

*that I may behold wonderful things from Your law? If not, why not?
Are God's testimonies my delight and first counselor in life?*

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

Quotes to Ponder

The Word of God has the power to reveal, sustain, assure of God's presence, and illumine. The Word of God is the psalmist's comfort because of the close connection between the Lord and His Word!

William A. VanGemeren

Peace and joy are never created by prosperous circumstances, neither can they be destroyed by circumstances of difficulty. The soul desiring, discovering, doing the will of God, is the soul finding true delight in life.

G. Campbell Morgan

God has ordained that the eye-opening work of His Spirit always be combined with the mind-informing work of His Word.

True spiritual change comes from reading and pondering and memorizing the Bible. It's not because you learn rules to obey. It's because that is the place the Lord reveals the beauty and excellence of Christ.

The Word is crucial for living a Godward life that leads to heaven and has power and meaning on earth. We cannot even see what the Word really is without God's supernatural help. And therefore we need to be a people of daily prayer that God would do whatever He must do to get the wonders of the Word into our hearts and into our lives.

John Piper

A man will never grow into the knowledge of God's Word by idly waiting for some new gift of discernment, but by diligently using that which God has already bestowed upon him, and using at the same time all other helps that lie within his reach.

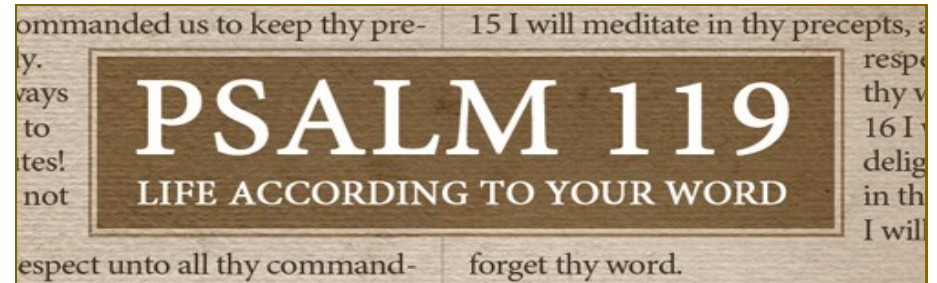
John Kerr

Only humble hearts are obedient, for they alone will yield to rule and government. Proud men's looks are high, too high to mark their own feet and keep the Lord's way. Pride lies at the root of all sin: if men were not arrogant they would not be disobedient.

Charles Spurgeon

The child of God is a stranger in the earth. Heaven is the country of his birth. His kindred—his inheritance—his Savior—his hope—his home—all is there.

Charles Bridges



Message #5: Gimel, Verses 17-24

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. What actions does the psalmist desire to do in regard to God's Word (*Psalm 119:17-24*)?

3. What are the benefits of God's Word in our lives according to *verses 17-24*? How does it impact us?

4. What does *Psalm 119:17-24* teach us about God?

5. Why does the psalmist ask God to *deal bountifully* with him (*Psalm 119:17*)?

How does he refer to himself? What does this mean?

What is involved with being God's servant according to these verses?

Psalm 119:11-14 —

Psalm 116:16 —

Psalm 27:9 —

Psalm 119:23 —

Psalm 86:2-5 —

Psalm 119:124-125 —

6. Why is the prayer of *Psalm 119:18* so important?

7. Read *Psalm 119:19*. Why don't we always live as *a stranger in the earth*?

8. What do the following verses add to your understanding of being *a stranger in the earth*?

Hebrews 11:13-16 —

1 Peter 1:1 —

1 Peter 2:11 —

9. What was the depth of desire the psalmist had for God's Word? How often did he experience this (*Psalm 119:20*)? What is the level of our desire for God's Word? How can it be improved?

10. Who does God rebuke in *Psalm 119:21*? Why is it that those who wander from God's commandments are arrogant?

11. What should we expect from the world if we meditate on and observe God's testimonies and statutes (*Psalm 119:22-23*)?

What do the following verses add to your understanding of suffering?

Job 13:15 —

Romans 8:18 —

Job 23:10-12 —

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 —

12. Read *Psalm 119:24*. What is the purpose of a counselor? Where do we turn to find counsel?

Reflection Questions: The psalmist loved the law of God because he loved the God of the law. Do I? Is my constant prayer, *open my eyes,*