



The Wonder Of God's Word
Psalm 119

The Saving Power Of God's Word
Verses 41-48

This stanza opens with a prayer for God's "**mercies**" and "**salvation**" There is a tone of **anxiety, desire, and faith** in the request. Such a prayer reveals one's absolute dependence upon God. The word "**salvation**" is the sum and crown of all "**mercies**" and conveys the idea of **deliverance, freedom, and safety!** "**Salvation**" and the Word of God are linked together, and this is seen clearly in the saving of a soul [**II Thessalonians 2:13; I Peter 1:23**]. THERE IS DELIVERING AND RESCUING POWER IN THE WORD OF GOD!

In this stanza of the **119th Psalm** the **Psalmist** twice declares his love for the Word of God-"**thy commandments, which I have loved**" [**verses 47, 48**]. He also declared his love for the Word of God in **verses 97, 140, 163**]. This love for the Word means that he had a deep **affection, an attachment, and a devotion** toward it. Throughout this stanza the **Psalmist** uses several phrases to express his deep love for the Word of God.

1. HE DECLARES HIS TRUST OF THE WORD OF GOD:

"for I trust in thy word" [**verse 42**]. The **Psalmist** no doubt was in some kind of difficulty, as seen from his prayer in **verse 1**, and from the word "**reproacheth**" in **verse 2**. Whatever the trouble the **Psalmist** had **trust** in the Word of God. In the midst of trouble and difficulties, he **relied** and **depended** upon the Word of God. He had **confidence** and **conviction** in what God's Word said. Those who **love** the Word also **trust** the Word, and the more one trusts, the more they love!

2. HE DECLARES HIS HOPE IN THE WORD OF GOD:

"for I have hoped in thy judgments" [**verse 43**]. This is expressive of **assurance and certainty!** To the **Psalmist** the Word of God was **unquestionable, and undeniable**, it was something that was **sure, unfailing, and infallible!** This is why he trusted it, and the more he trusted it, the more his hope (assurance and certainty) increased. Those who **love** the Word have great **hope** (assurance and certainty) in the Word, and the more confident they are in the Word the more they love it!

3. HE DECLARES HIS DESIRE TO OBEY THE WORD OF GOD:

"So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever" [**verse 44**]. The word "**keep**" means "**to give heed to, for the purpose of obeying**" He desired to pay **attention**, to take **notice** of the Word of God, and to be **mindful** of it, for the purpose of **submitting** to it, and **implementing** it. This he desired to do "**continually for ever and ever**" Those who **love** the Word have a desire to **keep** it!

4. HE DECLARES THAT HE SEEKS THE WORD OF GOD:

“for I seek thy precepts” [verse 45]. To ***“seek”*** is *“to search for, to be in quest of, to try to obtain, to strive after”* This seeking flows from a **desire** for what God’s Word says, and a **longing** to be in **submission** and **conformity** to the Word of God. This seeking of the Word is not enslaving but **liberating-*****“And I will walk at liberty for*** (because; since) ***I seek thy precepts”*** HE DID NOT FIND THE WORD OF GOD TO BE HARSH AND ENSLAVING, BUT LIBERATING! Those who **love** the Word continually **seek** the Word!

5. HE DECLARES HIS DETERMINATION TO SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD:

“I will speak of thy testimonies” [verse 46]. He was saying that it was his determination and desire to **declare**, to **vocalize**, to **communicate**, and to **manifest** the Word of God without the least bit of intimidation! He would not allow himself to be sheepish or apologetic when it was time to declare the Word of God. Those who **love** the Word of God are not ashamed to **speak** the Word of God!

6. HE DECLARES HIS DELIGHT IN THE WORD OF GOD:

“And I will delight myself in thy commandments” [verse 47]. This speaks of the fact that he took **pleasure** in the Word of God, it was something that he found **gratifying** and **appealing!** Those who **love** the Word of God take great **delight** in it!

7. HE DECLARES HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WORD OF GOD:

“My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments” [verse 48]. This is emblematic of **prayer**, concerning the Word of God, and **praise** for the Word of God, and **surrender** to the Word of God. Those who **love** the Word of God, possess a proper **spirit** and **attitude** toward the Word of God.

8. HE DECLARES HIS DETERMINATION TO MEDITATE IN THE WORD OF GOD:

“I will meditate in thy statutes” [verse 48]. The Word of God was a matter of **contemplation**, **consideration**, and **reflection**. Those who **love** the Word of God will habitually **meditate** upon it.

There is amazing and wondrous delivering and liberating power found in the Word of God! The Word of God ought to be greatly loved by God’s people, and such love will be manifested in life by **trusting** and **hoping** in the Word of God, by **obeying**, and **seeking** the Word of God, by **speaking** unashamedly the Word of God, by **delighting** in the Word of God, by possessing a proper **attitude** toward the Word of God, and by **meditating** in the Word of God.
