

Psalm 119: God's Word
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1. The Bible is God's authoritative Word.

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules. I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me! Psalm 119:1-8

- Law
- Testimonies
- Ways

*Oh, that my **ways** may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! v. 5*

*When I told of my **ways**, you answered me; teach me your statutes! v. 26*

*Put false **ways** far from me and graciously teach me your law! V. 29*

*When I think on my **ways**, I turn my feet to your testimonies; v. 59*

*I keep your precepts and testimonies, for all my **ways** are before you. V. 168*

- Precepts
- Statutes
- Commandments
- Righteous Rules
- Word

2. The Bible is God's reliable Word.

- You can trust God's Word. All of it is faithful, righteous, and true

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness. v. 138

But you are near, O LORD, and all your commandments are true. v. 151

The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. v. 160

- It doesn't change with the times

Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. v. 89

Long have I known from your testimonies that you have founded them forever. v. 152

"Contemporary evangelicalism has been beguiled and sabotaged by a ruinous lack of confidence in God's Word. Many who would never doubt the Bible's authenticity as God's Word or distrust its essential authority as a guide for righteous living have nevertheless accepted the notion that Scripture simply does not contain all we need to minister well in these complex and sophisticated modern times. So, they turn to human

expertise in the fields of psychology, business, government, politics, entertainment, or whatever else they think might supply some recipe for success that's lacking in Scripture." John MacArthur, Our Sufficiency in Christ, p. 117

3. The Bible is God's powerful Word.

- The Word brings us into a living relationship with the living God.

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, v. 2

- The Word gives us stability in trials.

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" Romans 8:28

- The Word gives us direction in life.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. v. 105

To benefit from the Word, we must be diligent in three responsibilities:

- We must learn God's Word.
- We must obey God's Word.
- We must love God's Word.