

“The Blessing of Scripture” (7/11/18)

(Ps 119:9) *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.*

Ps 119 is unique.

It is the longest chapter in the Bible, 176 verses. Chapter is broken up into 22 paragraphs of 8 vs each. The first word of each verse of these paragraphs begins with the successive characters of the Hebrew alphabet.

For example, the first word of each verse of the first paragraph begin with the Hebrew character a (pronounced aleph) which is the first character in the Hebrew alphabet. The verses of the next paragraph all begins with b (pronounced bayth), the second character in the Hebrew alphabet, and so forth.

The author is not named, but the style and content clearly is that of David. Some have speculated that this psalm took a lifetime to write with the earlier portions being written in David’s youth and the latter portions in his mature years. The subject matter seems to flow from the enthusiasm of youth in the early paragraphs to the wisdom of maturity of age in the latter ones.

Various synonyms are used to describe it. Numerous applications of it are mentioned.

Only in all 4 vs is God’s Word is not directly mentioned.

The chapter is the masterpiece of a man who sought the Lord with his whole heart throughout his life.

There is one primary theme throughout the chapter and that is the supremacy of the Word of God.

READ! (Ps 119:1-9) *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.*

I. Read It:

Why Read It? It is the source of Truth!

(Ps 119:160) *Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.*

(Jn 17:17) *Sanctify them through they truth, thy word is truth.*

Claims to be the Word of God (2 Tim 3:16)

(2 Pet 1:21) *Moved by the Holy Ghost.*

Verbal Inspiration: The Vary Words (Duet 6:6; 12:28) *‘all the words’*

He doesn’t need help in making them easier to understand (Jer 26:2) *Illus: Mark Twain It’s not what I don’t understand that bothers me, but what I do Understand that does!*

Plenary Inspiration: All inspired equally- 2 Ti 3:16

Inerrant Inspiration: Recorded w/o error (Ex 24:4)

Infallible Inspiration: W/o error in it's teachings.

Pure Words - (Prov 30:5)

Round Earth (Is 40:22)

Life of the Flesh is in the blood (Lev 17:11)

The Water Cycle (Ecc 1:7; Job 36:27-28)

Dinosaurs (Job 40:15)

Preserved:

(Ps 12:6-7) *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*

(Ps 119:89, 160) Unchanging book

(1 Pet 1:23) *Liveth & Abideth forever*

(Matt 5:18) *One Jot or Tittle*

It is a question of Authority:

What separates us from all other churches?

We must revere it as the Word of God: 1Thes 2:13

Illus: *If we line up our thinking with the Word of God, our thinking will be right thinking!*

Or in Agreement with God!

We must Receive it from God Daily!

(Is 58:2, Deut 17:19) *all the Days!*

We Need to READ the Word of God & We need to ...

II. Reason it: (Ps 119:95) *I will consider thy testimonies.*

(2 Tim 2:15) *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Dissect & Define:

(Who, What, When, Where, Why, How)

Who is speaking?

Who are they speaking to?

What are they speaking about?

When are they speaking?

Take the Bible as an Entire Body of Work.

The Holy Spirit will not misquote Himself.

The Holy Spirit will not contradict Himself.

Ask yourself: *“Where else does it speak of this?”*

(2 Pet 1:20) *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.*

The Bible is it's own best Commentary:

(1 Cor 2:12-13) *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

We need to READ the Word, Reason the Word & ...

III. Ruminates on it: (The 'How To' of our Study)

Memorize it: (Ps 119:11) Ps 1:3; Josh 1:8)

Meditate on it: Ps 119:97; 99; 169

We need to READ, Reason, Ruminates on the Word &.

IV. Relate it to yourself:

(This is the 'WHY' we are to Read the Bible)

(How does it apply to me)

Trust Me it all applies to you: (Ps 119:9) *heed*

God uses the Word to rebuke us: (Heb 12:5)

It's described as a ...

(James 1:23-25) Mirror- A Revealing Book!

(1 Pet 1:23) A Seed A Life giving book!

(Ps 119:105) A Lamp/Light! An Illuminating Book

It Exposes Our Works! (Jn 3:19-21)

(Jer 23:29) A Hammer A Destructive Book

(Pro 3:18) A Tree – a Prospering Book!

(Jn 15:3) Water – A Cleansing Book

(1 Pet 2:2) Food – A Nourishing Book

(Heb 4:12) A Sword! – A Convicting Book!

(Heb 4:12) Quick: Alive, Applicable to every age,
Childhood to adult

Always applicable/never out of touch (Mal 3:6)

It makes us alive from the dead (Ps 119:25) 1Pet 1:23

It Judges us! (Jn 12:48) (Rom 14:11-12; 2:2)

(Heb 4:12) - Powerful

Heb 11:3 The Worlds were framed by it!

Ps 119:9 It Cleanses our way

Ps 119:22 It Keeps me from Sin

Ps 119:116 It Up Holds Me

Ps 119: 133 It Orders Our Steps

Ps 119: 162 It rejoices me! Jer 15:16

Ps 119:169 It Gives Me Understanding

(Jn 17:17) It Sanctifies Us

(2 Tim 2:8-9) Can't Be Bound:

(Acts 19:20) Prevails over worldly thinking!

(Heb 4:12) *Sharper than any Two Edged Sword!*

Spoken of as a sword Eph 6:17, Rev 1:16

(1 Cor 14:24-25) (Prophecy/Preaching)

The secrets of the heart are revealed by the Word!

We need to READ, Reason, Ruminates, Relate it to yourself: and we need to ...

V. Reveal it to others: (Ps 119:172)

What other truth is so important as the word of God?

Reference it when giving advice! (Ps 119:9,11)

Reference it when explaining godly Character.

Reference it when explaining godly Values.

(Is 55:11) *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

Read it, Reason it, Ruminates it, Relate it, Reveal it!