

God's Word IS a DELIGHT? ~ Psalm 119.89-96

→Scripture Reading 2 Tim. 3.16-17, Ps. 119.9-11, Ps. 1.1-2

INTRODUCTION

→What is this?

The word for “**law**” literally means “**straight edge**.” It’s the sort of object, like a ruler or a plumb line, that you would use to make sure you had the right length of cloth or a wall that is lined up properly to fit into the structure. JDGreat

We declare our confidence in the **total trustworthiness** of the Scriptures. We believe the Bible is God's **absolute, objective truth** for all people for all times. It is **without error** in concept or detail in the original writings. It is **breathed out** in its entirety **by God**, divinely preserved, and trustworthy. We believe the Holy Spirit superintended human authors so that, through their individual personalities and literary styles, they composed and recorded God's Word. CBMinistries

God's WORD is INSPIRED ~ 2 Peter 1:20-21

[20] Above all, you do well if you recognize this: No prophecy of scripture ever comes about by the prophet's OWN imagination, [21] for no prophecy was ever borne of HUMAN impulse; rather, men CARRIED ALONG by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. (NET)

2 Peter 1:16 (NET) For we did NOT follow CLEVERLY CONCOCTED FABLES when we made known to you the POWER and RETURN of our Lord Jesus Christ; no, we were eyewitnesses of His grandeur.

→Never FORGET men did NOT make ALL this UP - it ALL came FROM God

2 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV) Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. [16] He writes the same way in ALL his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the OTHER Scriptures, to their own destruction.

Paul's LETTERS were...

- already being widely CIRCULATED
- seen as AUTHORITATIVE
- seen as SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3.16-17 (NIV) All Scripture is God-Breathed and is USEFUL for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, [17] so that the man of God may be thoroughly EQUIPPED for every good work.

→The ENTIRE Bible came FROM God - IT was given SO THAT we would know HOW to LIVE

IMPLICATIONS

THE BIBLE

- IS God's WORD
- was INSPIRED BY God
- has the POWER to CHANGE Lives

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) For the Word of God is LIVING and ACTIVE. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

The WONDER and VALUE of God's WORD ~ Psalm 119

[9] How can a young man keep his way pure? **By living ACCORDING to Your WORD.** [10] I seek You with ALL my heart; **do not let me STRAY** from Your Commands. [11] I have **hidden YOUR WORD in my heart** that I might not sin against YOU.

Question- How can we be pure in our relationships with others?

Answer - Live ACCORDING to God's WORD

Romans 8:5 (NLT) Those who are dominated by the sinful nature **THINK ABOUT** sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit **THINK ABOUT** things that please the Spirit.

Prayer- Do NOT let me STRAY from Your Commands

Answer- HIDE God's WORD in my heart

[89] **Your WORD**, O LORD, is **ETERNAL**; it stands firm in the heavens. ...[91] **Your LAWS endure** to this day, for ALL things serve You.

[92] If Your **LAW** had not been **my DELIGHT**, I would have perished in my affliction.

...[97] Oh, how I **LOVE Your LAW**. I meditate on it all day long.

→ God's Word - is NOT a FENCE

→ His Law is Like a Guardrail protecting us

IMPLICATIONS

→ It is IMPOSSIBLE to live for God APART from His Word

→ God's LAW reminds me that I NEED God's GRACE and Forgiveness

James 1:23-25 (NLT) For if you listen to the WORD and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. [24] You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. [25] But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

TAKE AWAY??

Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT) Oh, the JOYS of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. [2] But **they DELIGHT in the law of the LORD**, meditating on it day and night. [3] They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season...

Psalm 119:174-175 (NIV) I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your LAW is my DELIGHT. [175] Let me live that I may PRAISE You, and may Your LAWS sustain me.

Psalm 119:176 (NIV) I have **STRAYED like a lost sheep**. SEEK your servant, for I have not forgotten your commands.