

Psalm 119

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Psalm 119
In praise of the Word of God
(Manual 6 is a verse-by-verse summary of this Psalm)

The Word of God is mentioned in every verse (except verse 122) with one of the following words:

“Commandments” (4687)

“when I look into all Your commandments” - verse 6
the command of the Lord your God - 1 Samuel 13:13
summarized in the New Testament:

Great Commandment - Matthew 22:37-40; New Commandment - John 13:34-35

“Judgments” (4941) - *ordinances*

“when I learn Your righteous judgments” (*rules*) - verse 7
the Lord has given righteous rules or practices - 1 Samuel 2:13

“Law” (8451)

blessed are those “who walk in the law of the Lord” - verse 1
there shall be one law for the native and for the stranger - Exodus 12:49
the Book of the Law of Moses - Joshua 8:31

“Precepts” (6490) - *directions or regulations*

“keep your precepts diligently” - verse 4
“all His precepts are sure” - Psalm 111:7

“Statutes” (2706) - *regulations*; “Decrees” (2708) - *customs*

“oh, that my ways were directed to keep Your statutes” (2706) - verse 5
“I will delight myself in Your statutes” (2708) - verse 16

“Testimonies” (5713) (5715)

“those who keep His testimonies” (5713) - verse 2
“I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies” (5715) - verse 14

“Ways” (1870) *a path, road or highway*; “Way” (734)

“they walk in His ways” (1870) - verse 3
“I have restrained my feet from every evil way” (734) - verse 101
The highways lie waste, the traveler ceases - Isaiah 33:8

“Word” (1697) (565)

“by taking heed according to Your Word” (1697) - verse 9
summarized in the New Testament: Hebrews 4:12
“establish Your word to Your servant” (565) - verse 38

numbers denote words from Strong's Concordance

Psalm 119:1-8 - Aleph

A. The writer spoke about the blessed - 119:1-2

The blessed are those whose way is undefiled (blameless)
you shall be blameless before the Lord your God - Deuteronomy 18:13

The blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord
they fear the Lord and walk in His ways - Psalm 128:1

The blessed are those who keep His testimonies
this stone shall be a witness - Joshua 24:27

The blessed are those who seek Him with the whole heart
love the Lord God with all your heart, soul and strength - Deut. 6:5

B. The writer spoke about those who walk in God's ways - 119:3-4

The godly do no iniquity
no one born of God makes a practice of sinning - 1 John 3:9

The godly walk in His ways
the Lord has led me in the way - Genesis 24:27

The godly keep the precepts (regulations) of God
the precepts of God stand fast forever and ever - Psalm 111:7-8

The godly know they are to keep them diligently
I was blameless before Him and kept myself from my iniquity - 2 Samuel 22:24

C. The writer wanted to have his ways guided - 119:5-6

The godly want to have their ways directed by God
The godly want to keep His statutes
the Lord gave them a statute and an ordinance - Exodus 15:25

The godly do not want to be ashamed
we want to be able to lift up our face to God - Job 22:26

The godly will look on all of God's commandments
you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God - 1 Samuel 13:13

D. The writer wanted to have a right heart attitude - 119:7-8

The godly will praise God with uprightness of heart
The godly will learn the righteous judgments of God
Lord, judge me according to my righteousness - Psalm 7:8

The godly will keep the statutes of God
among the clans of Reuben, there was great resolve of heart - Judges 5:15

The godly do not want to be forsaken
the Lord lifts up the humble but casts the wicked to the ground - Psalm 147:6

Psalm 119:9-16 - Beth

A. The writer spoke about obedience to the Word of God - 119:9-10

A young man is told how to keep his way pure
this is done by meditating and obeying the Word - Psalm 19:14
A young man does this by taking heed to the Word of God
the Word of God is to be in your heart and taught to your children - Deut. 6:6-7
A young man needs to seek the Lord with his whole heart
they had sought Him with their whole soul - 2 Chronicles 15:15
A young man prays he will not wander from God's commandments
a king was to write a copy of the law and read it daily - Deut. 17:18-20

B. The writer spoke of reverence for the Word of God - 119:11-12

Wise believers hide the Word of God in their hearts
the law of his God is in his heart, his steps do not slide - Psalm 37:31
Wise believers know this will help them to avoid sin against God
we are to be doers of the Word, not just hearers - James 1:22
Wise believers know that the Lord is blessed
Wise believers ask the Lord to teach them His statutes
teach me Your way Lord - Psalm 27:11

C. The writer spoke the Word of God to others - 119:13-14

This Word was spoken through the lips of the writer
listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord - Psalm 34:11
This Word included the judgments of God's mouth
This Word caused rejoicing in the writer
how sweet are Your words to my taste - Psalm 119:103
This Word was worth more than riches to the writer
the Word of God is worth more than much gold and silver - Psalm 119:72

D. The writer meditated on the precepts of God - 119:15-16

This included meditating on the precepts of God
on His law he meditates day and night - Psalm 1:2
This included learning more about the ways of God
I have restrained my feet from every evil way - Psalm 119:101
This included delighting in the statutes of the Lord
oh that my ways were directed to keep Your statutes - Psalm 119:5
This included memorizing the Word of the Lord
the Word of God is living and powerful - Hebrews 4:12

Psalm 119:17-24 - Gimel

A. The writer wanted to be obedient to the Lord - 119:17-18

This made the writer ask the Lord to deal bountifully with His servant
the Lord had dealt bountifully with him - Psalm 116:7

This made the writer live and keep God's Word
he was blameless before Him and kept himself from iniquity - Psalm 18:23

This made the writer want his eyes opened so he could see
is anything too hard for the Lord - Genesis 18:14

This made the writer learn wondrous things from God's law
marvelous are God's works- Psalm 139:14

B. The writer longed for God's Word at all times - 119:19-20

He said he was a stranger to the earth
they said that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth - Hebrews 11:13

He asked God not to hide His commandments from him

He said his soul was crushed with longing
my soul thirsts for the living God - Psalm 42:1-2

He said this longing was for God's judgments at all times
these are the judgments you shall set before them - Exodus 21:1

C. The writer had kept the commandments of the Lord - 119:21-22

God rebukes the proud, the cursed
"scoffer" is the name of one who acts with arrogance - Proverbs 21:24

God does this because they stray from His commandments
You reject all those who stray from Your statutes - Psalm 119:118
God was asked to take away reproach and contempt from the writer
deliver me from all my transgressions - Psalm 39:8

God was told the writer kept His testimonies
this writer had learned to fear the Lord his God - Deuteronomy 17:18-20

D. The writer said God's testimonies were his counselors - 119:23-24

God was told princes sat and spoke against the writer
God was told His servant meditated on His statutes
the Lord made a statute and an ordinance for them - Exodus 15:25

God was told His testimonies were the delight of the writer
Your commandments are my delight - Psalm 119:143

God was told His testimonies were the writer's counselors
the Lord is his refuge (counselor) - Psalm 14:6

Psalm 119:25-32 - Daleth

A. The writer wanted to be taught God's statutes - 119:25-26

God was told the soul of the writer was clinging to the dust
our soul is bowed down to the dust - Psalm 44:25

God was asked to revive the writer according to His word
for Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble - Psalm 143:11

God was told he had declared the ways of God and He answered
lead me on a smooth path because of my enemies - Psalm 27:11

God was asked to teach the writer His statutes
teach me Your way O Lord - Psalm 86:11

B. The writer wanted to understand God's way - 119:27-28

God was asked to help the writer understand the way of God's precepts
the wise among the people shall instruct many - Daniel 11:33

God was told the writer could then meditate on His wonderful works
on Your wondrous works I will meditate - Psalm 145:5-6

God was told the writer's soul melted because of heaviness
his courage had melted away in misery - Psalm 107:26

God was asked to strengthen him according to His word

C. The writer had chosen the way of truth - 119:29-30

God was asked to remove lying from the writer
an evildoer listens to false lips - Proverbs 17:4

God was asked to graciously grant the writer God's law
Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly - Nehemiah 8:2

God heard the writer had chosen the faithful way (ESV)
I have declared Your faithfulness and salvation - Psalm 40:10

God heard the writer had God's judgments before him

D. The writer did not want to be put to shame - 119:31-32

The Lord heard the writer was clinging to His testimonies
Boaz told Ruth to "stay close by my young women" - Ruth 2:8

The Lord was asked not to put the writer to shame
they will not be ashamed in evil times - Psalm 37:19

The Lord heard the writer would run the way of God's commandments
prepare the way of the Lord - Isaiah 40:3

The Lord was asked to enlarge the heart of the writer
Paul later had his heart wide open to others - 2 Corinthians 6:11

Psalm 119:33-40 - He

A. The writer said understanding would result in his obedience - 119:33-34

The path of the Lord's statutes must be taught
the one who overcomes keeps My Word until the end - Revelation 2:26

The path of the Lord guides us as we travel
this prepares us to accept hatred from others - Matthew 10:22

The path requires understanding for us to be able to keep it
from the mouth of the Lord comes understanding - Proverbs 2:6

The path of the Lord is to be observed with my whole heart
God gives His wisdom to all who ask for it - James 1:5

B. The writer asked for strength to walk that path - 119:35-36

The path requires the strength of the Lord to walk it
the Lord God is my strength - Habakkuk 3:19

The path is easier to walk when we delight in it

The path is given by the testimonies of the Lord
the testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple - Psalm 19:7

The path does not come from our own covetousness
beware of covetousness - Luke 12:15

C. The writer asked for strength to avoid worthless things - 119:37-38

The path takes submission to turn away from worthless things
he shuts his eyes from seeing evil - Isaiah 33:15

The path is revived in us as we study the way of the Lord
the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren - Genesis 24:27

The path is learned as we learn God's Word as servants

The path produces reverence for God
he has clean hands and a pure heart - Psalm 24:4

D. The writer wanted to be revived in God's righteousness - 119:39-40

The path requires God's strength to turn away from evil words
he does not swear deceitfully - Psalm 24:4

The path causes us to see God's judgments as good
we long for God's Word to guide us - Psalm 119:105

The path causes a longing for God's precepts
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart - Psalm 19:8

The path helps us live through the righteousness of God
in Your righteousness, deliver me - Psalm 71:2

Psalm 119:41-48 - Waw

A. The writer said the Lord gives us answers from the Word - 119:41-42

Let Your mercy come to me O Lord
God has dealt graciously with me - Genesis 33:11
Let Your salvation come according to Your Word
Israel is saved by the Lord with everlasting salvation - Isaiah 45:17
Let Your Word give an answer to him who reproaches me
the Lord keeps us in perfect peace as we trust in Him - Isaiah 26:3
Let Your Word be the word I trust
his heart is steadfast, trusting the Lord - Psalm 112:7

B. The writer said the Lord gives us hope through His ordinances - 119:43-44

Take not the Word of truth utterly out of my mouth
Take not the Word for my hope is in Your ordinances (rules)
for what do I wait, my hope is in You O Lord - Psalm 39:7
Take not Your Word so I can keep it continually
I was blameless before Him and kept myself from iniquity - Psalm 18:23
Take not Your Word so I can keep it forever and ever
Your word is settled in heaven forever - Psalm 119:89

C. The writer said the Lord causes us to walk at liberty 119:45-46

The writer said he would walk at liberty
when you walk, your steps will not be hindered - Proverbs 4:12
The writer said this was because He sought the Lord's precepts
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether - Psalm 19:9
The writer said he would speak the testimonies of the Lord before kings
you will be brought before kings and governors - Matthew 10:18
The writer said he would not be ashamed before kings
Paul was not ashamed when he spoke to King Agrippa - Acts 26

D. The writer said He loved the commandments of the Lord - 119:47-48

The writer said he delighted himself in the commandments of the Lord
I will keep the commandments of the Lord - Psalm 119:115
The writer said he loved the commandments of the Lord
when I look into Your commandments, I will praise You - Psalm 119:6-7
The writer said he would lift up his hands to the commandments of the Lord
The writer said he would meditate on the statutes of the Lord
Your servant meditates on Your statutes - Psalm 119:23

Psalm 119:49-56 - Zayin

A. The writer said the Word of God gives us life - 119:49-50

God was asked to remember the word to His servant
the Lord gave His word to many different servants - 2 Peter 1:19-21

God had given the writer hope by His word

Job had not concealed the words of the Holy One - Job 6:10

God had given comfort to the affliction of the writer
the Lord was with them in their times of trouble - Psalm 9:13

God had revived his servant through His word
the Lord revives the spirit of the humble - Isaiah 57:15

B. The writer was comforted as he remembered God's judgments - 119:51-52

God heard that the proud had mocked the writer
the Lord lifts up the humble - Psalm 147:6

God saw that the writer did not turn aside from God's law
the law of God is better than much silver and gold - Psalm 119:72

God saw that the writer remembered God's judgments of old
the judgments of God are righteous judgments - Psalm 119:7

God saw that this brought comfort to the writer

C. The writer said the statutes of God were his songs - 119:53-54

The Lord saw that indignation seized the writer because of the wicked
Moses earlier had great anger and threw the Ten Commandments - Exodus 32:19

The Lord knew that the wicked had forsaken His law
the wicked...when he is judged will be found guilty - Psalm 109:6-7

The Lord knew that His statutes were the songs of the writer
I will delight myself in Your statutes - Psalm 119:16

The Lord knew these were sung in the house of his pilgrimage
let us make a joyful shout to Him with song - Psalm 95:2

D. The writer kept the law of God and His precepts - 119:55-56

The Lord knew that the writer remembered His name in the night
I meditate on You in the night watches - Psalm 63:6

The Lord knew the writer kept His law
I love Your law, it is my meditation - Psalm 119:97

The Lord gave this blessing to the writer
The Lord did this because he kept God's precepts
I will meditate on Your precepts - Psalm 119:15

Psalm 119:57-64 - Heth

A. The writer asked God to be merciful to him - 119:57-58

The Lord was the One who is his portion
the priests had no inheritance in their land - Numbers 18:20
The Lord was told the writer would keep His words
the Lord is my chosen portion and my cup - Psalm 16:5
The Lord was entreated with the writer's whole heart
the priests were His portion because the Lord formed all things - Jer.10:16
The Lord was asked to be merciful according to His word
the priests knew they could have their hope in the Lord - Lam. 3:24

B. The writer turned to follow the testimonies of God - 119:59-60

The Lord is the One who causes us to think about our ways
the younger son came to himself and went to his father - Luke 15:17
The Lord knows when we turn our feet to His testimonies
the younger son received the forgiveness of his father - Luke 15:22-24
The Lord sees when we make haste and do not delay
After denying Christ, Peter remembered Jesus' words and wept - Mark 14:72
The Lord knows when we obey His commandments
Christ went to Peter and restored his ministry to others - John 21:15-17

C. The writer said that the Lord judged righteously - 119:61-62

The Lord knows when the wicked bind a person
the wicked seized Paul and Silas when they set a slave girl free - Acts 16:16-19
The Lord knows when we do not forget His law
the demon came out of the girl through the name of Christ - Acts 16:18
The Lord hears if we thank Him at midnight
Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God - Acts 16:25
The Lord knows this is because His judgments are righteous

D. The writer said he was a companion of all who feared God - 119:63-64

The godly are the companion of all who fear God
God anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions - Ps. 45:7
The godly are those who keep His precepts (regulations)
The godly know the Lord is full of mercy
the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord - Psalm 33:5
The godly want to be taught the statutes of God
feed me with the food that is allotted me - Proverbs 30:8

Psalm 119:65-72 - Teth

A. The writer said God dealt well with his servant - 119:65-66

The Lord had dwelt well with his servant
The Lord had done this according to His word
a young man cleanses his way by taking heed to the Word of God - Psalm 119:9
The Lord was asked to teach good judgment and knowledge
love grows more and more as we gain knowledge and discernment - Phil. 1:9
The Lord was told the writer believed His commandments
Saul had not kept the command of the Lord - 1 Samuel 13:13

B. The writer said he wanted to keep the Word of God - 119:67-68

He was afflicted when he went astray
do not despise the Lord's discipline - Proverbs 3:11
He now wanted to keep the Word of God
incline Your ear to me and hear my speech - Psalm 17:6
He said God is good and God does good
give thanks to the Lord for He is good - Psalm 106:1
He asked God to teach him His statutes (regulations)
oh that my ways were directed to keep Your statutes - Psalm 119:5

C. The writer said the proud spoke a lie against him - 119:69-70

The Lord was told the proud had forged a lie against the writer
deceitful mouths have spoken against me with lying tongues - Psalm 109:2
The Lord heard the writer would keep God's precepts with his whole heart
The Lord heard the hearts of the proud are covered with fat
they close their hearts and speak proudly - Psalm 17:10
The Lord heard the writer delighted in the Law of God
blessed are those who walk in the Law of the Lord - Psalm 119:1

D. The writer said that it was good he had been afflicted - 119:71-72

The Lord heard it was good for the writer to be afflicted
do not despise the Lord's chastening or detest His correction - Proverbs 3:11
The Lord heard that it caused the writer to learn God's statutes
there the Lord made for them a statute and an ordinance - Exodus 15:25
The Lord heard the Law of His mouth was better to the writer
my fruit is better than fine gold and choice silver - Proverbs 8:19
The Lord heard thousands of pieces of gold and silver could not compare
more to be desired are they than gold, much fine gold - Psalm 19:10

Psalm 119:73-80 - Yod

A. The writer said God made and fashioned him - 119:73-74

God, You made and formed me with Your hands
did You not fashion us in the womb - Job 31:15
Your eyes saw my unformed substance - Psalm 139:15-16
God, give understanding so I can learn Your commandments
God, let these who fear You be glad when they see me
my soul makes its boast in the Lord, let the humble hear and be glad - Ps. 34:2
God, this is because I have hoped in Your Word
your hands made and fashioned me - Job 10:8

B. The writer knew that the judgments of God are right - 119:75-76

O Lord, I know Your judgments are righteous
God chastens us for our good so we may share in His holiness - Hebrews 12:10
O Lord, I know that in faithfulness You have afflicted me
before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word - Psalm 119:67
O Lord, let Your merciful kindness comfort me
as one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you - Isaiah 66:13
O Lord, let this be according to Your Word to Your servant
these are the judgments that you shall set before them - Exodus 21:1

C. The writer said that the Law of God was his delight - 119:77-78

O Lord, let Your tender mercies come to me that I may live
O Lord, Your Law is my delight
there shall be one law for the native and for the stranger - Exodus 12:49
O Lord, let the proud be ashamed
those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed - Psalm 25:3
O Lord, they treated me wrongfully with falsehood
O Lord, I will meditate on Your precepts (regulations)
the statutes of the Lord are right - Psalm 19:8

D. The writer wanted his heart to be blameless - 119:79-80

O Lord, let those who fear You turn to me
O Lord, these are the ones who know Your testimonies
this stone shall be a witness to us - Joshua 24:27
O Lord, let my heart be blameless in Your statutes
there the Lord made for them a statute and an ordinance - Exodus 15:25
O Lord, then I will not be ashamed

Psalm 119:81-88 - Kaph

A. The writer said, “My soul faints for Your salvation” - 119:81-82

God knew the heart of the writer longed to be saved
God is the strength of my life and my portion forever - Psalm 73:26
God knew the writer’s hope was in the Word of God
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God - Psalm 84:2
God knew the writer’s eyes failed from searching the Word of God
a king was to have his own copy of the Law and read it daily - Deut. 17:18-20
God knew that only His Word would give comfort to the writer

B. The writer asked, “How many are the days of Your servant” - 119:83-84

God knew that the writer felt like he had become a wineskin in smoke
my skin turns black and falls from me - Job 30:30
God knew the writer did not forget the statutes of the Lord
God knew the number of days of His servant
what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am - Psalm 39:4
God will judge all enemies in His time
how long before You will judge and avenge our blood - Revelation 6:10

C. The writer said, “They persecute me wrongfully” - 119:85-86

God knew that the proud had dug pits for the writer
for they have dug a pit to take me - Jeremiah 18:22
God knew these were not in agreement with His law
without cause they hid their net for me and dug a pit for my life - Psalm 35:7
God was told His commandments were faithful
He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with His truth - Psalm 96:13
God was asked for help because He knew the things they spoke
about the writer were lies
let not those who rejoice over me who are wrongfully my enemies - Psalm 35:19

D. The writer said, “Revive me according to Your lovingkindness” - 119:87-88

God heard the writer almost came to the end of his life
the Lord will have compassion on His servants - Deuteronomy 32:36
God heard the writer did not forsake His precepts
because Joseph was faithful, Potiphar had no concern about anything - Gen. 39:6
God was asked in His lovingkindness to give life
call upon Me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you - Psalm 50:15
God heard the writer wanted to keep the Lord’s testimonies
Your testimonies which You commanded are righteous - Psalm 119:138

Psalm 119:89-96 - Lamed

A. The writer knew the Word of God would stand forever - 119:89-90

The Word of God will stand forever
the Word of the Lord remains forever - 1 Peter 1:25
The Word of God is settled in heaven
heaven and earth will pass away but Christ's words will last forever - Matthew 24:35
The Word of God shows His faithfulness
in the heavens God will establish His faithfulness - Psalm 89:2
The Word of God tells why the earth still stands
the grass withers and fades but the Word of God will stand forever - Isaiah 40:8

B. The writer said that the Word of God was His delight - 119:91-92

God established day (and night) by His ordinances
have I not established My covenant with day and night - Gen. 8:21-22; Jer. 33:25
God did this for all His servants
God causes His Law to bring delight to His servants
God's Word brings great joy - Jeremiah 15:16
God knows that His Law encourages in times of affliction
you shall not pervert the judgement of your poor - Exodus 23:6

C. The writer said the precepts of God had given him life -119:93-94

He said he would never forget His precepts
I will meditate on Your precepts and contemplate Your ways - Psalm 119:15
He said God revived him by His precepts
I consider all Your precepts to be right, I hate every false way - Psalm 119:128
He said he belonged to God and asked Him to save him
whoever walks blamelessly will be saved - Proverbs 28:18
He said that was why he sought the precepts of God
let Your hand become my help for I have chosen Your precepts - Ps. 119:173

D. The writer said he would give attention to God's testimonies - 119:95-96

He knew the wicked waited for him to destroy him
nothing will pass from the Law until all is fulfilled - Matthew 5:18
He knew this was why he must give attention to the testimonies of God
the testimonies of God are worth more than all riches - Psalm 119:14
He knew there is a limit to all perfection
He knew the commandment of God was exceedingly broad
the commandment may be a written contract - Jeremiah 32:6-11

Psalm 119:97-104 - Mem

A. The writer received wisdom through the commandments - 119:97-98

He loved the Law of God
He meditated on it throughout the day
on His law he meditates day and night - Psalm 1:2
He knew the commandments made him wiser than his enemies
this is your understanding in the sight of the people - Deuteronomy 4:6
He had the commandments of God with him at all times
a king was to read the book of the Law all the days of his life - Deut. 17:18-20

B. The writer continued to grow in understanding - 119:99-100

He had more understanding than all his teachers
if they were wise, they would understand this - Deuteronomy 32:29
He meditated on the testimonies of the Lord
from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures - 2 Timothy 3:15
He understood more than the aged
the breath of the Almighty gives understanding - Job 32:7-9
He kept the precepts of God
be doers of the Word and not hearers only - James 1:22

C. The writer avoided every evil way - 119:101-102

He restrained his feet from every evil way
my son, if sinners entice you, do not consent - Proverbs 1:10
He did this in order to obey the Word of God
the Word of God is living and powerful - Hebrews 4:12
He had not departed from the judgments of God
these are the judgments you shall set before the people - Exodus 21:1
He had been taught by God to obey Him
listen to the statutes and judgments I am teaching you - Deuteronomy 4:1

D. The Word of God was sweeter than honey in his mouth - 119:103-104

He said the Word of God was sweet to his taste
wisdom is better than rubies Proverbs 8:11
He said it was sweeter than honey to his mouth
they are sweeter than honey and drippings from the honeycomb - Psalm 19:10
He said he had gained understanding through the precepts of God
make me understand Your precepts and I will meditate - Psalm 119:27
He said that was why he hated every false way

Psalm 119:105-112 - Nun

A. The writer was guided by the Word of God - 119:105-106

The Word of God was a lamp to his feet
the commandment is a lamp and the law a light - Proverbs 6:23
The Word of God was a light to his path
turn my eyes from worthless things and revive me in Your ways - Psalm 119:37
The Word of God caused him to make an oath
they took an oath to walk in the Law of God - Nehemiah 10:29
The Word of God caused him to keep God's righteous judgments
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous - Psalm 19:9
by those judgments your servant is warned - Psalm 19:11

B. The writer wanted to continue to learn from the Lord - 119:107-108

This included great affliction
bring me back that I may be restored - Jeremiah 31:18
This included a desire to be revived by Word of the Lord
before I was afflicted I went astray but now I keep Your Word - Psalm 119:67
This included freewill offerings from the writer's mouth
let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God - Hebrews 13:15
This included the desire to have the Lord teach him more

C. The writer was not deceived by the wicked - 119:109-110

His life was continually in his hand (in danger)
I took my life in my hand and crossed over against the Ammonites - Jud. 12:3
His life did not forget God's Law
Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly - Nehemiah 8:2
His life faced traps from the wicked
the proud have hidden a trap for me - Psalm 140:5
His life did not go astray from the precepts of God

D. The writer rejoiced in his heart because of the Word of God - 119:111-112

His heritage was the testimonies of God forever
the law Moses commanded was a heritage of Jacob - Deuteronomy 33:4
His heritage brought rejoicing to his heart
with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation - Isaiah 12:3
His heritage caused his heart to want to be obedient
restore to me the joy of Your salvation - Psalm 51:12
His heritage would be forever, even to the end

Psalm 119:113-120 Samek

A. The writer loved the Law of God and had his hope in it - 119:113-114

This was shown by the fact he hated the double-minded
the partner of a thief hates his own life - Proverbs 29:24
This was shown by the fact he loved the Law of God
prepare for me savory food, such as I love - Genesis 27:4
This was shown by the fact the Lord was his hiding place and shield
You are my hiding place, You will preserve me from trouble - Psalm 32:7
This was shown by the fact that his hope was in the Word of God
though He slay me, I will trust in Him - Job 13:15

B. The writer did not want to be ashamed of his hope - 119:115-116

This was shown by the fact evildoers would be judged
depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness - Matthew 7:23
This was shown by the fact he kept the commandments of God
This was shown by the fact that the Word of God upheld him
God in You I trust, let me not be ashamed - Psalm 25:2
This was shown by the fact that the promises of God gave him hope
Lord, for what do I wait, my hope is in You - Psalm 39:7
This is shown by the fact that he did not want to be ashamed of this hope
whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame - Romans 9:33

C. The writer said the Lord rejects those who stray from His statutes -119:117-118

God keeps safe those He holds up
the Lord upholds all who fall - Psalm 145:14
God knows they observe His statutes
the Lord upholds the righteous - Psalm 37:17
God knows those who stray from His statutes
whoever misleads the upright in an evil way will fall - Proverbs 28:10
God knows their deceit is falsehood

D. The writer said the Lord will judge the wicked - 119:119-120

God will put away all the wicked from the earth like dross
your silver has become dross - Isaiah 1:22-25
(This causes the writer to love God's testimonies)
God causes the flesh of the writer to tremble for fear of Him
I will quietly wait for the day of trouble - Habakkuk 3:16
God knows His judgments cause the wicked to fear

Psalm 119:121-128 - Ayin

A. The writer asked the Lord to be his protection - 119:121-122

He had done what is just and right
a just judge justifies the righteous and condemns the wicked - Deut. 25:1
He did not want to be left to his oppressors
He asked the Lord to be surety for His servant for good
Jesus is the guarantor (surety) of a better covenant - Hebrews 7:22
He asked the Lord not to let the proud oppress him
whoever oppresses a poor man reproaches his Maker - Proverbs 14:31

B. The writer asked the Lord to teach him His statutes - 119:123-124

The Lord is the One who provides salvation
stand still and see the salvation of the Lord - Exodus 14:13
The Lord's word is righteous
I hope in your Word - Psalm 119:81
The Lord is asked to deal with His servant in mercy
The Lord is asked to teach him his statutes
feed me with the food that allotted me - Proverbs 30:8

C. The writer asked the Lord to give him understanding - 119:125-126

The Lord was reminded the writer was His servant
O Lord I am Your servant - Psalm 116:16
The Lord was asked to give him understanding
The Lord was told he wanted to understand God's testimonies
The Lord was told it was time for Him to act
they forsook the God of their fathers and followed other gods - Judges 2:10-12
The Lord was reminded His law had been broken
the people turned quickly from the way their fathers walked - Judges 2:17

D. The writer loved the commandments more than gold - 119:127-128

The commandments of God were loved by the writer
Shimei had not kept the oath commanded by Solomon - 1 Kings 2:43
The commandments of God were more valuable to him than fine gold
the commandments to him were better than fine gold - Psalm 19:10
The commandments of God included His precepts
precepts are the regulations of God given in the Law - Psalm 119:93-94
The commandments of God caused him to hate every false way
let no iniquity have dominion over me - Psalm 119:133

Psalm 119:129-136 - Pe

A. The writer said the Word gives light and understanding - 119:129-130

God shows His wonderful character through His testimonies
the heavens praise Your wonders O Lord - Psalm 89:5
God gave the writer a strong desire to obey them
God was told the entrance of His words give light
the law is a light - Proverbs 6:23
God was told His Word imparts understanding to the simple
the testimony of the Lord is sure making wise the simple - Psalm 19:7

B. The writer said He longed for the commandments of God - 119:131-132

God heard that the writer opened his mouth wide and panted
as the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You - Psalm 42:1
God heard that the writer longed for His commandments
God was asked to look on the writer and be merciful
remember me Lord when You show favor to Your people - Psalm 106:4
God was told He did this toward those who love His name
God is also righteous when He judges the wicked - 2 Thessalonians 1:6

C. The writer wanted to obey the precepts of God - 119:133-134

God was asked to direct the steps of the writer by His word
uphold my steps in Your path - Psalm 17:5
God was asked to let no iniquity have dominion over the writer
keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins - Psalm 19:13
God was asked to redeem the writer from the oppression of man
Christ delivered us from the hand of our enemies - Luke 1:74
God was told the writer wanted to keep His precepts
all the precepts of God are sure- Psalm 111:7

D. The writer was sorrowful when the people did not obey God - 119:135-136

God was asked to make His face shine on His servant
the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you - Numbers 6:25
God was asked to teach His servant the statutes of God
I will meditate on Your precepts - Psalm 119:78
God heard that the eyes of the writer shed rivers of water
Jeremiah said his eyes flowed with rivers of water - Lamentations 3:48
God heard this happened because people did not keep His law
Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly - Nehemiah 8:2

Psalm 119:137-144 - Tsadde

A. The writer said the Lord and His Word are righteous - 119:137-138

The Lord is righteous
to You O Lord belongs righteousness - Daniel 9:7
The Lord is upright in His judgments
You level the path of the righteous - Isaiah 26:7
The Lord is righteous in His testimonies
the testimony of the Lord is sure making the simple wise - Psalm 19:7
The Lord is righteous and very faithful
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether - Psalm 19:9

B. The writer said the Word of the Lord is very pure - 119:139-140

The zeal of the writer had consumed him
Christ later showed a strong zeal for the house of God - John 2:17
The zeal was because his enemies had forgotten God's Word
Balaam caused the people of Israel to trespass against the Lord - Numbers 31:16
God's Word is very pure
the words of the Lord are pure words - Psalm 12:6
God's Word was loved by His servant
prepare for me delicious (spiritual) food, such as I love - Genesis 27:4

C. The writer said the Law of the Lord is truth - 119:141-142

The servant of God was small and despised
The servant of the Lord did not forget His precepts
I have chosen Your precepts - Psalm 119:173
The servant of God knew His righteousness is everlasting
let Your righteousness deliver me - Psalm 31:1
The servant of God knew His law is truth
set them apart by Your truth, Your Word is truth - John 17:17

D. The writer said the righteousness of the Lord is everlasting - 119:143-144

The servant of God said trouble and anguish had overtaken him
The servant of God said His commandments were his delight
silver hair is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness -
Proverbs 16:31
The servant of God said the righteousness of His testimonies is everlasting
I remember Your judgments of old, and am comforted Lord - Psalm 119:52
The servant of the Lord asked for understanding so that he could live
those who understand shall instruct many - Daniel 11:33

Psalm 119:145-152 - Qoph

A. The writer cried out to the Lord for help - 119:145-46

The Lord heard this prayer was coming from his whole heart
the Lord revives the spirit of the contrite - Isaiah 57:15
The Lord was asked to hear the writer who kept His statutes
the waves roar but cannot pass the boundary of the sea - Jeremiah 5:22
The Lord heard that the writer cried out to Him
The Lord was asked to save him so he could keep God's testimonies
this heap is a witness and this pillar is a witness - Genesis 31:52

B. The writer meditated on the Word of God at night - 119:147-148

He rose before the dawning of the morning
Lord, You will hear my voice in the morning - Psalm 5:3
He cried to the Lord for help because his hope was in the Word of God
He was awake during the night watches
You are my God, early I will seek You - Psalm 63:1
He meditated on the Word during the night watches
he meditated on the Lord in the night watches - Psalm 63:6

C. The writer wanted the Lord to revive me by His justice -119:149-150

The Lord was asked to hear his voice according to His lovingkindness
pay attention to all that I have said to you - Exodus 23:13
The Lord was asked to revive him according to His justice
you shall not pervert the justice of the poor - Exodus 23:6
The Lord heard those who follow after wickedness draw near
the devising of foolishness is sin and the scoffer an abomination - Proverbs 24:9
The Lord heard they were far from His law
do all that is written in the Law of God - 1 Chronicles 16:40

D. The writer knew that the Lord was near to him - Ps. 119:151-152

The Lord was near the writer
the Lord is near to all who call upon Him - Psalm 145:18
The Lord gave His commandments and all are truth
Your Word is settled in heaven forever O Lord- Psalm 119:89
The Lord had long ago taught him His testimonies
when I remember Your judgments of old, I take comfort - Psalm 119:52
The Lord had founded those testimonies forever
heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away - Luke 21:33

Psalm 119:153-160 - Resh

A. The writer asked to be redeemed and revived - 119:153-154

The Lord was asked to consider the affliction of the writer and deliver him
Lord remember what has come upon us, look and see our reproach - Lam. 5:1
The Lord knew he did not forget the Law of the Lord
the Law of Your mouth is better to me than much gold and silver - Ps. 119:72
The Lord was asked to plead His cause and redeem him
may the Lord judge and give sentence between me and you - 1 Samuel 24:15
The Lord was asked to revive him according to the Word of God

B. The writer said he was different than the wicked - 119:155-156

He said salvation is far from the wicked
when he is judged, let him be found guilty - Psalm 109:7
He said the wicked do not seek the statutes of the Lord
my son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent - Proverbs 1:10
He told the Lord that His mercy is great
let us fall into the hand of the Lord for His mercy is great - 2 Sam. 24:14
He asked the Lord to revive him according to His judgments

C. The writer said he had many persecutors and traitors - 119:157-158

He said he had many persecutors and enemies
God will put all these curses on your enemies who persecuted you - Deut. 30:7
He said they did not turn him from the testimonies of God
our heart has not turned back nor our steps departed from Your way - Psalm 44:18
He looked at the faithless with disgust
put a mark on the foreheads of the men who cry over the abominations - Ezek. 9:4
He knew that they did not obey the Word of God
I was blameless before Him and kept myself from iniquity - Psalm 18:23

D. The writer said the sum of God's Word is truth - 119:159-160

The Lord was asked to consider how he loved God's precepts
the statutes of the Lord are right rejoicing the heart - Psalm 19:8
The Lord was asked to revive him according to His lovingkindness
will You not revive us again so Your people may rejoice in You - Psalm 85:6
The Lord was told the entirety of His Word is truth
all Scripture is given by inspiration of God - 2 Timothy 3:16
The Lord was told every one of His righteous judgments endure forever
heaven and earth will pass away by My words will not pass away - Matt. 24:35

Psalm 119:161-168 - Shin

A. The writer stood in awe at the Word of God - 119:161-162

The Word of God leads many rulers to persecute without a cause
David had not sinned but Saul hunted his life to take it - 1 Samuel 24:11

The Word of God causes our heart to stand in awe of His Word
the Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear - Psalm 27:1

The Word of God causes us to rejoice in His Word
may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You - Psalm 40:16

The Word of God is a great treasure to those who trust Him
the righteous shall be glad and rejoice before God - Psalm 68:3

B. The writer praised God for His righteous judgments - 119:163-164

The writer hates and abhors lying
the wrath of the Lord was kindled against His people - Psalm 106:40

The writer loves the Law of God
incline your ears to the words of my mouth - Psalm 78:1

The writer gives praise to God seven times a day
You will preserve us from this generation forever - Psalm 12:7

The writer does this because of God's righteous judgments
the Lord is our righteousness - Jeremiah 33:16

C. The writer told how to have great peace - 119:165-166

The writer has great peace because he loves God's Law
You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You - Isa. 26:3

The writer does not want anything to cause him to stumble
The writer has his hope in the salvation of God

I wait for Your salvation Lord - Genesis 49:18

The writer obeys the commandments of God
Saul was told he had not kept the commandment of God - 1 Samuel 13:13

D. The writer was obedient to the testimonies of God - 119:167-168

The writer keeps the testimonies of God
the Lord had reserved seven thousand in Israel - 1 Kings 19:18

The writer loves them exceedingly

The writer keeps God's precepts and His testimonies
I was blameless before him and kept myself from iniquity - Psalm 18:23

The writer knows that God knows all his ways
man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord - Proverbs 5:21

Psalm 119:169-176 - Tau

A. The writer wanted God to give him understanding - 119:169-170

The writer wants his cry to come before the Lord
The writer wants understanding according to God's Word
I was blameless before Him and kept myself from iniquity - 2 Samuel 22:24
The writer wants his supplication to come before the Lord
God do not hide yourself from my supplication - Psalm 55:1
The writer wants to be delivered according to God's Word
I will delight in Your statutes and not forget Your Word - Psalm 119:16

B. The writer wanted to speak the Word of God - 119:171-172

The writer wants to utter praise with his lips
true praise comes with an upright heart - Psalm 119:7
The writer wants to do this as God teaches him His statutes
feed me with the food allotted me - Proverbs 30:8
The writer wants to sing of God's Word
sing to the Lord for He has triumphed gloriously - Exodus 15:21
The writer knows that all God's commandments are righteousness

C. The writer delighted in the law of God - 119:173-174

The writer wants the hand of God to be ready to help him
the Shepherd goes after the one who is lost until He finds it - Luke 15:4
The writer has chosen the precepts of God
you are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord - Joshua 24:22
The writer longs for the salvation of the Lord
I hope for Your salvation O Lord - Psalm 119:166
The writer knows the Law of God is his delight
Your testimonies are my delight and counsel- Psalm 119:24

D. The writer wanted the judgments of God to help him - 119:175-176

The writer asks that his soul live so he can praise God
The writer knows that the judgments of God help him
The writer knows that he goes astray like a lost sheep
all we like sheep have gone astray - Isaiah 53:6
The writer wants God to seek His servant
you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls - 1 Peter 2:25
The writer does not forget the commandments of God
God gave the Ten Commandments for people to obey - Exodus 20:1-17