**Psalm 119**

**WE NEED THE WORD**

**Psalm 119:97–100 (NKJV)** Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. **98** You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. **99** I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. **100** I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.

1. **God’s Word is Truth ... Shows Us Right from Wrong**

**John 17:17 (NKJV)** Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

**Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)** For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**EX – There is so much confusion today … even among believers … not sure what’s right and what’s wrong**

1. **God’s Word Cleanses ... Washes Away Sin, Habits and Attitudes**

**Ephesians 5:25–26 (ESV)** … Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, **26** that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

**Psalm 119:9 (NKJV)** How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

**Psalm 119:11 (NKJV)** Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

**EX – This is how I broke free from the bondage of lust**

1. **God’s Word Is Light ... Helps You See Reality**

**Psalm 119:130 (NKJV)** The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

**Psalm 36:9 (NKJV)** For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

**Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV)** There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

1. **God’s Word Is Direction ... Shows You What To Do and Where To Go**

**Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)** Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

**EX – Proverbs 24:27 (NKJV)** Prepare your outside work, Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house.

1. **God’s Word is Communication ... God Literally Speaks Through It To Us**

**2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

**2 Peter 1:19–21 (NKJV)** And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Peter%201:19-21&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30500b)]interpretation, 21for prophecy never came by the will of man, but [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Peter%201:19-21&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30501c)]holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

**John 14:21 (NIV)** Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

**EX – Isaiah 37:29 (NKJV)** Because your rage against Me and your tumult Have come up to My ears, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back By the way which you came.” ’