

Introduction:

1. Psalm 119:97
2. Let's examine why the Psalmist said "O how love I thy law"
3. Underline/highlight

Discussion: (I Love thy law because...)

I. IT BELONGS TO THE LORD (INSPIRED)

- A. Psalm 119:1
- B. Divine = Of the Lord, of God = from God and not men
- C. Gal. 1:11-12 - the gospel is not of man
- D. Verbal inspiration of the word of God
 1. 2 Tim. 3:16-17 - all scripture given by the inspiration of God...
 2. Heb. 1:1-2 - Spoke in time past by the prophets, these last days by his son
 3. "Hear ye the word of the Lord" -- 6x in Jeremiah
 4. "Thus saith the Lord" -- 55x in Amos

II. IT CLEANSSES US

- A. Psalm 119:9
- B. John 15:3 - Made clean through the words of Christ
- C. 1 Tim. 5:22 - keep thyself pure
- D. 1 Peter 1:22 - purify your soul in obeying the truth

III. IT HELPS US AVOID SIN

- A. Psalm 119:11
- B. Christ is our example of this (Matthew 4) - tempted 3 times (1 John 2:16) = 3 times he said "it is written"
- C. We ought to be familiar with the Bible, recall scripture when tempted to avoid sin

IV. IT STRENGTHENS US

- A. Psalm 119:28
- B. How strong do you consider yourself spiritually?
- C. Eph. 6:10 - commanded to be strong in the Lord & in the power of his might
- D. 2 Tim. 2:1 - be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus

V. IT SAVES US

- A. Psalm 119:41
- B. Salvation belongs to the Lord - Psalm 3:8
- C. Saved by the name of Christ - Acts 4:12
- D. The Gospel is God's power unto salvation - Romans 1:16
- E. Confession is made unto salvation - Romans 10:10
- F. Salvation by hearing, believing, and then obeying God's word

VI. IT COMFORTS US

- A. Psalm 119:50
- B. The Bible is a book of great comfort
 - 1. Deut. 33:27 - The eternal God is thy refuge, underneath are everlasting arms
 - 2. Psalm 23 - oft read at funerals
 - 3. John 14:1-4, 27 - Jesus comforts his disciples before departing
 - 4. 2 Cor. 5:1 ; Phil. 1:23
 - 5. Rev. 14:14 - blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

VII. IT GIVES US HOPE

A. Psalm 119:74

B. The Bible is a book of hope

1. Without hope before Christ - Eph. 2:12-13
2. We have the hope of the gospel - Col. 1:23
3. Hope as an anchor for the soul, sure & steadfast - Heb. 6:19
 - a. That keeps us from drifting with the tide - Heb. 2:1-4
 - b. That keeps us steadfast and unmovable - 1 Cor. 15:58
 - c. Be not moved away from the hope - Col. 1:23
4. We must be prepared to give an answer for our hope - 1 Pt. 3:15

VIII. IT IS FAITHFUL

A. Psalm 119: 86 - all they commandments are faithful

B. You don't have to wonder if God's word is so, it is!

C. Psalm 119:89 - his word is FOREVER settled in heaven

1. No earthly headquarters - with the head of the church, in Heaven
2. God's word does not change! (Unlike the creeds of men)
3. We must rightly divide the word though - 2 Tim. 2:15

IX. IT MAKES US WISE

A. Psalm 119:98-99

B. Two groups of people - the wise and the foolish

C. Timothy was wise from his youth up by knowing the scriptures - 2 Tim. 3:15; 1:5

X. IT IS VERY PURE

- A. Psalm 119:140
- B. Suppose I agreed to teach 99.5% truth. Is that good enough? NO!.... you add any amount of error to the truth and you wind up with error.
- C. Add nothing to His word!!!
 - 1. Deut. 4:2 - Ye shall not add to / diminish ought from the word of God
 - 2. Prov. 30:6 - and thou not unto his words....
 - 3. Rev. 22:18 - don't add to / take away from the word

XI. IT IS TRUE

- A. Psalm 119:142
- B. John 8:32 - ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free
- C. John 17:17 - the words of God are truth
- D. The scripture are the words of a God that cannot lie - Titus 1:2
- E. We must rightly divide the word of truth - 2 Tim. 2:15
- F. Psalm 119: 160 - every one of thy judgements is true

XII. IT BRINGS GREAT PEACE

- A. Psalm 119:165
- B. It seems at times there is no peace in the world, but there is in Christ - John 16:33
- C. Phil. 4:6-7 - we can have the peace of God which passers all understanding
- D. The gospel of peace - Eph. 6:15; Romans 10:15
- E. Being justified, we have peace w/ God through our Lord Jesus Christ - Romans 5:1-2

Conclusion:

- 1. 12 reasons why the Psalmist loved the law of the Lord
- 2. Psalm 119:97 --> I hope that it is yours as well
- 3. If you love the law of the Lord, won't you submit to it today?