



The Wonder Of God's Word
Psalm 119

God's Word, A Solid Rock
Verses 89-96

In this stanza there is a marked change in tone for the **Psalmist**. In the previous stanzas, there was an emphasis placed upon his affliction and trials, with the previous stanza being the lowest of them all. But in this stanza, it appears that the **Psalmist** has found renewed **vigor, conviction, awe, and strength** in the contemplation of the Word of God! In this stanza there is a tone of **praise** as the **Psalmist** reflects upon some of the **attributes** and **qualities** of God's Word!

The stanza opens with a declaration of the **eternity** of the Word of God-"**For ever.....thy word is**" IT IS GOD'S WORD AND IT IS ETERNAL BECAUSE GOD IS ETERNAL! This is followed by a statement concerning the **immutability** of God's Word-"**thy word is settled in heaven**" It is **anchored** and **established** "**in heaven**" IT WAS SO, LONG BEFORE THE FIRST WORD WAS PUT ON ANY KIND OF PAPER! It is "**for ever.....settled**" This means that it is **secure, sure, unchangeable, and immovable!** IT IS GOD'S WORD AND IT IS SETTLED, IMMOVABLE, AND IMMUTABLE BECAUSE GOD IS SETTLED, IMMOVABLE, AND IMMUTABLE! God's Word is declared to be **powerful** and **authoritative [verses 90-91]**. By the spoken word of God, all came into existence, and all continues and is sustained by the **power** and **authority** of His word [**Psalm 33:8-9; Hebrews 11:3**]. IT IS GOD'S WORD AND IT IS POWERFUL AND AUTHORITATIVE BECAUSE GOD IS POWERFUL AND AUTHORITATIVE! The **Psalmist** declares in **verse 96** that God's Word is **comprehensive**-"**I have seen an end of all perfection** (I have seen an end and limit to all things), **but thy commandment is exceeding** (exceptionally and tremendously) **broad**" (wide and extensive). The **Psalmist** had experienced a great variety of circumstances, and he found God's Word to be more **vast**, more **exhaustive**, and more **wide ranging** than anything that one can possibly experience! GOD'S WORD IS APPLICABLE TO EVERY POSSIBLE SITUATION AND CIRCUMSTANCE! The **Psalmist** speaks in a tone of praise as he stands in awe of the **glory** and **majesty** of God's Word!

1. THE ONE WHO STANDS IN AWE OF THE GLORY AND MAJESTY OF GOD'S WORD DELIGHTS IN IT:

He states in **verse 92** that had he not found such pleasure in God's Word he would "**have perished** (been ruined), **in mine affliction**" The **Psalmist** was well acquainted with the **sufferings** of this world, with the **doubts, struggles, confusion, sadness, frustrations, betrayal, loss, and pain** of this world. BUT IN THE MIDST OF IT ALL HE TOOK PLEASURE IN THE WORD OF GOD! Circumstances were not the source of his delight!

2. THE ONE WHO STANDS IN AWE OF THE GLORY AND MAJESTY OF GOD'S WORD MAKES IT A MATTER OF MEMORY:

He states in **verse 93** *"I will (a matter of determination), never forget thy precepts for (because, since) with them thou hast quickened me"* He had personally experienced the reviving power of God's Word, and as a result of that personal experience, he endeavored to not let the Word of God slip from his heart and mind [**Hebrews 2:1**]. To *"forget"* the Word of God is to *"put it out of mind, to pay no heed to it, and to take no notice of it"* The **Psalmist** had experienced the glorious and majestic power of God's Word, and he was resolved not to ever neglect it.

3. THE ONE WHO STANDS IN AWE OF THE GLORY AND MAJESTY OF GOD'S WORD SEEKS IT:

He states in **verse 94** *"for I have sought thy precepts"* This means that he was in **quest** of the Word of God, he **strived** after it. This implies that there was a **desire** for the Word of God! There was a perceived **need** of the Word of God, and that there was perceived **value** in the Word of God!

4. THE ONE WHO STANDS IN AWE OF THE GLORY AND MAJESTY OF GOD'S WORD MAKES IT A MATTER OF CONSTANT CONSIDERATION:

He states in **verse 95** *"I will consider thy testimonies"* It was his resolve to **think** upon, to **reflect** upon, and to **ponder** the Word of God. He was determined and resolved to **judge**, to **view**, and to **examine** everything in the light of God's Word!

The **Psalmist** found that in the midst of all the **doubts, struggles, confusion, sadness, frustrations, betrayal, losses, pain, and anguish**, that THE WORD OF GOD WAS THE ONE SURE THING HE COULD HOLD ON TO! He found that the Word of God was **suitable** and **applicable** to every situation. He found the Word of God to be a solid rock **foundation** upon which to stand!
