

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

THY WORD

PSALMS 119:105-112

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¹⁰⁵ Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Introduction:

Verse 105 is one of the most familiar of the 176 verses found in this psalm. We use this verse along with verse 11 to form what we refer to as the pledge to the Bible.

Psalm 119:11

¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

It relates to us one of the great advantages of the believer over the unbeliever.

There are many advantages, but this one is a big one.

The believer has a greater understanding of life and its purpose.

We know where we came from, where we're going, and how we're to get there.

God helps us by giving us the Word of God to show us the way.

The Bible never uses the word 'unsaved' to describe the person without Christ. The biblical word is 'lost'.

That in itself is frightening. To be lost is to be without direction or help.

It is an awful experience.

Tonight, let's look at this passage and see the Word of God as our Lamp, and let's determine, as the psalmist, to be faithful to God's direction in our lives.

Notice:

Sermon Content:

1. GOD'S WORD GUIDES US

God's Word guides us in:

A. Our Walk (vss. 105-106)

Psalm 119:105-106

¹⁰⁵ Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. ¹⁰⁶ I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

- Our feet are set in the darkness of the world, but the Word is a lamp for them.
- The picture is one of the lantern on a pole; it provided enough light for each step taken.
- It provided enough light to show the path in front, but not a search light to reveal the end.
- Only the light of the Word can illumine the path and keep us from stumbling and falling.
- We find the way we are to go through the Word of God.
 - God's Word will not tell us which street to take to work.
 - God's Word will not tell us the name of the person that we to marry, or what we are to do.
 - God's Word will not tell us everything that we shouldn't do.

But as we gain an understanding and learn the principles of God's Word it gives light to our direction and gives wisdom for our decisions.

Note again verse 106:

Psalm 119:106

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

We need to make a commitment to God's Word.

The Word will not supernaturally keep us from making wrong decisions, nor will it miraculously block our path if we tend to go a different direction, but if we will commit ourselves to it, we have the promise of God's direction.

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Not only does the Word of God guide us in Our Walk but also in:

B. Our Weakness (vs. 107)

Psalm 119:107

¹⁰⁷ I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

The psalmist affliction came from the outside.

Understand:

As believers we are not immune to afflictions in this life, regardless of what some may say about it.

The psalmist recognizes that only God can deliver him from the trials of life.

The psalmist uses the word “quicken.”

That word means to revive or give life to.

Understand:

Revival come as we conform to God’s Word.

Not only does the Word of God guide us in Our Walk and Weakness but also in:

C. Our Worship (vs. 108)

Psalm 119:108

¹⁰⁸ Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments.

As we worship God we should pray that it is acceptable.

Also note the words “The freewill offering of my mouth”

Our praise should always come freely from the heart, and never coerced, forced or worked up.

The psalmist then asks, “Teach me thy judgments”

As we worship God we also need to be open for His instruction through the Word.

As we offer worship we should also be will to receive instruction.

Note God’s Word not only “Guides Us” but also

2. GOD’S WORD GUARDS US (VS. 109-110)

Psalm 119:109-110

¹⁰⁹ My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law. ¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

Note how God’s Word guards us by:

A. Calming Our Fears (vs. 109)

Psalm 119:109

*¹⁰⁹ **My soul is continually in my hand:** yet do I not forget thy law.*

This phrase speaks of being in a fearful condition.

Similar to when David went against Goliath.

1 Samuel 19:5

⁵ For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

In times of peril, God's Word comforts and encourages us.

God's Word not only calm our fears but also by:

B. Hindering Our Foes (vs. 110)

Psalm 119:110

¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

The enemy is seen here laying traps and snares in an attempt to gain the victory.

But it is through God's Word that we can gain the advantage and avoid the snares.

We are not ignorant of the strategies of our enemy; and God's Word will protect us.

2 Corinthians 2:11

¹¹ Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Ephesians 6:11

¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

The psalmist was in constant danger, his life was taken in hand against the forces of evil.

To cope with this situation he remembered the Word and its promises.

Our Lord has promised never to leave nor forsake His children.

Note God's Word not only "Guides and Guards Us" but also

3. GOD'S WORD GLADDENS US (VS. 111-112)

Psalm 119:111-112

¹¹¹ Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. ¹¹² I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.

Note:

A. Our Happy Heritage

God's inspired Word is a heritage from forefathers in the faith, who lived by it and preserved it for all generations.

Its examples are cause for us to rejoice as well.

The psalmist had trained himself to keep the Lord's statutes in his heart all his life and even forever.

Quote:

Like Christ the Living Word, the Bible, the Written Word, will abide forever.

Note not only our Happy Heritage but also:

B. Our Heavenly Home (vs. 112)

Psalm 119:112

*¹¹² I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes
always, even unto the end.*

Faithfulness to the Word will keep us mindful of our ultimate destination.

There is an end to all of this....and it isn't 'six feet under' or becoming a part of some cosmic force of nature.

As believers we have a home prepared for us and it is awaiting us along with loved ones and friends who have gone on before us.

There is cause to rejoice and there is cause to keep our shoulders to the wheel.

Paul reminds us of this:

Galatians 6:9

⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

2 Thessalonians 3:13

¹³ But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

Close:

Thank God; God's Word Guides Us... God's Word Guards Us... God's Word Gladdens Us...

What is our need tonight?

May we understand that we can find the answer in God's Word.