



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

“He is My Source”

Psalm 119

July 21, 2013 A.M. Worship

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The Result *Because of the Word*

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- ✓ It Will Comfort Me
- ✓ It Will Give Me Peace
- ✓ It Will Bring Me Joy

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- ✓ It Will Make Me Holy – More Like Jesus

Our Response:

1. Has there ever been that moment where you have prayed to the Father and asked Him to come into your heart and take control of your life? Would you give Him your heart & life today? Remember it is as simple as **ABC!** **Admit** to God you are a sinner, **Ask** for His forgiveness, **Believe** Jesus is God's Son, **Confess** Him as Savior & **Commit** Your Life to Him as Lord. (the Boss of your life)
2. Have you asked Christ into your heart but never made it public. Have you not been baptized? You can come & make that decision today public today. Be obedient!
3. Are you a part of a church family? If not, you need one! Is the Lord calling you to Petal FBC today? Why wait any longer? Step over the line and join us in reaching this community with the gospel of Jesus Christ!
4. Ask the Lord to give a deep desire, longing, delighting in the Word of God this week? He will answer that prayer!
5. Would you be willing this week to make the Word of God your Source? Would you commit to reading God's Word everyday this week?
6. As you read the Word this week, would you apply it to your life? As you go throughout your day, look for ways that it applies to your life. Look for opportunities to share with someone what you have read.
7. Would you commit to memorize one verse a week for the rest of this year? One you could memorize this week could be from our Message today: **Psalm 119:11** “**Thy Word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You**”
8. Remember this great truth: “**The way we treat the Word of God is the way we treat the God of the Word**” Warren Wiersbe

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“The Lord is My Song”

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July 21, 2013 AM Service

ILLUS: Instructions Manuals: Questions I can ask or my complaints
Hard to Read or Understand Time Consuming Is It Really
Necessary? Just show me the pictures Somebody read them for me!
Bec and I putting together Swingset – What a joy!!

And on and on it goes

How many of you believe the Word of God?

How many of you believe it is true from Genesis to the Maps?

How many of you believe it is to be our Source and our Guide in Life?

How many of you believe it so much you read His Instructions everyday
this week?

How many believe it so much that you consulted the Scriptures, prayed
them about making any decisions this week?

How many of you shared some Scripture with someone this week –
whether your child, your spouse, a friend, co-worker, classmate, etc.?

Statistics tell us that at best less than 50% of Christians read their Bible
during the week, daily drops more than that!

So if we say we believe it, why is it that we don't read it, which could lead
one to say, well if you don't read it, don't take it in, then do we really
believe it and do we really live by it?

The emphasis in this, the longest psalm, is on the vital ministry of the
Word of God in the inner spiritual life of God's children. It describes how
the Word enables us to grow in holiness and handle the persecutions and
pressures that always accompany an obedient walk of faith. The Psalm is
an acrostic (which most likely was an aid in memorization – oral society)
with eight lines in each section, and the successive sections follow the
letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Each of the eight lines of 1-8 begins with
the Hebrew letter *aleph*, the lines in 9-16 begin with *beth*, in 17-24 with
gimel, and so on. The unknown author used eight different words for the
Scriptures: law (*torah*), testimony, precept, statute, commandment,
judgment (in the sense of "a rule for living"), word (of God), and promise.

It appears that every verse contains a *direct* mention of God's Word except three (some debate here) and God is mentioned in every verse!

When the psalmist used the word Law he was referring to much more than the Ten Commandments and the ceremonial instructions that have now been fulfilled in Christ. He was referring to the entire revelation of God as found in the Old Testament Scriptures. Until the books in our New Testament were written and distributed in the first century, *the Old Testament Scriptures were the only Word of God possessed by the early church!* Yet with the Old Testament and the help of the Holy Spirit, the first Christians were able to minister and win the lost in a dynamic way. Peter used [Ps 69:25 & 109:8](#) to receive guidance in choosing a new disciple [Acts 1:15-26](#). He quoted [Joel 2:28-32](#) at Pentecost to explain the advent of the Holy Spirit and [Ps 16:8-11](#) and [110:1](#) to prove the resurrection of Jesus Christ [Acts 2:14-39](#). In his defense before the council [Acts 7](#), Stephen opened with [Gen 12:1](#) and closed with [Isa 66:1-2](#), and between those two referred to Exodus, Deuteronomy, and Amos. Philip led a man to faith in Christ by using only [Isaiah 53 & Acts 8:26-40](#). Paul found in [Isa 49:6](#) a mandate to continue ministering to the Gentiles [Acts 13:47](#), and James concluded the Jerusalem conference in [Acts 15:13-21](#) by quoting [Amos 9:11-15](#). In their theology, decisions, and ministry, the first Christians depended on guidance from the Old Testament Scriptures.

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Closing ILLUS: Lamp -

It gives us light – we cannot see where we are to go and how we are to live without it – yet we think can and often do.

We are only one light –(Turn off light in the Sanctuary) – and we need others who are in the light to help encourage us and worship with us to help our light be brighter and stronger

We are then called to be light – but how can we be the light when we never get in the light – we become a dim reflection at best

And by the way – your younger children cannot read the instructions yet – we have to help them read it and then gradually teach them how to read it, how to have a quiet time and how to apply it to their daily lives.

Psalm 119:1-8**Brad**

1 Happy are those whose lives are faultless, who live according to the law of the Lord. 2 Happy are those who follow his commands, who obey him with all their heart. 3 They never do wrong; they walk in the Lord's ways. 4 Lord, you have given us your laws and told us to obey them faithfully. 5 How I hope that I shall be faithful in keeping your instructions! 6 If I pay attention to all your commands, then I will not be put to shame. 7 As I learn your righteous judgments, I will praise you with a pure heart. 8 I will obey your laws; never abandon me!

Psalm 119:89-96**Brad**

89 Your word, O Lord, will last forever; it is eternal in heaven. 90 Your faithfulness endures through all the ages; you have set the earth in place, and it remains. 91 All things remain to this day because of your command, because they are all your servants. 92 If your law had not been the source of my joy, I would have died from my sufferings. 93 I will never neglect your instructions, because by them you have kept me alive. 94 I am yours — save me! I have tried to obey your commands. 95 Wicked men are waiting to kill me, but I will meditate on your laws. 96 I have learned that everything has limits; but your commandment is perfect.

“Your Grace is Enough”**Psalm 119:9-16**

9 How can a young man keep his life pure? By obeying your commands. 10 With all my heart I try to serve you; keep me from disobeying your commandments. 11 I keep your law in my heart, so that I will not sin against you. 12 I praise you, O Lord; teach me your ways. 13 I will repeat aloud all the laws you have given. 14 I delight in following your commands more than in having great wealth. 15 I study your instructions; I examine your teachings. 16 I take pleasure in your laws; your commands I will not forget.

**Commissioning Service
Prayer**

Psalm 119:41-48

41 Show me how much you love me, Lord, and save me according to your promise. 42 Then I can answer those who insult me because I trust in your word. 43 Enable me to speak the truth at all times, because my hope is in your judgments. 44 I will always obey your law, forever and ever. 45 I will live in perfect freedom, because I try to obey your teachings. 46 I will announce your commands to kings and I will not be ashamed. 47 I find pleasure in obeying your commands, because I love them. 48 I respect and love your commandments; I will meditate on your instructions.

“Our God”

Psalm 119:129-136

129 Your teachings are wonderful; I obey them with all my heart. 130 The explanation of your teachings gives light and brings wisdom to the ignorant. 131 In my desire for your commands I pant with open mouth. 132 Turn to me and have mercy on me as you do on all those who love you. 133 As you have promised, keep me from falling; don't let me be overcome by evil. 134 Save me from those who oppress me, so that I may obey your commands. 135 Bless me with your presence and teach me your laws. 136 My tears pour down like a river, because people do not obey your law.

“Lord Reign in Me”

Psalm 119:145-152

145 With all my heart I call to you; answer me, Lord, and I will obey your commands! 146 I call to you; save me, and I will keep your laws. 147 Before sunrise I call to you for help; I place my hope in your promise. 148 All night long I lie awake, to meditate on your instructions. 149 Because your love is constant, hear me, O Lord; show your mercy, and preserve my life! 150 My cruel persecutors are coming closer, people who never keep your law. 151 But you are near to me, Lord, and all your commands are permanent. 152 Long ago I learned about your instructions; you made them to last forever.

“Word of God Speak”

Psalm 119:169-176

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169 Let my cry for help reach you, Lord! Give me understanding, as you have promised. 170 Listen to my prayer, and save me according to your promise! 171 I will always praise you, because you teach me your laws. 172 I will sing about your law, because your commands are just. 173 Always be ready to help me, because I follow your commands. 174 How I long for your saving help, O Lord! I find happiness in your law. 175 Give me life, so that I may praise you; may your instructions help me. 176 I wander about like a lost sheep; so come and look for me, your servant, because I have not neglected your laws.