



The Wonder Of God's Word
Psalm 119

God's Word, A Source Of Delight
Verses 169-176

In this final stanza, the **Psalmist** is once again seen in earnest prayer, and is focused upon the Word of God, and there is a definite connection between the two.

1. THE PSALMIST IN PRAYER:

He refers to his prayer as a personal **cry**-"**my cry**" [verse 169]. A **call out to God**, an **appeal to God**. He also refers to his prayer as a personal **supplication**-"**my supplication**" [verse 170]. An **earnest or humble request**. These two words "**cry**" and "**supplication**" speaks of the **fervency** of his praying.

Associated with his prayer was a **longing**-"**For I have longed for thy salvation**" [verse 174]. This speaks of a **yearning**, a **hungering**, and **thirsting** for the thing prayed for. The word "**longing**" is indicative of the **burden** and **desire** of his heart in prayer.

Associated with his prayer was **confidence** in the **promises** of God's Word-"**deliver me according to thy word**" and he had confidence in the **faithfulness** of God in answering his prayer-"**when thou hast taught me thy statutes**" [verse 171]. This confidence is indicative of his **faith** in praying.

Also associated with his prayer was **confession**-"**I have gone astray like a lost sheep**" [verse 176]. This is indicative of his **humility** of heart in praying.

The **Psalmist** prayed that **his prayer would come before God**-"**Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD**" [verse 169], and "**Let my supplication come before thee**" [verse 170]. He prayed that he would **have understanding** (insight), **from God's Word**-"**give me understanding according to thy word**" [verse 169]. He prayed for **deliverance**-"**deliver me according to thy word**" [verse 170]. He appealed to God for **support**-"**Let thine hand help me**" [verse 173], and "**let thy judgments help me**" [verse 175]. He prayed for **revival and preservation**-"**Let my soul live** (the result being), **and it shall praise thee**" [verse 175]. He prayed that **God would be long-suffering, compassionate, merciful and gracious**-"**seek thy servant**" [verse 176].

2. THE PSALMIST FOCUSED UPON GOD'S WORD:

He desired to be **taught** God's Word, and he knew that such teaching would have an affect upon his attitude and perception of things [verse 171]. He had a **conviction** and **persuasion** concerning the Word of God-"**all thy commandments are righteousness**" [verse 172],

and such gave him the courage to speak God's Word-"*My tongue shall speak of thy word*" [verse 172]. He **chose** God's Word-"*I have chosen thy precepts*" [verse 173]. He found God's Word to be a source of great **delight**, and **pleasure**-"*thy law is my delight*" [verse 174]. HE GOT A THRILL FROM THE WORD OF GOD! The Word of God was **engraved** upon His heart and mind-"*I do not forget thy commandments*" [verse 176].

The **119th Psalm** PROMOTES THE GREATNESS AND IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S WORD! This **Psalm** declares God's Word to be **of God** [verses 1-9], and therefore **eternal** and **settled** [verse 89], **true** [verses 142, 151, 160], **pure** [verse 140], **good** [verse 39], **faithful** [verse 86], **right** [verses 75, 128]. He declared God's Word to be as **light** [verse 105] and as exceeding **broad**, and **exhaustless** [verse 96], as **sweet** [verse 103], and **enriching** [verses 14, 72, 127, 162], and **wonderful** [verse 129].

The **Psalmist** in this **Psalm** reveals that God uses His Word as a **safeguard** against sin [verse 11], and as an instrument to give **strength** [verse 28], and to bring **quickenings** [verses 50, 93], **understanding** [verses 98-100, 104, 130], **light** [verse 130], **order** and **direction** [verse 133], and **peace** [verse 165].

The **Psalmist** also reveals that the Word of God ought to be a **priority** in the heart and life of the child of God, and God's help should be sought for such [verses 5, 18, 27, 33-36, 38, 133]. The Word of God is something that every child of God should **desire** [verses 20, 40, 131], **meditate** upon [verse 15, 23, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148], **respect** [verses 15, 161], show an **eagerness** for [verse 32], **delight** in [verses 16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 143, 174], **proclaim** [verses 13, 27, 46, 172], **remember** [verses 16, 83, 93, 109, 141, 153, 176], **learn** [verses 12, 33, 64, 68, 108, 124, 135], **obey** [verses 33, 34], **seek** [verse 45], **trust** [verse 42], **hope** in [verse 49, 81, 114], and to **love** [verses 97, 113, 119, 127, 140, 159, 163, 167]. From this, we see that the Word of God ought to be an object of passion and enthusiasm! MAY WE ALWAYS EXALT THE WORD OF GOD!
