

Reflection Questions: What is the way of my heart with God? Is all that God hates habitually lamented, abhorred, and forsaken by me? Do I strive to keep God's commandments from constraint or from love? How am I seeking God this week?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Scripture is revered for being His sayings, and God's servants thereby seek Him, not the book for its own sake.

Derek Kidner

*Psalms are written to be prayed, recited, and sung—to be **done**, not merely to be read.*

Timothy Keller

Whatever your particular need or trouble, from the psalms you can select a form of words to fit it, so that you ... learn the way to remedy your ill.

Athanasius

The love for God receives expression in doing the will of God.

William A. VanGemeren

If Psalm 119 says anything, it says we must be willing to sink our shafts down into His Book and stand alone on the principles it contains. Pour over it. Read it. Study it. Memorize sections of it. Meditate upon it. Let it saturate your thinking. Use it when problems arise. Filter your decisions through it. Don't let a day pass without spending time alone with God, listening to the silent voice of His eloquent Word.

Charles Swindoll

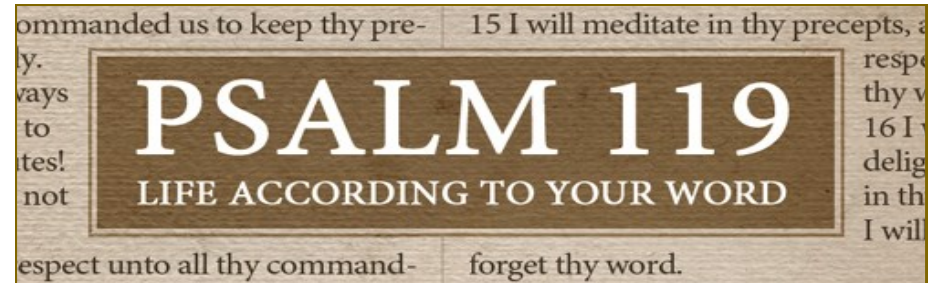
God is not truly sought by the cold researches of the brain: we must seek Him with the heart. Love reveals itself to love. God manifests His heart to the heart of His people. It is in vain that we endeavor to comprehend Him by reason; we must approach Him by affection.

Charles Spurgeon

He who commands our duty, perfectly knows our weakness; and he who feels his own weakness if fully encouraged to depend upon the power of His Savior.

When He "opens our understandings" to "learn His judgments," He will next "open our lips, and our mouth shall show forth His praise."

Charles Bridges



Message #3: Aleph, Verses 1-8



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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. How is God's Word described in *Psalms 119:1-8*? What are its characteristics or qualities?
3. What are the benefits of God's Word in our lives according to *verses 1-8*? How does it impact us?
4. What is the attitude of the psalmist toward God's Word in the first eight verses? What are his feelings regarding God's Word?
5. What commitment does the writer make in *Psalms 119:1-8*?
6. What actions does the psalmist plan to take or plan to do?
7. What does the author specifically ask God to do?
8. According to *Psalms 119:1-2*, what is the secret of our happiness?
9. What does it mean to *walk in the law of the Lord (Psalms 119:1)*?
10. How do we seek God *with all our hearts (Psalms 119:2)*?
11. Who are the *they* in *verse 3*?
12. Notice how the author of *Psalms 119* moves from the 3rd person (those, *their, they*) to the 2nd person (*we*), to the first (*my, I*). What do you think this shows us about the author's heart? How should our hearts mirror this attitude?
13. What is the personal effect when a believer does not keep God's Word (*Psalms 119:6*)?
14. According to *Psalms 119:7*, what leads to our giving thanks to God?
15. In *Psalms 119:7*, what does the word *learn* mean?

Who is it that teaches us (*Psalms 119:12, 26, 64, 66, 66, 68, 108, 124, 135, 171*)?
16. What does the phrase, *do not forsake me utterly*, mean (*Psalms 119:8*)?

Will God ever forsake His children? Do you have Scripture to back this up?
17. What is the connection between the Word of God and the God of the Word in *Hebrews 4:12-13*?