

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

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| 1) 06 Sept..... | Psalms 19..... | God is Revealed |
| 2) 13 Sept..... | Psalms 9..... | God is Just |
| 3) 20 Sept..... | Psalms 105..... | God is Faithful |
| 4) 27 Sep..... | Psalms 135..... | God is Great |
| 5) 04 Oct..... | Psalms 23..... | When I Need Comfort |
| 6) 11 Oct..... | Psalms 51..... | When I have Sinned |
| 7) 18 Oct..... | Psalms 56..... | When I am Afraid |
| 8) 25 Oct..... | Psalms 73..... | When I have Doubts |
| 9) 01 Nov..... | Psalms 102..... | When I am Afflicted |
| 10) 08 Nov..... | Psalms 1..... | Choose Wisely |
| 11) 15 Nov..... | Psalms 112..... | Live Righteously/ |
| 12) 22 Nov..... | Psalms 116..... | Give Thanks |
| 13) 29 Nov..... | Psalms 119..... | Obey God's Word |

INTRODUCTION

- Psalms 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 of each part begins with the same Hebrew letter

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| 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 words:
 - ♦ **LAWS** – 1, 18, 29, 34, 44, 51, 53, 55, 61, 70,7 2, 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 |
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| Take a test of how much we should love God’s Word | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |

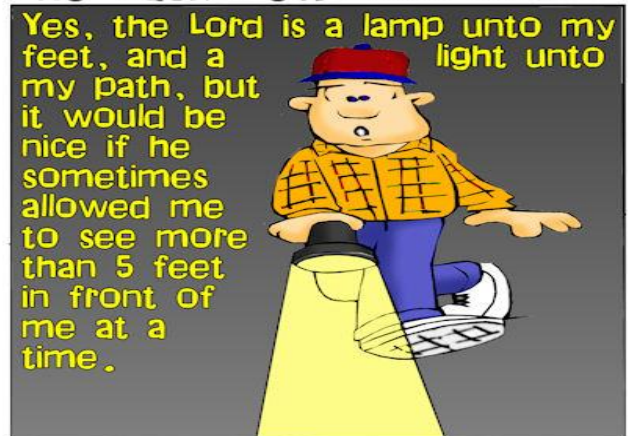
CONCLUSION

- 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:

- Mark 1 – We jump right into the beginning of Jesus’ ministry on Earth

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



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