



The Wonder Of God's Word

Psalm 119

God's Word Blesses

Verses 1-8

In this first stanza of the **Psalm**, the word “**Blessed**” occurs in the first two verses with reference to obedience to the Word of God. The word “**Blessed**” speaks of a **joy** and **peace** that is of Divine origin and independent of the circumstances of life. The word “**Blessed**” is indicative of spiritual **prosperity** or the abundant life. OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD IS THE PATHWAY TO SUCH BLESSEDNESS!

1. THIS OBEDIENCE IS DESCRIBED AS BEING UNFILED:

“**Blessed are the undefiled in the way**” [verse 1]. The word “**undefiled**” has reference to being **unsoiled** or **unspotted** and speaks of **purity**. It implies a great **carefulness** as to following, and acting in accord to the pattern of life marked out by God's Word! This speaks of the individual who seeks to be **precise** in pursuing **conformity** to the pattern laid out in God's Word. There is a **joy** a **peace** and a spiritual **prosperity** to be had in seeking God's precise pattern as laid out in His Word!

2. THIS OBEDIENCE IS DESCRIBED AS A WALK:

The “**undefiled**” are described as those “**who walk in the law** (direction and instruction) **of the LORD**” [verse 1], and “**they walk in His ways**” [verse 3]. The word “**walk**” has reference to a **consistent** and **habitual** way of life. The word “**walk**” implies steady **progress** in the ways of God There is a **joy** a **peace** and spiritual **prosperity** to be had in seeking and living a lifestyle in accordance with the direction, and the instruction of the Word of God, and in accord with the pattern laid out in His Word!

3. THIS OBEDIENCE IS DESCRIBED AS KEEPING:

“**Blessed are they that keep his testimonies**” [verse 2]. “**Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently**” [verse 4]. The **Psalmist** expressed a **desire**, an **aspiration** to “**keep thy statutes**” [verse 5], and a **determination** to do so “**I will keep thy statutes**” [verse 8]. The word “**keep**” has reference to “observing, to abiding by, to adhering to, giving heed to, to regard, and to be careful concerning” Closely connected with this, is a **seeking** of, and a **striving** after the Lord [verse 2]. There is a **joy**, a **peace** and a spiritual **prosperity** to be had in careful observance of what God has confirmed and inscribed in His Word! Like the **Psalmist** our prayer ought to be that our **conduct**, our **practices**, and **habits** be under the direction of God's Word [verse 5]. Like the **Psalmist** it ought to be our **determination**, our **intent**, our **commitment**, our **resolve**, and our **purpose** to be fully obedient to the Word of God [verse 8].

4. THIS OBEDIENCE IS DESCRIBED AS A RESPECT:

The **Psalmist** spoke of having “**respect unto all thy commandments**” [verse 6]. The word “**respect**” conveys the idea of **regard**, of **esteem**, of **reverence**, and **admiration**. This “**respect**” is to be shown to the entirety of God’s Word “**all thy commandments**” and is a result of reverence for God. ONE WILL HAVE NO MORE REVERENCE FOR GOD’S WORD THAN THEY DO FOR GOD! This “**respect**” is the **foundation** of obedience. This “**respect**” for God’s Word results in **confidence** and **assurance** as seen in the words “***Then shall I not be ashamed, when*** (at what time) ***I have respect unto all thy commandments***” There is a **joy**, a **peace**, and a spiritual **prosperity** as a result of “**respect**” for the authority of God’s Word.

5. THIS OBEDIENCE IS DESCRIBED AS LEARNING:

The **Psalmist** spoke of **learning** God’s “**righteous judgments**” [verse 7]. The “**judgments**” refer to God’s **regulations**, **orders**, and **verdicts**, the legal sanctions of God. In order to be obedient these need to be learned, and it needs to be learned that all the regulations and orders of God are “**righteous**” The learning of this leads to **praise** (joyful obedience) “***I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when*** (at what time) ***I shall have learned thy righteous judgments***” There is a **joy**, a **peace**, and a spiritual **prosperity** in learning both God’s Word and the virtues of God’s Word.

God’s Word is the expression of the **authority** of God. In it are the best laws and the best instruction for our compliance. It is given for us to **submit** to, to **bow** to, to **carry out**, to **perform** and to **follow**. AND IN SUCH THERE IS A LIFE OF BLESSEDNESS!
