

"The Word" Psalm 119:1-8

Subjective Relationships Emphasised - Selfward Aspect 1-56

**Sing A Song - The 'Word' Its power for blessing -
Advantage and Aim.....**

Bound to the Word by the Chains of Law also

By the Cause of Love.....

Points us to The Word made flesh.....

[I] A HAPPY MAN V 1-3 Word rules in three areas

1. In His Way v 1a Affirmation

A. A course of conduct - A way of life

B. A course of action - Happiness & Holiness connect

We tend to connect happiness to

[1] pleasure [2] prosperity [3] power

[4] popularity [5] position BUT its really a PERSON

2. In His Walk v 1b Progress

3. In His Will v 2-3 -Our will enslaved by the word

A. Such captivity gives purpose to life v 2

B. Such captivity guarantees purity in life v 3

[II] A HOLY MAN v 4-6

1. In His Duty v 4 God's precepts - taking charge

A. The Author 4a B. The Aim 4b

2. In His Desire v 5 - get it under control

3. In His Decision v 6 5 & 6 Prayer

[III] AN HUMBLE MAN V 7-8

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1. Still Learning v 7 Learning His

A. Word B. Ways C. Work D. Will E. Worship

2. Still Longing v 8 Hoping - longing - wanting

Having a Determined Desire for God's Word !!

**Psalm 119:9-16 Hid in the Heart
Basis of Blessing
The Word - Its power for Sanctification**

[I] THE VIRTUE OF THE WORD V 9-12

Sanctification by Ablution 9-11

1. A cleansing effect v 9

The purpose of the Word

2. A controlling effect v 10

God is best discovered by following His Word

A. Pursuit of B. Prayer to - & for

3. A correcting effect v 11-12

[II] THE VALUE OF THE WORD V 13-16

Sanctification by Attraction

Such a treasure should be shared

1. We must proclaim it v 13

Employment follows enjoyment

God's testimonies are true treasures

A. Diligence 13a We must study to.....

[a] Takes time [b] Must be Applied

We have time for everything else...

B. Daring 13b Dare to Declare

Dare to speak out against sin

Dare to stand up against sin

2. We must prize it v 14-15 Because of

A. Its priceless worth v 14

More precious than all other wealth...

B. Its practical worth v 15

**While pondering the precepts lets also
pursue the path**

[a] In times of danger [b] Distress

[c] Darkness [d] Defeat [e] Discouragement

3. We must prove it

Put the principles into practice

Proving that it works in our own lives

Let others see Jesus in YOU...

Psalm 119:17-24 The Word - Its power for Knowledge

[I] FINDING GREAT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WORD OF GOD

Verses 17-20 Prayers and Pleas - Four thoughts

1. It Bestows Life on the Soul v 17

A. In O.T. emphasis law came before life

B. In N.T. emphasis life comes before law

2. It Brings Light into the Soul v 18

We are told there are 97,921 words in classical the

Greek language. In the N.T. God used 5,857 words

{so we are informed} This is only about 6 % of the

words available - Yet it contains everything man

could ever need....

3. It Banishes Loneliness from the Soul v 19

4. It Bares Longing in the Soul v 20

"fervent desire" Pulls our lives together

[II] FINDING GREAT OPPOSITION TO THE WORD V 21-24

Some people despise God's Word and

Some deride it - Some detest it - Many disobey it -

1. The Antipathy v 21-23

Opposition from three kinds of people

A. The Domineering man, Cursed of God v 21

[1] Pride is the root

[2] Error is the flower

[3] Cursed is the fruit -[the curse of God]

B. The Disdainful man, Contemptuous of God v 22

Scorned and ridiculed

C. The Dangerous man, so called Controlled of God v 23

The religious one in position of power but

really persecuting others...{Saul}

2. The Antidote v 24

The cure - Seek the counsel of God -- HIS WORD

Distress and Desire Psalm 119:25-32 # 4 in Psalm 119

The Word - Its Power for Reviving....

[I] WHAT THE PSALMIST REALIZED V 25-29

He applies God's Word to his life in 5 ways

1. God's Word in Conviction v 25

In deep depression he is calling on God

2. God's Word in Confession v 26

An open and honest approach

3. God's Word in Consecration v 27

God wants to show us how His Precepts work..

Request was make me understand the way of thy precepts...

A. In the way to a healthy life

B. In the way to a holy life

C. In the way to a happy life

With the confession of my ways - let there be confidence in God's way....

4. God's Word in Contrition v 28

5. God's Word in Contrast v 29

[II] WHAT THE PSALMIST RESOLVED V 30-32

1. His decision to live for God v 30

A. One way leads to promotion but the other way leads to peril...

One to delight -/- other to danger

One says 'yes' to the world while

The other says 'yes' to The Word

2. His determination to live for God v 31

3. His desire to live for God v 32

**Psalm 119:33-40 Heart and Head
The word - Its power for establishing
Reasons 33-36 Reminders 37-40**

[I] SOJOURNER 33-34 Wanderer in this world

We must follow God's directions

1. Faithfully v 33

2. Fully v 34

To undertake following God's directions

We must first understand His directions.

Obedience to God's will & following Him

must be [1] Unlimited v 33

[2] Unreserved v 34

[II] SOLDIER 35-36

Life is a battle and a battle-field.

1. The discipline needed v 35

[Father give me - Father make me]

God wants our decisions to correspond with

His desires for our lives..

2. The desire needed v 36

[III] SERVANT 37-38

He wanted to be...

1. A discerning servant v 37

Sinful things - concepts have a great attraction

2. A devoted servant v 38

A. Some read and forsake

B. Some read and forget

C. Some read and fear

D. Some read and follow

[IV] SAINT 39-40

He wants God's Word to.....

1. Make him good v 39

God's Word is good because God is good

**God's Word is for our good and is designed
to make us good...**

2. Make him Godly v 40

Longing for Victory

Living in Victory - Victory is ours In Jesus.

**Psalm 119:41-48 Witness and Walk
The Word - Its Power for Testimony..
Plea v 41-44 Promise v 45-48
He wants to....**

{I} Experience The Protection of God's Word v 41

- 1. Protection from doubt and despair**
- 2. Protection from sin and sorrow**

Assurance of our protection rests

- A. On the word of God**
- B. The work of Christ**
- C. The witness of the Holy Spirit.**

{II} Exercise The Power of God's Word v 42

**We have an enemy goal is to insert into
our minds [a] Doubts [b] Denials**

[c] Delusions

{III} Express The Proof of God's Word v 43

**God's word gave Abraham both a possession
and a posterity...There were times of**

[a] Doubt [b] Delay

**There was a time element as well as a
trust element involved**

{IV} Explain The Permanence of God's Word v 44

**He had cast his anchor in the rock of God's
divine word and he would not be moved...**

{V} Explore The Path of God's Word v -45

Legalism versus Liberty in Scriptural way

{VI} Expound The Principles of God's Word v 46

Allegiance that is not ashamed..

{VII} Extract The Pleasures of God's Word v 47

Appreciation for God's Word - no matter...

{VIII} Examine The Potential of God's Word v 48

Reaching forth as God reaches down to us...

Psalm 119:49-56 Zest and Zealousness
The Word - Its Power for Comfort
Reaction to Ridicule -/- Reasons for Rejoicing
Indignation against the forsaking of God's Word
is not inconsistent with sorrow for those who
forsake it.....

[I] WHAT THE PSALMIST REQUESTED V 49

1. The Promises 2. The Principles and
3. The Precepts in God's Word are not just
guaranteed to certain individuals nor just
under certain circumstances

[II] WHAT THE PSALMIST RECOGNIZED V 50-51

That God's Word is...

1. Life to him when he was injured v 50
Afflictions - Injuries come in various forms
A. Physical B. Emotional C. Spiritual

2. Law to him when insulted v 51

Retaliation - Revenge

[III] WHAT THE PSALMIST REMEMBERED V 52-56

1. The Lord's Nature v 52-54

A. Comforted him v 52

God's law is -fixed - firm - final -

B. Consoled him v 53-54

Horror v 53 - Happiness v 54

Triumph in both - testimony in both

2. The Lord's Name v 55-56

A. It had become precious to him v 55

In times of - trouble - terror - tears -

- temptation - truth - triumph -

B. Become part of him v 56

Because he kept God's precepts - he received....

Psalm 119:57-64 Portion and Purpose

The Word - Its power of satisfaction

Discovery in Life ---

[I] THE PSALMIST'S FIND V 57-58

DISCOVERY IN LIFE

1. What he realized v 57a

The person comes before the precept

2. What he resolved v 57b

No matter the circumstances

3. What he requested v 58

God has promised mercy - The condition -

We must seek it- conscious of our deep need

We can't plead our innocence - but our guilt.

We must plead guilty and ask for mercy.

[II] THE PSALMIST'S FEET V 59-60

DIRECTION OF LIFE His pathway of

1. Perfect obedience [goal] v 59

A. Deliberation I Thought

B. Destination On My Ways

C. Determination And Turned My Feet

D. Discrimination Unto Thy Testimonies

2. Prompt obedience v 60

People think obeying God is going to be

burdensome ...But instead its a blessing...

[III] THE PSALMIST'S FOES V 61

Enemies could not stop them.. One cannot delay

God - least of all defeat Him...

[IV] THE PSALMIST'S FERVOR V 62

[V] THE PSALMIST'S FRIENDS V 63

[VI] THE PSALMIST'S FACTS V 64

He tells us What He

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Grace unstinted must be followed by growth not stunted

Psalm 119:65-72 Taught by Trials
The Word - Its power for good
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[I] THE PSALMIST'S WORD OF TESTIMONY V -65
No matter what the situation - Scripture is Sure..
The power for prompt discernment is needed

[II] THE PSALMIST'S WISH FOR TEACHING 66-68
There was - & there is so much in God's Word
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2. What he experienced v 67 Blessing
A. There was confession
B. There was conversion
C. There follows consecration
God's chastening are parental not punitive
3. What he expected v 68 Benefits
Both the lash and the law correction of
character as well as conduct

[III] THE PSALMIST'S WAY IN TESTING 69-71
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[IV] THE PSALMIST'S WEALTH OF TREASURE 72
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attributes - Our actions usually reflect
our attitude.....

Psalm 119:73-80 Yearnings and Yieldings
The Word - Its power for accomplishment
God's hand -/- God's heart -/- God's help

[I] THE LORD'S HAND V 73-75

- 1. The Lord's Hand in making him v 73**
 - A. God had a real part in creating him 73a**
Handcrafted and handmade
 - B. God had a real purpose in creating him 73b**
I can find acceptance in Him &
I will find afflictions for Him
I will find assurance through Him
- 2. The Lord's Hand in motivating him v 74**
- 3. The Lord's Hand in molding him v 75**

[II] THE LORD'S HEART V 76-77

He wanted God to.....

- 1. Show His love to him v 76**
Searching for compassion
Searching for consolation
- 2. Share His love with him v 77**
Not just average kindness - but merciful
tender kindness
Not just mercy - but tender mercies
He does not deal in unrelenting cruelty
He does deal in unreserved compassion

[III] THE LORD'S HELP V 78-80

Specific petitions - He wanted to be

- 1. Successful in the Fight v 78**
Two people viewed here
 - A. One is ruled by his pride**
Has an inflated idea of his own importance
The one ruled by pride deals perversely
 - B. The other by God's precepts**
Has an informed idea of God's importance
This one waits patiently
- 2. Secure in the fellowship v 79**
- 3. Sound in the faith v 80**

Psalm 119:81-88 Cry of the Crushed
The Word - Its power under testing...
Acute Affliction 81-84 - Integrity under trial
Arrogant Adversaries 85-88 - Insolence against truth
It is not doubt but delay that often tries the
soul of the Saint...

[I] A TROUBLED SOUL 81-83 He needed two things
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A. His soul was fainting - He was longing for
a working of God v 81
B. His sight was failing - He was looking for
a word from God v 82
2. He needed Restoration v 83
Smoke stained - useless for wine -/- water

[II] A TRYING SITUATION 84-87 Face to face with
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When will we see consolation -/- vindication
2. Systematic Deceit v 85
God is not out for entrapment of us.
3. Serious Danger 86-87 He tells us
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[2] His prayer was very specific
B. What he survived v 87 - Accusation
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[III] A TRUSTING SAINT v 88
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Psalm 119:89-96 Living and Lasting
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[I] THE PERMANENCE OF GOD'S WORD V 89-91

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 - B. Settled on this globe 90
- God's word is established in this world
- C. When 91 This Day...

[II] THE PORTRAYAL OF GOD'S WORD V 92

- Protected from Eternity past
Portrayed in creation and ever since
The Days Of Creation
1. First Day The Laws of Light
 2. Second The Forming of Firmament
 3. Third The Laying of Land
 4. Fourth The Service of Sun
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[III] THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD V 93-95

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2. Safeguard 95
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 - B. Patience of the psalmist

[IV] THE PERFECTION OF GOD'S WORD V 96

Ownership has its obligations
God owns us and He will fulfill every one
of the obligations - We are His Children..

Psalm 119:97-104 Meditation and Maturity

The Word - Its power of enlightenment

Pondering the Precepts should be followed by

Practicing the Principles

Welcome for the Word - Wisdom from the Word

[I] THE SOURCE OF TRUE SCHOLARSHIP 97-100

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Concerning God's word there is

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B. Its structure

C. Its simplicity

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B. Education v 99

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Detection of deceit should lead to Detestation of that deceit...

[II] THE SOURCE OF TRUE SANCTITY 101-104

God's Word will direct one into

1. A separated life 101

Salvation leads to separation {from} & {to}

2. A steadfast life 102

A desire that brings determination

3. A satisfied life 103

Determination that is surrounded by dedication

4. A sterling life 104

Achievement in life -

Attainment for life WISDOM True Wisdom

A. Is the Word with me - in my heart - mind

B. Is my meditation - in my thoughts

C. That which I have not only hid in my heart

But that which I have kept in my heart

For that is what will keep me....

Psalm 119:105-112 Need in the Night

The Word - Its Power for Guidance

Illumination 105

Intention 106

Inheritance 111

Purpose Proclaimed - Perpetual Portion

The bible says those without Christ are lost

Those who have Christ have three credentials.

[I] GOD'S WORD GUIDES US 105-108

Three areas of this guidance

1. In our Walk 105-106 He speaks of

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[1] A light unto our path

[2] A lamp unto our feet

B. The way followed 106

A promise is one thing but then

Performance is another thing

2. In our Weakness 107

A. His affliction came from the outside

**Objective perspective - awareness
of weakness is essential**

B. His depression came from inside

**Subjective perspective - attitude
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3. In our Worship 108

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[III] GOD'S WORD GLADDENS US 111-112

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Psalm 119:113-120 Separation From Sinners

The Word - Its Power for Holiness

Sincerity - Security - Shuddering -

Shelter and Shield / Support and Safety

We are told

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Vain thoughts - Divided thinking

"I Hate" "I Love"

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A. First line of defense is God

B. Final line of defense is God

His hope is not in family -

or friends / resolutions nor

resources / but in God -& Word

3. His Virtue is assailed 115-117

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B. His need for scripture 116

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Three-fold law of "Life in the Vine"

[1] A vine learns to cling

[2] A vine learns to climb

[3] A vine learns to cluster

[II] WHY THE PSALMIST TREMBLED 118-120

1. At the justice of God 118-119

A. In his dealings with the wayward

B. In his dealings with the wicked

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One can readily find God's

A. Grace B. Goodness and also

C. God's Government

Includes wrath as well as mercy

Psalm 119:121-128 Appeal for Aid
The Word - Its Power in Prayer
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Discernment of opposition of men
A saint's conduct should correspond to God's
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fulfilling His obligations.

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Preferred slavery !

Productive slavery !

[III] HIS SOLE COMPLAINT 126

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God can work in "rapture" in "ruin"

or in "revival" God is in control

[IV] HIS SIGNIFICANT CLAIM 127-128

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A. His first & foremost love

B. His fine & fantastic logic

2. The truth he lived 128

A. A monetary value 127

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What God says should settle any & all issues

Issues about [1] Creation [2] Crime

[3] Conduct [4] Conversion

Psalm 119:129-136 Prayer for Preservation

The Word - Its Power unto Wisdom

The Word - Described by the Psalmist

Disregarded by the People

Longings are either lawful or lustful

The depths and difficulties of God's Word

do not stumble or stagger devout souls.

[I] THE PSALMIST AS TRIUMPHANT 129-131

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1. Living by God's Word v 129

A. Wonderful in its sufficiency

B. Wonderful in its simplicity

C. Wonderful in its sagacity

No wiser laws ever framed

[a] Sternness but also sympathy

[b] Punitive but also protective

[c] Menacing but also merciful

2. Lighted by God's Word v 130

A. The chief blessing of God's Word

[a] Light reveals dirt

[b] Disorder [c] Direction

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God is [b] anxious to save and

God is [c] always the same

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The overcoming life and obedient life

always go together

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But never forget that God wants to

Deliver Souls **

Psalm 119:137-144 Zenith of Zeal

The Word - Its Power unto Righteousness

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Zeal for the Word - Zeal for Wisdom

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We desire laws that protect our lifestyles

[II] THE PSALMIST'S DEVOTION 139

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[III] THE PSALMIST'S DELIGHT 140

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God's Word lives and will live forever

**Psalm 119:145-152 Quest for Quiet
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reach the depths.**

**Winds that sway the branches do not
disturb the roots.**

**Persecutors may be close but
Our protector is closer**

[I] THE PSALMIST'S CRYING 145-148

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Forever takes us forward a very long way

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Psalm 119:153-160 Requests for Revival
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B. Brought from him - Praise

C. Taught to him

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