


Lesson 12
**Psalm 119: The
Word of God
from A to Z**



Introduction to Psalm 119




- Longest of the Psalms (takes about 15 minutes to read)
 - 176 verses and 315 lines
 - Author – unknown, most suggest David
 - *What we do know about the author for fact is he Loved and understood the value of God's word*
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Theme of Psalm 119



- The importance of God's word
 - The many qualities of God's word
 - We are to
 - Seek
 - Learn
 - Desire
 - Delight
 - Meditate etc. on God's word
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The Word




- *“only one to three of the verses lack some reference to God’s word”*
- *“Here we have set forth in inexhaustible fullness what the word of God is to a man and how a man is to behave himself in relation to it”*
- *It is not something we should just be “interested” in learning.*
 - *“The psalmist emphasizes throughout how the law or teaching of God must be sought, learned, and obeyed so that a man can find happiness, peace and well being”*
- *We are to walk according to the Law of the Lord*



How We Need to View God's Word!




- Vs 1: Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who WALK according to the LAW of the LORD
 - Vs 47: for I DELIGHT in your COMMANDS because I LOVE THEM
 - Vs 77: Let your COMPASSION come to me that I may LIVE, for your LAW is my DELIGHT
 - Vs 97: Oh, how I LOVE your LAW! I MEDITATE on it all day long.

 - The Psalmist understands... Do we?
 - John 1:1 Jesus is the Word
 - John 14:8-13 We can't pick and chose what we Love. All of it or none of it.
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The Way to Understand Correctly



- “written for people who view their life | this world as a foreigner, they NEED God’s word to direct their way.”
 - We must LOVE God’s word
 - “Psalms 119 is probably the greatest expression of love for God’s law to be found in the OT”
 - Scripture Synonyms
 - Law 25x
 - Word 24x
 - Rulings or ordinances 23x
 - Testimonies 23x
 - Commandments 22x
 - Decrees or statues 21x
 - Precepts or charges 21x
 - Sayings, promises 19x
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Acrostic Style



- *Alphabetic style*
- *Purpose for writing this way*
 - *Aid memorization*
 - *Serve as a structural hint that the message is comprehensive, covering the topic from “A to Z”*
- *Each Letter has 8 verse to it, only 22 groups of 8 verses.*
- *Easy to read and each grouping has a complete meaning and purpose.*
- *Read them in the groups of 8 is much easier.*



Hebrew Alphabet



- *Aleph v 1-8*
- *Beth v 9-16*
- *Gimel v 17-24*
- *Daleth v 25-32*
- *He v 33-40*
- *Waw v 41-48*
- *Zayin v 49-56*
- *Heth v 57-64*
- *Teth v 65-72*
- *Yodh v 73-80*
- *Kaph v 81-88*
- *Lamedh v 89-96*
- *Mem v 97-104*
- *Nun v 105-112*
- *Samekh v 113-120*
- *Ayin v 121-128*
- *Pe v 129-136*
- *Tsadhe v 137-144*
- *Qoph v 145-152*
- *Resh v 153-160*
- *Sin/shin v 161-168*
- *Taw v 169-176*

Aleph 1-8

- Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the LORD.
² Blessed are those who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart—
³ they do no wrong
but follow his ways.
⁴ You have laid down precepts
that are to be fully obeyed.
⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast
in obeying your decrees!
⁶ Then I would not be put to shame
when I consider all your commands.
⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart
as I learn your righteous laws.
⁸ I will obey your decrees;
do not utterly forsake me



Beth 9-16



- How can a young person stay on the path of purity?
By living according to your word.
 - ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.
 - ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.
 - ¹² Praise be to you, LORD;
teach me your decrees.
 - ¹³ With my lips I recount
all the laws that come from your mouth.
 - ¹⁴ I rejoice in following your statutes
as one rejoices in great riches.
 - ¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts
and consider your ways.
 - ¹⁶ I delight in your decrees;
I will not neglect your word.



Gimel 17-24



Be good to your servant while I live,
that I may obey your word.

¹⁸ Open my eyes that I may see
wonderful things in your law.

¹⁹ I am a stranger on earth;
do not hide your commands from me.


²⁰ My soul is consumed with longing
for your laws at all times.

²¹ You rebuke the arrogant, who are accursed,
those who stray from your commands.

²² Remove from me their scorn and contempt,
for I keep your statutes.

²³ Though rulers sit together and slander me,
your servant will meditate on your decrees.

²⁴ Your statutes are my delight;
they are my counselors.





Waw 41-48



May your unfailing love come to me, LORD,
your salvation, according to your promise;
42 then I can answer anyone who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.
43 Never take your word of truth from my mouth,
for I have put my hope in your laws.
44 I will always obey your law,
for ever and ever.
45 I will walk about in freedom,
for I have sought out your precepts.
46 I will speak of your statutes before kings
and will not be put to shame,
47 for I delight in your commands
because I love them.
48 I reach out for your commands, which I love,
that I may meditate on your decrees.



Teth 65-72



Do good to your servant
according to your word, LORD.

⁶⁶ Teach me knowledge and good judgment,
for I trust your commands.

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I obey your word.


⁶⁸ You are good, and what you do is good;
teach me your decrees.

⁶⁹ Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies,
I keep your precepts with all my heart.

⁷⁰ Their hearts are callous and unfeeling,
but I delight in your law.

⁷¹ It was good for me to be afflicted
so that I might learn your decrees.

⁷² The law from your mouth is more precious to me
than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.



Kaph 81-88

My soul faints with longing for your salvation,
but I have put my hope in your word.

⁸² My eyes fail, looking for your promise;
I say, "When will you comfort me?"

⁸³ Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke,
I do not forget your decrees.

⁸⁴ How long must your servant wait?
When will you punish my persecutors?

⁸⁵ The arrogant dig pits to trap me,
contrary to your law.

⁸⁶ All your commands are trustworthy;
help me, for I am being persecuted without cause.

⁸⁷ They almost wiped me from the earth,
but I have not forsaken your precepts.

⁸⁸ In your unfailing love preserve my life,
that I may obey the statutes of your mouth.

Mem 97-104

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

⁹⁸ Your commands are always with me
and make me wiser than my enemies.

⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders,
for I obey your precepts.

¹⁰¹ I have kept my feet from every evil path
so that I might obey your word.

¹⁰² I have not departed from your laws,
for you yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your precepts;
therefore I hate every wrong path.



Qoph 145-152



I call with all my heart; answer me, LORD,
and I will obey your decrees.

¹⁴⁶ I call out to you; save me
and I will keep your statutes.

¹⁴⁷ I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I have put my hope in your word.

¹⁴⁸ My eyes stay open through the watches of the night,
that I may meditate on your promises.

¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice in accordance with your love;
preserve my life, LORD, according to your laws.

¹⁵⁰ Those who devise wicked schemes are near,
but they are far from your law.

¹⁵¹ Yet you are near, LORD,
and all your commands are true.

¹⁵² Long ago I learned from your statutes
that you established them to last forever.