

# Our Glorious Treasure

## Psalm 119

### Introduction:

*"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the **law** of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his **testimonies**, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy **precepts** diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy **statutes!** Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy **commandments**. I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous **judgments**. Thy **word** have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee."* (Psa. 119:1-7, 11)

God hath spoken; yea, God has spoken through His creation, through His Son -- the Living Word, but more specifically through His written Word. *The Bible is God's commandments, judgments, law, statutes, word, precepts, and testimonies.*

I write these things as a burden of my heart. The greatest failure I see among those who say they are saved is the neglect of the Word of God. We say we believe God's Word, and that we completely trust it as His Word -- yet our neglect is so apparent. We could ask ourselves -- to what extent do we meditate on His Word, memorize it, study it, apply it, search it as for hid treasure and find in it's pages the answers for all of life's problems? (Prov. 2:1-11) Do we search it for wisdom, direction, God's will known and revealed about every aspect of life? Do we consider the Word to be God speaking to us individually and personally?

This is the most neglected book in all the world, none is more universally owned and but so poorly read. It is the most ignored book of all books for though it is read we fail to recognize it as the God-given authority for faith (what we believe) and practice (or what we live). **Do you read the Word of God?** Do you heed it? Listen to it and apply it? Do you know more about sports, business, recreation, current news, etc., than the precious Word of God?

The so-called wise of the world may well reject it but the meek, the honest, the truly saved person loves it and finds that it abounds in simplicity, in majesty and yet in profundity.

### Consider the Description of the Word

The Scriptures abound with expressions that denote to us the glory of God's word.

### It is sweet:

*"How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth."* (Psa. 119:103) The Psalmist not only heard the Word of God and fed upon it, but it affected his spiritual palate as good food affects one's taste. He

loved the Word of God with increasing delight. (Jer. 15:16) The more he fed upon the Word the sweeter it was to his soul.

The words of loved ones can be very sweet to us -- treasured close to the heart and deeply loved -- how much more this ought to be true of the Word of God.

Does not the lover meditate upon the words of his or her beloved? God's Word comes to us from the depths of His heart Who is love. (I John 4:9-19) The heart of the saint of God ought to find its true happiness and inner joy and peace from the expression of His Word, the Scriptures. They are the expressions of infinite love. The saved person ought to sense the supernatural Divine love and grace through the infinite, eternal Word of God.

### **It is a light:**

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* (Psa. 119:105)

*The Word of God must be the flaming torch that becomes a **lamp** to our feet.* In the old west (just a couple generations ago) men would talk about "*lighting a shuck*" as an expression of leaving. A shuck indeed was lamp, a torch made up parts of a corn stalk, probably including the shuck, that part removed from around the ear. It indeed became a *lamp to light the path homeward. God's Word is the light homeward!*

The heart needs illumination, the head needs wisdom, and the feet need direction. Happy is the person who uses the Word as his counselor, a lamp in a dark day. There were no lamps in the Eastern cities of that day and it would be easy to fall into the open gutters (or literally sewers) as they traveled homeward in the night. And it is easy for us to fall into the gutter of sin. Without memorizing the Word and meditating on it -- we too will readily fall into sins -- of thoughts, attitudes and actions or deeds.

*This precious book must become the **light** to our pathway -- a light we delight in, that we stumble not, but instead walk blameless, upright, in righteousness for God's glory and honor.*

### **It is valuable:**

*"The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver."* (119:72)

If a poor man said these words it might not mean much... he might despise the idea of riches since he did not have it anyway. But for David, a man of wealth, to make this judgment is another thing. The Psalmist was making these comments as one who consider the Word of God to be a great treasure, of great value above anything the world offered. The covetous miser did not take as much joy in riches as the Psalmist did in the Word of God.

Here is a sure sign a person is saved: That he prizes the Word of God above all else. It is his standard of truth by which he judges all things around him, it is the library from heaven, the compass for life, the directives to inform the will, yea, the truth from God Himself. (I Pet. 1:23; 2:2; Heb. 4:12)

Worldly treasures are gotten with labor, kept with worry and care, lost with grief, and become as a broken reed upon which men lean. In contrast the Word of God is a comfort, a storehouse of treasure the child of God can never lose. How do we know God? Only as we know His Word do we know Him, fellowship with Him, and know His wonderful will for our lives.

**It is eternal:**

*"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."* (Psa. 119:89)

It is settled, fix, sure, unmoveable. It is the sure Word of God that will never change, can never be lost, which we will face in glory.

As you meditate upon Psalm 119:1-8, which I challenge you to do, you will find it to indeed become precious to your personal life. For *"blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."* (v. 2)

The words used herein: *law, testimonies, precepts, statutes, commandments, judgments, and word* -- all mean something very specific to us. Seek out the meaning, ask the Lord to enlighten you heart. For His Word is for ever settled! Those words are immutable as God is! As God is eternal, His Word is eternal.

We see things as often we are -- changeable, unsettled, accepting most things as relative, without authority. (Consider: I Peter 5:10.) Far too often we approach the Word of God with our preconceived ideas rather than just accepting God's Word at face value -- that what He says, He means. Do we take English for English? Do we receive the Word of God as it is? For surely we will be judged by this book. We read some sales bulletin and accept it for what it says, why don't we approach the Word of God the same way?

**Can you say? -- *"I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word."*** (Psa. 119:15,16)