

Summer Psalms
4. The Benefits of the Word (Psalm 119:105-112)

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Introduction

Psalm 119, 176 verses
22 stanzas of 8 verses
Each stanza starts with a sequential letter of the Hebrew alphabet
vv 105-112, 14th letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *Nun*
8 different words for Scripture: NIV: 'word,' 'promise,' 'laws,' 'law,' 'precepts,' 'statutes,' 'decrees' and 'commands.'

Personal Statement

Psalm 119: 105, 111

Personal Commitment

Psalm 119: 106, 109, 110, 112

Personal Plea

Psalm 119: 107, 108

"The open secret of many 'Bible-believing' churches is that only a very small percentage of their members study the Bible with even the degree of interest, intelligence or joy that they bring to bear upon their favorite newspaper or magazine." Dallas Willard, *Hearing God*

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path...Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart."
(Ps 119: 105,111)

References: Ps 1:4; Job 31:1; Prov 12:12, Prov 15:1; Lk 9:62; Mt 6:24; Jas 4:4; Mt 11:28-29

Psalm 119:105-112 (NIV)

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- ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.
- ¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow your righteous laws.
- ¹⁰⁷ I have suffered much;
preserve my life, LORD, according to your word.
- ¹⁰⁸ Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth,
and teach me your laws.
- ¹⁰⁹ Though I constantly take my life in my hands,
I will not forget your law.
- ¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a snare for me,
but I have not strayed from your precepts.
- ¹¹¹ Your statutes are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.
- ¹¹² My heart is set on keeping your decrees
to the very end.