

The Excellency of God's Word Psalms 19 & 119



**“...more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey
and the drippings of the honeycomb.”
Psalm 19:10**

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The Psalmist's Love for God's Word (Psa. 119)

8. List the terms used for God's word in this psalm? (from the NASB v. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 13)

- **Law**
- **Testimonies**
- **Ways**
- **Precepts**
- **Statutes**
- **Commandments**
- **Righteous judgements**
- **Ordinances**

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- 9. How does the psalmist feel about God's law? (v. 11, 31, 47-48, 70, 77, 81-82, 97, 103, 111, 119, 129, 140, 147-148, 167, 174)**
- It is to be cherished (treasured, cling, delight, languish, wait, longing, love, sweet, joy to my heart, wonderful, wait, anticipate, love exceedingly)**
 - Verses 147-148 should especially convict us as we spend our time in His word.**

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10. Almost every section of the psalm contains a prayer. What is the common request the writer makes of the Lord in the sets of verses listed?

a) v. 12, 33, 64, 68, 124, 135

- Teach me your statutes**

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b) v. 18, 27, 34, 66, 73, 125, 169

- Grant me understanding to see the wonder and worth in God's word.**

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11. The author sees benefit in God's word, both as a deterrent and an encouragement.

- a) What is he encouraged to do as he considers God's word?**
- Obey (v. 5, 8, 32, 55-56, 115, 129)**
 - Revere (v. 38)**
 - Proclaim (v. 46)**
 - Praise (v. 164-165)**

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b) What do the same precepts prevent him from doing?

- Seeking worldly pleasure (v. 36-37, 101, 104, 120, 133)**
- Succumbing to ridicule and hardships (v. 51-52, 92, 157)**
- Associating with the wicked (v. 115)**
- Having a seared conscience (v. 136)**

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12. How committed is the psalmist to obeying God's law?

- **From his youth (v. 9)**
- **Continually, forever (v. 44, 112)**
- **It is who he is (v. 55-56)**
- **Covenant and promise; my portion (v. 57, 145-146)**
- **Precepts ever before him (v. 93)**
- **Total commitment (v. 166-168)**

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Our Love for God's Word

- **How do we increase our love of God's communication with us?**
 - **Pray**
 - **Read**
 - **Consistently/Plan for it**
 - **Intently/Without distraction**
 - **With purpose/Slow down**
 - **See the wonders**
 - **Meditate/See applications**

Godly Sorrow in Psalms

Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51

Psalms 51:17

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and a contrite heart,
O God, You will not despise.”

Godly Sorrow in Psalms

David's Sin

1. From the story of David and Bathsheba, of what sins was David guilty?
 - Covetousness and betrayal
 - Lust/Immorality/Adultery
 - Deception
 - Murder
 - Caused others to sin
 - Gave cause for others to blaspheme

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David's Sin

2. What was his response and attitude when confronted with his sin, seen both in the narrative of 2 Samuel, as well as in the psalms? (Psa. 32:3, 5; 38:3-4; 51:1-3, 14)
 - “I have sinned against the Lord” (2 Sam. 12:13)
 - From the psalms... “my iniquity, my sin, my transgressions”. He mentions “bloodguiltiness” in 51:14.

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David's Sin

3. How does he describe the effects his sin has on him, both physically and emotionally?

Physically

“Pining away” (6:2)

Cannot hold back tears (6:6-8)

“Body wasted away, groaning all day” (32:3)

“Bent over” with mourning (38:6)

Shunned by loved ones, pursued by enemies (38:11-12)

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3. How does he describe the effects his sin has on him both physically and emotionally?

Emotionally

“My soul is greatly dismayed” (6:3)

“The light of my eyes... has gone from me” (38:10)

“Ready to fall... full of anxiety” (38:17-18)

“My sin is ever before me” (51:3)