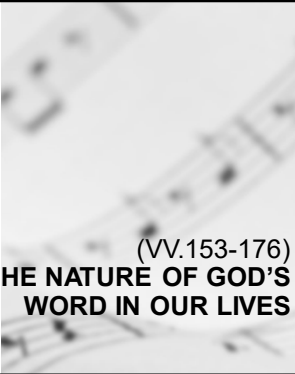


PSALM 119:
DEVELOPING
AN APPETITE
FOR GOD'S
WORD

(VV.153-176)
THE NATURE OF GOD'S
WORD IN OUR LIVES



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אשרי תמימי-דרךך הַהֲלֵכִים בְּתוֹרַת יְהוָה:
אשרי נִצְרֵי עֲדוּתֵיךָ בְּכָל-לֵב יִדְרָשׁוּהוּ:
אֵם לֹא-פָעִלוּ עוֹלָה בְּדַרְכֵיךָ הַלְכֵנוּ:
אִתָּה צִנִּיתָה פִּקְדוֹתֶיךָ לְשֹׁמֵר מִאָד:
אִמְלִי נִלְוֵנוּ דְרָכֶיךָ לְשֹׁמֵר תּוֹרָתֶךָ:
אֲדוּ לֹא-אֶבְשׂ בְּהִבְטִי אֶל-כָּל-מִצְוֹתֶיךָ:
אֲדוּךָ בִּישׁוֹר לִבִּי בְּלִמּוֹתֶיךָ מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ צְדָקָתֶךָ:
אֶת-תּוֹרָתֶךָ אֶשְׁמֵר אֶל-יָמֵינוּ עַד-מָאָד:

- Law
- Testimonies
- Precepts
- Statutes
- Commandments
- Rules
- Word
- Promise

- PSALM 119 RECAP
1. God's word as a comfort in affliction (v. 28, 67, 165)
 2. Psalmist's commitment to God's word (v.9, 16, 59, 106)
 3. God's Word directs the Psalmist (v.105, 130)
 4. The Psalmist delights in God's word (v.16, 47, 103, 162)

[153] Look upon my affliction and rescue me,
For I do not forget Your law.
[154] Plead my cause and redeem me;
Revive me according to Your word.
[155] Salvation is far from the wicked,
For they do not seek Your statutes.
[156] Great are Your mercies, O Lord;
Revive me according to Your ordinances.
[157] Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your testimonies.
[158] I behold the treacherous and loathe them,
Because they do not keep Your word.
[159] Consider how I love Your precepts;
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your lovingkindness.
[160] The sum of Your word is truth,
And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

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119:152-160

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- I. We can bring our requests before the Lord because of his righteous judgments that are based on his *word* and *character*
 - God's *word* is true, righteous and everlasting
 - God's *character* is merciful and full of lovingkindness

[161] Princes persecute me without cause,
But my heart stands in awe of Your words.
[162] I rejoice at Your word,
As one who finds great spoil.
[163] I hate and despise falsehood,
But I love Your law.
[164] Seven times a day I praise You,
Because of Your righteous ordinances.
[165] Those who love Your law have great peace,
And nothing causes them to stumble.
[166] I hope for Your salvation, O Lord,
And do Your commandments.
[167] My soul keeps Your testimonies,
And I love them exceedingly.
[168] I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,
For all my ways are before You.

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119:161-168

PSALM 119:161-168

- I. Loving God's word brings peace even when we are experiencing trials and persecution

When we immerse ourselves in God's word our perspective starts to change, our desires change and we begin to think his thoughts.

[169] Let my cry come before You, O Lord;
Give me understanding according to Your word.
[170] Let my supplication come before You;
Deliver me according to Your word.
[171] Let my lips utter praise,
For You teach me Your statutes.
[172] Let my tongue sing of Your word,
For all Your commandments are righteousness.
[173] Let Your hand be ready to help me,
For I have chosen Your precepts.
[174] I long for Your salvation, O Lord,
And Your law is my delight.
[175] Let my soul live that it may praise You,
And let Your ordinances help me.
[176] I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant,
For I do not forget Your commandments.

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119:169-176

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- I. As God's word draws us closer to him the more humble we will become and the greater our recognition of our sin and need for repentance will be

If we do not recognize the heinousness of our sin then we will never be able to begin to grasp the depth of God's amazing grace
