

Psalm 119 - The Way of God

Ps 119 is the longest chapter in the bible - George Wishart & Scaffold: Ps 119 saved his life

- **22 stanzas of 8 vs each** - vs in each stanza start with letters of the alphabet (1-8 "A"), (9-16 "B")

One of 9 words is used in all by 5 verses explaining various ways God has chosen to reveal His will to man

- **Law** (25x) **Testimony** (23x) **Way** (13x) **Precepts** (21x) **Statutes** (21x) **Commandment** (22x)
Judgments (23x) **Word** (24x) **Word** (19x) -- (all 9 are used in the 1st 16 vs covered today)

The pivotal verse (God has spoken → How will we respond? - He commands we keep)

Ps 119:4 **You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.**

- **God command us to keep** (*guard with hedge of thorns*) **diligently** (*stir hot coals*)
- **His Precepts** - practical application of God's will for daily living → it will impact every aspect of our life
- **Why?** - GOD DESIRES THAT OUR LIVES BE BLESSED

Secret of a Blessed Life - Keeping Precepts, our way of life→“generic message to all”

Ps 119:1-3 **Blessed** are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! 2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, 3 who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

- We are **BLESSED** when our **WAY** is BLAMELESS (*way is a road, a course of life or mode of action*)
- It is described as BLAMELESS because we **WALK IN HIS WAYS**
- **Our WAY becomes HIS WAY**
 - Psa 18:30-32 ESV This God--his way is **perfect**...32 the God who equipped me with strength and made my way **blameless**. [*perfect and blameless same word in Hebrew*]
- **Keep it diligently HOW?** (intentionality → **walk, keep, seek, do no wrong, walk in HIS ways**)

From Generic “those whose way” to personal “O that my ways” (I, me, my is used 20x)

Begins with desire to align your life with His way [strong enough to FIX my eyes]

- 5 Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your **statutes!** 6 Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your **commandments**.

Desire must give way to learning and keeping - This has a direct impact on MY WAY

- 7 I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous **rules**. 8 I will keep your **statutes**; do not utterly forsake me! 9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your **word**. 10 With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your **commandments!** 11 I have stored up your **word** in my heart, that I might not sin against you. 12 Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!

Learning leads to affection and joy

13 With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. 14 In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. 16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

- I talk about it, delight in it, think about it, fix my eyes on HIS WAYS, do not forget about

There is so much here in Ps119 - take a comprehensive look

Thomas Manton puritan preacher and theologian (3 vol commentary, 190 sermons, 1,600 pages)

Or a simple look

Read and meditate on 1 verse per day - you will review it 2x in a year
This is what Matthew Henry's father did with him