

THE PRIORITY OF GOD'S WORD

PSALM 119



THE WRITER

- UNKNOWN AUTHOR
 - TWO LIKELY CANDIDATES: JEREMIAH; DANIEL
 - WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THE AUTHOR HAD AN INTENSE HUNGER FOR God and His word.

THEME

- Clearly the theme is the priority of the Word of God for His children.
- God's word is mentioned in some form in all but five verses. (84, 90, 121, 122, 132)
- The Psalm is in the form of an acrostic. There are 22 stanzas corresponding to the letters in the Hebrew alphabet.

VERSES 1 & 2

- **How blessed** are those whose way is blameless,
Who walk in the law of the LORD. ² **How blessed**
are those **who observe** His testimonies, Who seek
Him with all *their* heart.

VERSE 9

- “How can a young man keep **his way pure**? By **keeping it according to your Word.**”

VERSE 10

- “With **all my heart** I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments.”

VERSE 11

- “Your word **I have treasured in my heart**, That I may not sin against You.”

VERSE 57

- **“The LORD is my portion; I have promised to keep Your words.”**

VERSE 72

- “The law of Your mouth **is better to me** Than **thousands of gold and silver *pieces.***”

VERSE 93

- “I will never forget Your precepts, For **by them**
You have revived me.”

VERSE 97-100

- O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.
⁹⁸ Your commandments **make me wiser** than my enemies, For they are ever mine. ⁹⁹ I have **more insight** than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I **understand more** than the aged, Because I have observed Your precepts.

VERSE 105

- “Your word is a **lamp** to my feet And a **light** to my path.”

VERSE 123

- **“My eyes fail *with longing* for Your salvation And for Your righteous word.”**

VERSE 140 & 142

- “Your word is very **pure**, Therefore Your servant loves it.”
- “Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is **truth**.”

VERSE 165

- “Those who love Your law **have great peace,**
And nothing causes them to stumble.”

SO WHAT?

- We need to know God's word!
- We need to obey God's word!
- God's word is necessary to finish well.
- God's word helps us to long for His appearing.