



*The Wonder Of God's Word*  
*Psalm 119*

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*God's Word Blesses*  
*Verses 1-8*

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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. OBEEDIENCE TO GOD’S WORD IS THE PATHWAY TO SUCH BLESSEDNESS!

**1. THIS OBEEDIENCE IS DESCRIBED AS BEING UNDEFILED:**

“**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 OBEEDIENCE 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 OBEEDIENCE 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.

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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!

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