

The Wisdom of Yahweh in His Word

Psalm 119

Trinity Bible Church - Adult Sunday School Class
“The Psalms: From Promise to Praise” – Lesson 6
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Introduction

- ◇ Structure of Psalm 119
 - ◇ 22 sections with 8 lines each
 - ◇ All 8 lines per section start with the same Hebrew letter
 - ◇ All 22 sections arranged alphabetically “A” to “Z”
- ◇ Theme: The incredible greatness of God’s Word
- ◇ Recurring ideas:
 - ◇ Praise for God’s glorious Word
 - ◇ Resolutions to Obey
 - ◇ Grieving personal failings and weaknesses
 - ◇ Desire to remain faithful despite oppression

The Obedient Way

- ◇ What characterizes the blessed man? (Vs. 1-2)

- ◇ His way is blameless and he walks in the Law of the Lord
- ◇ He seeks God with his whole heart
- ◇ He obeys continually

- ◇ A resolution to Holiness

- ◇ The basis: The LORD's command to be Holy
- ◇ The problem: The Psalmist's imperfect obedience
- ◇ The resolution
 - ◇ I will fix my eyes on your commandments
 - ◇ I will learn your righteous rules
 - ◇ I will keep your statutes

The Purified Way

- ◇ What should we do if we want to live a purified life?
 - ◇ Guard our way according to God's Word
 - ◇ Seek God with a whole heart and trust in His grace

- ◇ What will this look like in our lives?
 - ◇ An intimate personal knowledge of the word of God (vs. 11)
 - ◇ An unashamed proclamation of God's Word to those around us (vs. 13)
 - ◇ A love for the law of God (vs. 14,16)
 - ◇ Constant meditation of the word of God (vs. 15)

The Imperfect Way

- ◇ God's strength and our inability to obey
 - ◇ The Holiness required by God's law: An unattainable standard

- ◇ God's strength in our weakness
 - ◇ We need God to lead our steps in the paths of righteousness
 - ◇ We need God to incline our hearts after His precepts
 - ◇ We need God to direct our eyes from looking upon sin
 - ◇ We need God to assure us of His promises
 - ◇ We need God's mercy