The Priority of God’s Word

The author of Psalm 119 is unknown, but most scholars agree that it was written by David, Ezra, or Daniel.

Psalm 119 shows us that the Word of God should have top priority in our lives. It stands as the giant among the Psalms--it is the longest psalm and the longest chapter in the Bible--176 verses. Since the Book of Psalms is the longest book in the Bible, it shows us the priority of praise and worship to God. Since Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Bible, it shows us the priority of God’s Word.

The psalmist affirms the instrumental use of Scripture. God’s word is His instrument to bring us into a living union with Himself. Since this is true, we are not to worship revelation or the Bible; rather we are to worship the God who reveals Himself in the Bible.

The general scope and design of this psalm is to magnify the Divine law, and make it honorable. There are ten words by which Divine revelation is called in this psalm, and each expresses what God expects from us, and what we may expect from him: 1. God's law; this is enacted by him as our Sovereign. 2. His way; this is the rule of his providence. 3. His testimonies; they are solemnly declared to the world. 4. His commandments; given with authority. 5. His precepts; not left as indifferent matters to us. 6. His word, or saying; it is the declaration of his mind. 7. His judgments; framed in infinite wisdom. 8. His righteousness; it is the rule and standard of what is right. 9. His statutes; they are always binding. 10. His truth or faithfulness; it is eternal truth; it shall endure forever.

Note: The characters before sections of Psalm 119 in some Bibles are the letters of the Hebrew alphabet.
Enjoy soaking in God's Word!

Psalms 119 Study

The Goal: Work through Psalms 119 either as an individual, a couple, or as a family. Actually, I think this might be very good study to do as a family.

My prayer is for us as a congregation is to fall in love with God's word together. In other words, we are to worship the God who reveals Himself in the Bible.

Step 1
The Study will last about 8 weeks.

You will read through a portion of scripture in Psalm 119 and simply ask this question: When I love the Word of God what are the benefits? Write out the benefits. Then write out the designated passage of scripture.

Step 2
After 8 weeks, you and/or your family are to develop two disciplines that will help you to Know the WORD and Understand the WORD of GOD.

Step 3
You will write those two disciplines down on a 3 x 5 card and start praying, by yourself or with your family, over the next two weeks asking God to start changing your Nature.

Final Step
In this final step you will come back after two weeks and describe what God has been doing in your life.
Taking it to a Deeper Level if you so desire

Use the S.O.A.P. Plan (note: you will need to use a separate note book or journal to do this part)

Why S.O.A.P. your verses?

It's one thing to simply read scripture, but when you interact with it, when you learn to slow down to REALLY read it, suddenly words start popping off the page. By SOAPing your verses, you are able to dig deeper into scripture and "see" more than if you simply read the verses and then went on your merry way. Let me encourage you to take the time to SOAP the daily verses and see for yourself how much more you get out of your daily Bible reading!

What does S.O.A.P. mean?

S - stands for Scripture- Physically write out the scripture and you'll be amazed at what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and write out what you are reading!

O - stands for Observation- What do you observe in the verses that you're reading? Who is the audience? Is there a repetition of words? What words stand out to you?

A - stands for Application- This is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to me today? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?

P - stands for Prayer- Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.

What does summarize mean on the reading plan?
Every Friday of the week, read through the verses for that week and then put into your own words what those passages mean to you. What was one or two main points or truths God spoke to your heart?
### Reading Plan

**Psalm 119**

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Week 1

When I love the Word of God these are the benefits. Write out the benefits.

Monday Read Psalm 119:1-8

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:1-2

Tuesday Read Psalm 119:9-11

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:11
**Week 1**

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Wednesday** Read Psalm 119:12 -16

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:14-15

**Thursday** Read Psalm 119:17-24

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:23-24
Week 1

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Friday** Read & Summarize Psalms 119:1-24

(Read through the verses for that week then put into your own words what those passages mean to you. What were the one or two main points or truths God spoke to your heart?)

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it.

Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.
**Week 2**

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Monday** Psalm 119:25-32

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:27-28

**Tuesday** Read Psalm 119:33-35

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:34-35
Week 2

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Wednesday** Read Psalm 119:36-40

Benefits are:


Write out Psalm 119:36-37


**Thursday** Read Psalm 119:41-48

Benefits are:


Write out Psalm 119:45
**Week 2**

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Friday** Read & Summarize Psalms 119:25-48

(Read through the verses for that week then put into your own words what those passages mean to you. What were the one or two main points or truths God spoke to your heart?)

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.
Week 3

When I love the Word of God these are the benefits. Write out the benefits.

Monday Psalm 119:49-56

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:49-51

Tuesday Read Psalm 119:57-60

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:59-60
**Week 3**

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Wednesday** Read Psalm 119:61-64

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:62-63

**Thursday** Read Psalm 119:65-72

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:71-72
**Week 3**

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Friday** Read & Summarize Psalms 119:49-72

(Read through the verses for that week then put into your own words what those passages mean to you. What were the one or two main points or truths God spoke to your heart?)

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.
Week 4

When I love the Word of God these are the benefits. Write out the benefits.

**Monday** Psalm 119:73-80

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:75

**Tuesday** Read Psalm 119:81-85

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:81
Week 4

When I love the Word of God these are the benefits. Write out the benefits.

Wednesday Read Psalm 119:86-88

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:88

Thursday Read Psalm 119:89-96

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:92
Week 4

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Friday** Read & Summarize Psalms 119:73-96

(Read through the verses for that week then put into your own words what those passages mean to you. What were the one or two main points or truths God spoke to your heart?)

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.
**Week 5**

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Monday** Psalm 119:97-104

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:100

**Tuesday** Read Psalm 119:105-108

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:105-106
Week 5

When I love the Word of God these are the benefits. Write out the benefits.

Wednesday Read Psalm 119:109--112

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:109

Thursday Read Psalm 119:113-120

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:115
Week 5

When I love the Word of God these are the benefits. Write out the benefits.

Friday Read & Summarize Psalms 119:97-120

(Read through the verses for that week then put into your own words what those passages mean to you. What were the one or two main points or truths God spoke to your heart?)

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.
**Week 6**

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Monday** Psalm 119:121-128

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:128

**Tuesday** Read Psalm 119:129-132

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:132
**Week 6**

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Wednesday** Read Psalm 119:133-136

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:135

**Thursday** Read Psalm 119:137-144

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:142
When I love the Word of God these are the benefits. Write out the benefits.

**Friday** Read & Summarize Psalms 119:121-144

(Read through the verses for that week then put into your own words what those passages mean to you. What were the one or two main points or truths God spoke to your heart?)

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.
Week 7

When I love the Word of God these are the benefits. Write out the benefits.

Monday Psalm 119:145-148

Benefits are:

Monday Psalm 119:147-148

Tuesday Read Psalm 119:149-152

Benefits are:

Tuesday Psalm 119:152

Write out Psalm 119:147-148

Write out Psalm 119:152
Week 7

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Wednesday** Read Psalm 119:153-156

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:155-156

**Thursday** Read Psalm 119:157-160

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:160
Week 7

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Friday** Read & Summarize Psalms 119:145-160

(Read through the verses for that week then put into your own words what those passages mean to you. What were the one or two main points or truths God spoke to your heart?)

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.
Week 8

When I love the Word of God these are the benefits. Write out the benefits.

**Monday** Psalm 119:161-164

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:163-164

**Tuesday** Read Psalm 119:165-168

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:165
Week 8

When I love the Word of God these are the benefits. Write out the benefits.

Wednesday Read Psalm 119:169-173

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:173

Thursday Read Psalm 119:174-176

Benefits are:

Write out Psalm 119:176
Week 8

*When I love the Word of God these are the benefits.* Write out the benefits.

**Friday** Read & Summarize Psalms 119:161-176

(Read through the verses for that week then put into your own words what those passages mean to you. What were the one or two main points or truths God spoke to your heart?)

Pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life.
Step 2

After 8 weeks, develop two disciplines that will help you to **Know the WORD** and **Understand the WORD** of GOD.

Write the two disciplines down and describe how they will help:

1. **Discipline** __________________________________________________________

   How it will help:

2. **Discipline** __________________________________________________________

   How it will help:

Step 3

Write those two disciplines down on a 3 x 5 card and start praying together for the next two weeks asking God to start changing each one of your Natures. Maybe go back and dig deeper in some of the areas you were challenged in.

“Knowledge of God’s Word can only be knowledge until we act on it and obey it.” Steve DeNeff
In this final step come back to this page after two weeks and describe what God has been doing.

1. What are the specific things God has been showing you?

2. Did anything surprise you?

3. Did anything happen to change your mind (God influenced you through His Word some way) when reading through Psalms 119. If so, what is it?