

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 01 June.....	Psalm 001.....	God's Wisdom
2) 08 June.....	Psalm 119.....	God's Truth
3) 15 June.....	Psalm 019.....	God's Glory
4) 22 June.....	Psalm 096.....	God's Reign
5) 29 June.....	Psalm 132.....	God's Promise
6) 06 July.....	Psalm 110.....	God's Messiah
7) 13 July.....	Psalm 018.....	God's Deliverance
8) 20 July.....	Psalm 105.....	God's Faithfulness
9) 27 July.....	Psalm 038.....	God's Conviction
10) 03 Aug.....	Psalm 032.....	God's Forgiveness
11) 10 Aug.....	Psalm 023.....	God's Care
12) 17 Aug.....	Psalm 139.....	God's Greatness
13) 24 Aug.....	Psalm 005.....	God's Righteousness
14) 31 Aug.....	Psalm 042.....	God's Presence

INTRODUCTION

- Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible (176 verses)
- Possibly written by **Ezra** – the Scribe who prepared his heart to study God's word (**Ezra 7:10**), and who by Jewish tradition collected and compiled the Old Testament into the divisions we now have following the return from Babylonian captivity
- The Psalm is an acrostic poem divided into 22 parts - each 8 stanzas, and each part begins with the same Hebrew letter:

001-008	Aleph.....	True To The Bible
009-016	Beth.....	The Virtue Of Bible Knowledge
017-024	Gimel.....	The Enlightenment Of God's Word
025-032	Daleth.....	The Strength Of God's Word
032-040	He.....	Preservation By God's Word
041-048	Vau.....	Profession Of Faith By The Word
049-056	Zayin.....	Ground Of Hope In The Word
057-064	Cheth.....	Bound Of Friendship In The Word
065-072	Teth.....	Humbleness By The Word
073-080	Yodh.....	Consolation Through The Word
081-088	Kaph.....	Seeking Comfort By The Word
089-096	Lamedh.....	Steadfastness Of The Word
097-104	Mem.....	Wisdom Acquired By The Word
105-112	Num.....	Oath Of Faithfulness To The Word
113-120	Samekh.....	Resisting Defamers Of The Word
121-128	Ayin.....	Overcoming Oppression By The Word
129-136	Pe.....	Concern For The Teachings Of The Word
137-144	Tsadhe.....	Zeal For The Word
145-152	Qoph.....	Revival By The Word
153-160	Resh.....	Entreaty By The Word
161-168	Shin.....	Happiness In The Word
169-176	Tau.....	Summarization Of The Word

- Only 4 verses do not convey God's Word – 84, 90, 121, 122
- All other verses convey God's word with the following terms:
 - LAWS** – 1, 18, 29, 34, 44, 51, 53, 55, 61, 70, 72, 77, 85, 92, 97, 109, 113, 126, 136, 142, 150, 153, 163, 165, 174
 - TESTIMONIES** – 2, 14, 22, 24, 31, 36, 46, 59, 79, 88, 95, 99, 111, 119, 125, 129, 138, 144, 146, 152, 157, 167, 168
 - PRECEPTS** – 4, 15, 27, 40, 45, 56, 63, 69, 78, 87, 93, 94, 100, 104, 110, 128, 134, 141, 159, 168, 173
 - STATUTES** – 5, 8, 12, 16, 23, 26, 33, 48, 54, 64, 68, 71, 80, 83, 112, 117, 118, 124, 135, 145, 155, 171
 - COMMANDMENTS** – 6, 10, 19, 21, 32, 35, 47, 48, 60, 66, 73, 86, 96, 98, 115, 127, 131, 143, 151, 158, 166, 172, 176
 - JUDGMENTS** – 7, 13, 20, 30, 39, 43, 52, 62, 75, 91, 102, 106, 108, 120, 132, 137, 149, 156, 160, 164, 175
 - WORD** – 9, 11, 17, 25, 28, 42, 49, 57, 65, 67, 74, 81, 89, 101, 103, 105, 107, 114, 130, 139, 147, 161, 162, 169, 170
 - PROMISE** – 38, 41, 50, 58, 76, 82, 116, 123, 133, 140, 148, 154
 - WAYS** – 3, 37

Comment	Specific Passages
Take a test of how much we should love God's Word	1. v11. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
	2. v20. My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times
	3. v60. I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands
	4. v62. At midnight I rise to give you thanks for your righteous laws.
	5. v97. I meditate on your Word all day long.
	6. v127. I love your commands more than gold
	7. v136. Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed
	8. v148. I stay awake through the night, thinking about your Word
	9. v164. I will praise you seven times a day because all your laws are just.
You pass the test when...	• v74. May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word.
	• v79. Let those who fear you turn to me, so that they may know your decrees
Teach us your Way so we may live	• vv7, 171. We can praise God righteously
	• v42. We shall have an answer for unbelievers
	• v71. It is good to be afflicted so we might learn your decrees
	• v154-156. God's word gives life

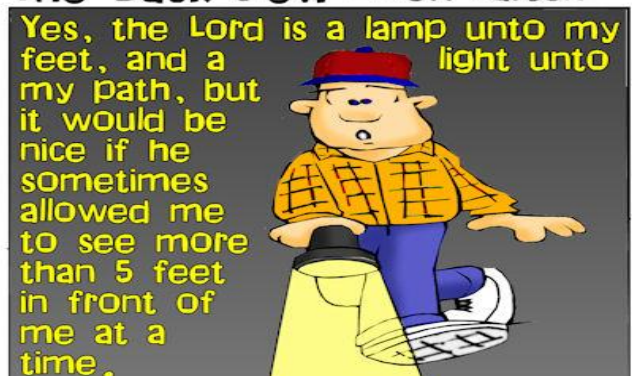
CONCLUSION

- Do we spend more time worrying about life's problems or learning God's ways?
- Like Ezra – prepare your heart to study God's word by doing the following:
 - Consider dedicating specific time each day or week
 - Plan out what to study, how to study, when to study, where to study – and keep a log (a journal)
 - At least read through the Bible once a year, every year
 - Most Bibles are less than 1000 pages, so 10 pages a day (~45 minutes), you can finish the Bible in 90-100 days

NEXT WEEK:

- Psalm 019.** The starry heavens have a very strong message for us earthlings.

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



but then you would see all the lions, tigers, and bears... OH MY! Ps 119:105