

The Word on the Word Series: 2

Psalm 119

The True and Infallible Word of God

It is clearly evident from looking at this psalm that the main theme is the Word of God. We said last time that Psalm 119 is what God says about His own word. In this brief study of the Golden Alphabet we are going to look at some key themes that can be found within the 176 verses.

We are going to begin with the fundamental theme of the Infallibility of God's Word. Before we do any studying of the Bible we have to be certain ourselves that it is true and infallible. If we think otherwise we will allow ourselves to be persuaded to follow man's teachings and be deceived – to which end some sincere Christians in Bible believing, evangelical churches have already succumbed – exchanging the truth for the lie (*Romans 1.25*)

“The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgements endures forever” Psalm 119.160

- The Bible declares that all of the Word of God is true in it's entirety, from Genesis to Revelation.
 - We cannot pick and choose what we believe – it is the inspired word of God in it's entirety (**2 Timothy 3.16-17**).
 - Settling this in our hearts right at the beginning will make it so much easier for God to speak to us whenever we read it or hear it, and because we have settled the issue we will act upon it.
 - **1 Thessalonians 2.13** – Paul gave thanks to God for the church of Thessalonika because as they heard the word, they received it as the truth, and believed it – God's word.
“...because, in receiving the teaching that you had from us, you accepted it, not as the teaching of man, but as what it really is – the teaching of God, which is even now doing its work within you who believe in Christ” (Twentieth Century NT)

- Jesus Himself declared and believed that the word is true.
 - He prayed that His disciples, and those who would believe, would be sanctified by the truth – God's Word. (**John 17.17**)
 - That's why Jesus put much emphasis on hearing what His Father said and doing it – He did nothing of His own volition but only those things He heard from the Father - He lived by what God said.

- God cannot lie, He cannot break His word, He has given us His promise and His oath (**Romans 3.1-4, Hebrews 6.18**). We must accept and believe His word as truth – everything else (that is contrary) is a lie

- He will not change one word that He has spoken from His mouth (***Psalm 89.34***). Men can offer their thoughts, opinions, diagnoses; governments can legislate and pass laws but that doesn't alter that God's Word is true.
 - God has bound Himself to His covenant, ie His Word. He cannot work outside of His Word. The Bible tells us that He has magnified His Word above His own name (***Psalm 138.2***).
 - That's why we can take what He says as Truth; believe it and put it into practice. Jesus said a wise man does exactly that! (see *Matthew 7.24-27*).

- God's Eternal word is forever settled in heaven (***Psalm 119.89***) that means regardless of whether we believe it or not, it is true, established and not one letter will fail of God's word (***Matthew 5.18***).
 - The truth of the matter is that men change, feelings change, circumstances change but God's Word remains.

- Believing in the infallibility of God's word means that we do not add any thing to it or take anything from it. The Bible gives us a strict warning about this (***Revelation 22.18-19***).
 - Adam's wife should have stuck to what God said – ***Genesis 3.1-7*** she adds to what God said, '..nor shall you touch it..' (v3, *compare Genesis 2.17*). The serpent uses her disregard for the God's word and twists it further. Some old Rabbinical teaching suggests that the serpent picked the fruit and gave to her saying 'see, you will not surely die' (v4).
 - ***2 Corinthians 11.3-4*** – Paul warns us that as the serpent deceived Eve, we too can be deceived by the false prophets and teachers if we stray from the truth of the word.
 - ***2 Timothy 1.13-14*** (*see Amplified*) – hold fast to the truth, guard it, keep it and follow it
 “Hold fast and follow the pattern of wholesome and sound teaching which you have heard from me, in [*all*] the faith and love which are [*for us*] in Christ Jesus. Guard and keep [*with the greatest care*] the precious and excellently adapted [*Truth*] which has been entrusted [*to you*], by the [*help of the*] Holy Spirit Who makes His home in us” (*Amplified*)