in stanzas
- The governing analogy God's word as a lamp/light
- The governing action The psalmist's oath/commitment

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- 2. The right response to God's word is an *intentional*, *relentless* and *unwavering* commitment of active obedience
 - \bullet We do not by happenstance fall into obedience to Christ
 - The more opposition we face the stronger our commitment must be to Christ

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- 2. The right response to God's word is an *intentional*, *relentless* and *unwavering* commitment
- 3. It is only by God's lovingkindness that grants us the grace to persevere amidst affliction