

WHY DELIGHT THE WORD OF GOD?

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Thesis: To motivate the brethren to delight in God's Word.

INTRODUCTION

1. The world in which we live was created and sustained by the Word that proceeded from the mouth of God (Gen. 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26,29,30).
2. God's Word is powerful, capable of doing every things God wants it to do (Isa. 55:11, Heb. 4:12).
3. Psalm 119 is unique among the songs written to praise God for His Word.
4. Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm with 176 verses which mainly speak on the Word of God.
5. This Psalm is outlined in twenty-two (22) divisions which are represented by each letter of the Hebrew alphabets.
6. We shall consider four of these divisions or outlines namely HE, VAU, ZAIN, CHETH representing the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th letters of the twenty-two Hebrew alphabets.
7. God's Word has been described throughout the scriptures in different ways.
8. This Psalm is not only unique because of its length or outline but most importantly, what it teaches.
9. As we study a portion of this Psalm, we shall consider four reasons why we must delight in the Word of God.
 - a. There is life in God's Word (Psa. 119:33-40).
 - b. There is mercy and salvation in God's Word (Psa. 119:41-48).
 - c. There is comfort in God's Word (Psa. 119:49-56).
 - d. There is blessing in keeping God's Word (Psa. 119:57-64).

DISCUSSION

I. THERE IS LIFE IN GOD'S WORD (Psa. 119:33-40).

A. Because the Word of God teaches the way of life (Psa. 119:33-34).

1. We need go commit to the Word of God for direction in life (Jer. 10:23).
2. For the whole duty of man is to keep the commandment of God according to the wise king (Eccl. 12:13).
3. We must commit to studying the Word to understanding it and keeping it (Psa. 1:1-2, Jas.1:22).
4. We must commit to heart the observation of the Word and the love of God (Mat. 22:37-40; Jas. 1:8).

B. Because the Word of God brings delight to our hearts (Psa. 119:35-37).

1. The Word of God is spirit, and it is life (John 6:63).
2. We must let the Word of God lead us to bear fruit (Gal. 5:22).
3. We must be led by the Spirit as children of God (Rom. 8:14).
4. His word will help us prevent living a life of selfishness and discontentment (Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 6:6-10; Psa. 119:36).

C. Because the Word of God gives assurance and confirmation of God's promises (Psa. 119:38-40).

1. God is not slack concerning His promises, He will always come through (2 Pet. 1:3-4; 3:9).
2. God's Word confirms that all the promises of God are yes and Amen in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 1:20).
3. There is assurance for a life of righteousness for any man that is in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17, 20).

II. THERE IS MERCY AND SALVATION IN GOD'S WORD (Psa. 119:41-48).

A. The Word of God provides answers on the mercy and salvation we have in God (Psa. 119:41-42).

1. We have answers to everyone who ask us questions about our faith in God because of the Word of God (1 Pet. 3:15).
2. We have answers from God's Word when the devil tempts us (Mat. 4:1-11).
3. We have answers of our eternal salvation because of the Word of God (John 6:68-69).
4. The Word of God provide sufficient information on the mercy of God toward our salvation (Eph. 2:1-6; Heb. 4:14-16).

B. The Word of God proclaims liberty for those who obey in the Lord (Psa. 119:43-45).

1. If God takes away His Word of truth from us, we get locked up in ignorance, hopelessness, and slavery to sin (Psa. 119:43).
2. But when we know the Word of God which is truth, the truth set us free unto salvation (John 8:32).
3. Therefore, the psalmist said, continuous keeping of the law of God will let a man walk in freedom (Psa. 119:44-45).
4. Seeking the precepts of God will liberate us from sin and make us free indeed (John 8:34-36; 2 Pet. 2:19; Rom. 6:16-18).

C. Obedience to the Word of God provides confidence (Psa. 119:46-48).

1. The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men and it teaches us to be obedient that we may live righteously (Titus 2:11-13).

2. If we obey the Word of God, we will stand confidence in preaching it to others with all authority (Psa. 119:46; Titus 2:14-15; Rom. 1:16-17).
3. We shall then abide in the Lord at His appearing with much confidence without shame (1 John 2:28).
4. The Word of God reveals to us the eternal purpose God has in Christ and that gives us boldness (Eph. 3:11-12).

III. THERE IS COMFORT IN GOD'S WORD (Psa. 119:49-56).

A. God's Word provides comfort through hope (Psa. 119:49-50).

1. Many people struggle in discomfort because they are without hope in life.
2. The people of God are comforted because they have hope that God will come through for them (Acts 27:19-24).
3. But even if God does not come through in this present life, they are still comforted because the Word of God teaches them a hope of eternal life (Dan. 3:16-18, 7:16-20; Titus 3:5-7).
4. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us much comfort and hope because if Jesus was not raised there would have been no hope (1 Cor. 15:14-20).

B. God's Word provides comfort because it teaches the affliction of the wicked (Psa. 119:51-54).

1. The people of God are afflicted for their righteousness, but the Lord will deliver them (Psa. 34:19)
2. The wicked will persecute us because we do not participate in their ways (2 Tim. 3:12).

3. But at due time, the wrath of God will be revealed against all ungodliness, avenge the sinner, and justify the just (Rom. 1:18; 12:17-21).
4. If the sinner will not be punished, there would have been no motivation for the righteous, but when the judgment of God remembered, comfort is provided to remain righteous (Psa. 119:51-53).
5. The Word of God comforts us and provides songs that rejoice our hearts (Psa. 119:54; 1 Thess. 2:13).

C. God's Word helps us to be identified with God and that gives us comfort (Psa. 119:55-56).

1. There is nothing comforting than to know that God is on your side and that you can be identified by His name (2 Chron. 7:14-15; Psa. 33:12).
2. We can be identified with Jesus who calls us His friends (John 15:13-15).
3. We remember the sacrifice of the Lord by dining with Him in His kingdom because He laid His life for us (Luke 22:19; John 15:13).
4. If we keep His commandment then we are His friends and blessed are we (John 15:14, 14:15; Rev. 22:7).

IV. THERE IS BLESSING IN KEEPING GOD'S WORD (Psa. 119:57-64).

A. God is our portion if we keep His commandments (Psa. 119:57-58).

1. Blessed is the man who shun sin and delight in the law of God (Psa. 1:1-6).
2. If God is for us, who can be against us, for His grace is abundant (Rom. 8:28-35).

3. If we keep His commandment, God is our portion and blessed are we (Lam. 3:24; Deut. 11:26-28).
4. We shall know that we are blessed children of God if we are keepers of His Word (1 John 5:2-3).
5. There is blessing in abiding in the Love of God but that happens only when we keep His statutes (John 15:9-10).

B. We must hastily turn to God's Word because human ways are sinful.

1. A reflection of our own ways brings us to realize that we cannot direct our own path (Prov. 3:5-6).
2. It is not in man to direct his own affairs but God through His Word (Psa. 119:59; Jer. 10:23-24).
3. We must hurry to obey God's Word, if we want Him to hurry to bless us (Psa. 119:60; Luke 19:6; 2 Tim. 2:15).

C. God's commandments are loving (Psa. 119:61-64).

1. The works of the wicked may entice us but we must break away because of God's Word (Psa. 119:61).
2. We must give thanks to God for His righteous commandments (Psa. 119:172).
3. We must have fellowship with those who obey God and keep His commandments (Psa. 119:63).
4. God's Word indeed proves that God is merciful, and His commandments are loving (Psa. 119:64).

CONCLUSION

1. From the portion of Psalm 119 that we have studied, we can summary into:
 - a. Psa. 119:33-40 (HE) teaches us that there is life in God's Word.
 - b. Psa. 119:41-48 (VAU) teaches about mercy and salvation in God's Word.
 - c. Psa. 119:49-56 (ZAIN) teaches us about the comfort in God's Word.
 - d. Psa. 119:57-64 (CHETH) teaches us that there is blessing in keeping God's Word.
2. God's Word is powerful for by it the world and everything in it were created.
3. We must love every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, because by it we shall live.
4. If there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any affection of the Spirit, they will be fulfilled if we meditate on the Word of God (Phil. 2:1).