

The Value of the Word of God from Psalm 119

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in all the Bible, having 176 verses long.

- It is an acrostic with 22 stanzas that correspond to the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet.
- Each stanza has eight verses.
- And every line in each stanza begins with a word that starts with the corresponding Hebrew letter.

The Psalm is about how much the Psalmist loves the Word, depends on the Word, hungers and thirsts for the Word, struggles with the Word, and looks to the Word for wisdom, comfort, protection, direction and guidance, and so much more.

There are eight synonyms for the Word of God used to describe it in 176 verses.

- The law, testimonies, precepts, statutes, commandments, ordinances, the word, and promise.

Twenty Ways the Word of God is Valuable to Your Life

1. The Word of God will make you blessed by God

Psalm 119:2 How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, Who seek Him with all their heart.

2. The Word of God will keep your inner life pure

Psalm 119:9-11

9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.

10 With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

11 Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

3. The Word of God is your very best counselor

Psalm 119:24 Your testimonies also are my delight; They are my counselors.

4. The Word of God gives you strength when you go through grief

Psalm 119:28 My soul weeps because of grief; Strengthen me according to Your word.

5. The Word of God will give you a greater heart for God

Psalm 119:32 I shall run the way of Your commandments, For You will enlarge my heart.

6. The Word of God will put you in total awe of God

Psalm 119:38 Establish Your word to Your servant, As that which produces reverence for You.

7. The Word of God will cause you to walk in freedom

Psalm 119:45 And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.

8. The Word of God stirs hope in you

Psalm 119:49–50

49 Remember the word to Your servant, In which You have made me hope.

50 This is my comfort in my affliction, That Your word has revived me.

9. The Word of God shows you the incredible goodness of God

Psalm 119:68 You are good and do good; Teach me Your statutes.

10. The Word of God will make you wise and discerning

Psalm 119:66 Teach me good discernment and knowledge, For I believe in Your commandments.

11. The Word of God is how God shows you His love and compassion

Psalm 119:76–77

76 O may Your lovingkindness comfort me, According to Your word to Your servant.

77 May Your compassion come to me that I may live, For Your law is my delight.

12. The Word of God revives you from any affliction

Psalm 119:92–93

92 If Your law had not been my delight, Then I would have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have revived me.

13. The Word of God makes you wise

Psalm 119:100 I understand more than the aged, Because I have observed Your precepts.

14. The Word of God teaches you to hate what is evil and false

Psalm 119:104 From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

15. The Word of God is a guide for the path ahead

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

16. The Word of God is the way to know God as your Hiding Place and Shield

Psalm 119:114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I wait for Your word.

17. The Word of God answers your trouble and anguish

Psalm 119:143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me, Yet Your commandments are my delight.

18. The Word of God is your help from God

Psalm 119:147 I rise before dawn and cry for help; I wait for Your words.

19. The Word of God is how you find God's nearness

Psalm 119:151 You are near, O LORD, And all Your commandments are truth.

20. The Word of God protects you from stumbling badly

Psalm 119:165 Those who love Your law have great peace, And nothing causes them to stumble.

CONCLUSION: The Word of God is only activated in your life – in one specific way. Come to know it, apply it, and obey it.

Psalm 1:1a, 2-3

1 How blessed is the man [whose] ...

2 ... delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Vs 2 – delight, meditates

- The Word is at the center of his or her life. It means that I know it; apply it; and obey it. Then it becomes a force in my life that completely transforms me.

Here's the outcome of a life that delights in the Word of God:

Vs 3b – Which yields it fruit in its season

Vs 3c – Its leaf does not wither

Vs 3d – And in whatever he does, he prospers.