

## THE PSALMIST'S LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD

One of the greatest single chapters ever written is the **119th Psalm**. In this rich passage David extols the value of the word of God. If we could imitate his attitude and love toward the word of God we would be much better off.

Why did the Psalmist love the word of God?

**Because it will help young people succeed in life.** Notice **verse 9**, "Wherewithal shall the young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word." David makes the point that young people can do what is right and please God in the days of their youth. Today our culture states blatantly that the young are going to do wrong (commit what is commonly held as immoral acts; drinking, dancing, fornicating, drugs, etc,...), regardless of what is taught to them in childhood. God through David denies this lie (John 8:44). David's son Solomon wrote "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, not the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them:" (Eccl. 12:1).

Even in the church the impression is sometimes left that it is "normal" for young people to leave the Lord and live like the world once they leave their parents' home. While it may occur more often than it should, it is never acceptable to God and should not be condoned in any way by the church (Gal. 6:7-8; Eph. 6:11).

**Because it will complete what is missing in a man.** In **verse 10** David writes, "With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy

commandments." Most people live empty lives. They search for meaning in all the wrong places. Again notice the counsel of Solomon, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:13). If we go through our days on the earth without God we haven't truly lived. The key to David's life was the fact that he sought God with the "whole heart." We too must be completely given to learning, loving and living the will of God. Some people know just enough Bible to be miserable. May we love the Lord and His word enough to follow Him wherever He may lead (Luke 6:46).

**Because it was a constant to which he could always turn.** In **verse 11** we find, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee." Once we truly understand that the message of the Bible is from God and for our benefit our lives become more stable (2 Tim. 3:16,17). God has given us instructions to help us deal with every facet of life; every difficulty; every dark day (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 23). We can overcome all obstacles with His divine guidance (Phil. 4:13). In a world that is constantly changing and often seems to be leaving us behind, it is tremendously comforting to know God does not change and His glorious message of truth will continue to give us freedom (John 8:32).

**Because it brings joy to the recipient.** David is exuberant in the knowledge that with God's guidance life makes sense. Notice **verse 16**, "I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word." Joy and pleasure are not always the same thing. We typically view that which makes us happy (brings joy) as good. But true happiness is much deeper and more lasting than a moment's pleasure (As a side note, God

is not against us having pleasure - in fact a faithful child of God should also have a very good life **John 10:10**). David has a great attitude when it comes to the word of God. Far too many people have a poor attitude concerning the Bible. Mainly because they do not wish to have their lives directed by (interfered with - per their view) anyone but themselves. David knew that he was in need of God's help (as are we all whether we wish to admit it or not).

Again notice **verse 97**, "O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day." He loved the instruction that he received. In **verse 172** he adds, "My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness." When we comprehend that God gave us His word to help us (not to hinder us) our attitude will be better and our hearts more receptive to His guiding hand.

**Because it will guide us all the way to heaven.** In **verse 105** we read, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." The word of God will help us and direct us in the hard times of life. Many grope in darkness when the light of Jesus is just a moment away (Matt. 5:13-16). May we imitate the attitude of the Psalmist in relation to the word of God.

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**26th Annual Mid-West Lectures**  
**"We See Jesus"**  
**September 21-25, 2008**  
**39th Street Church of Christ**  
**Independence, Missouri**

## **ANNIVERSARY**

George and Linda Thomas, 09-14.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Jared Nelson, 09-15; Debra Gragg, 09-16;  
Mikayla Parish, 09-18; Melissa Cole, 09-20.

## **ILL**

**Sunday:** Kathleen Camp; Evan Pflugradt; Millie Robertson (PM); Debra Schleif.

**Wednesday:** Janice Carter; Millie Robertson.

Allen Scott was admitted to Olathe Medical Center last Monday and is in Room 413. Dee Adams continues to recover at home from her surgery. Barbara James' Aunt is in the Hoeger house.

**Those battling cancer:** David Cole, Ledgia Campbell, Betty James and Cleo Stone. Remember these in your prayers along with: Millie Robertson and Allen Scott.

## **HOME BOUND**

Bob Adams resides at Room D-4 of the Johnson County Nursing Center in Olathe. Marion Stone is at home. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

## **OUT OF TOWN**

Chris Edwards was out of town on business last week. The Nelson's plan to be in Newton, KS this weekend.

## **MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING**

Our monthly Men's Business Meeting will be held this Sunday, September 14 following our AM worship. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

## **MID-WEST LECTURES**

Our thanks to all who signed the list to provide desserts and help in the kitchen on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Please bring your desserts to the building by Sunday PM on Sept. 21.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Sunday AM, 49; Sunday PM, 40; Wednesday PM, 34.

## **Those To Serve**

September 14, 2008

**BUILDING AND COMMUNION..... Thrasher**

### **MORNING WORSHIP**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Trent Thrasher**  
**SONG LEADER..... Joel Nelson**  
**OPENING PRAYER ..... Jared Nelson**  
**PRESIDE..... Jeff Nemechek**  
**ASSIST..... John Cody Carter**  
**ASSIST..... John James**  
**CLOSING PRAYER..... George Thomas**

### **EVENING WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER ..... John Dodson**  
**CLOSING PRAYER..... Chris Edwards**  
**LORD'S SUPPER..... Jeff Nemechek**

### **WEDNESDAY 17th**

**SONG LEADER..... Joel Nelson**  
**INVITATION ..... Jared Nelson**

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday**

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM

### **Wednesday**

Ladies Bible Study ..... 10:00 AM  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

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