

THE WONDER OF THE WORD OF GOD PSALM 119: 89-112

Introduction:

The Great Psalm is about the Word of God. To the young Hebrew who penned these beautiful words, the word was limited, in comparison to our Bibles. He had the five books of Moses, and probably some of the prophets, and some of the psalms of David, but not all of the Old Testament. And none of the New Testament had been given yet! But he handled the word of God with a sense of wonder in his heart always.

The expressions of devotion in this section of the Great Psalm are most impressive. “I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.” “Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.” “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” “Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart.”

Why such expressions of devotion? To understand the expressions of devotion and dedication, you have to consider the affirmations he makes concerning the Wonder of the Word of God. When you see in the Holy Scriptures what this young man saw in them, you will join him in his love for the Word of God.

It may be that availability of the Word of God to us has actually hurt us more than it has helped. We have it available to us in multiple translations, and in multiple forms. We can read it in the traditional way, listen to it from a recording, and even watch it dramatized. We can hear it taught at church, listen to it taught on the radio, or watch it being taught on television. But evidently this has not increased our wonder at the Word of God, nor deepened our devotion to the Word. We know less of the Bible than our fathers knew, and seemed to respect it less.

Let's listen to young psalmist as he makes his affirmations concerning the Wonders of the Word. We will focus on the primary word in each of these inspired stanzas.

I. THE WONDER OF ITS ORGINATION. (v. 89-96)

“Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. They continue this day according to Your ordinances. For all are Your servants.”

II. THE WONDER OF ITS TRANSFORMATION. (v. 97-104)

“You through Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.”

III. THE WONDER OF ITS ILLUMINATION. (v. 105-112)

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and light to my path.”