**7 Blessings from God’s Word**

*Psalm 119*

**Introduction**

1. God’s word is the primary weapon/tool God has supplied us with to be spiritual victors.
2. It is of immense value – **Psalm 19:10**
   1. God’s word thoroughly equips us for the works of God – **2 Timothy 3:17**
   2. Our desire for it should be great – **Matthew 5:6**
   3. We should be willing to give any amount to attain it, and we should not trade it for anything – **Proverbs 23:23**
3. One way we can appreciate God’s word to a greater degree is by looking into it and considering the blessings it offers. Then our delight will be in God’s law (**cf. Psalm 1:2**).
4. Consider 7 blessings God’s word supplies by looking at Psalm 119.
5. A Way to Go **(v. 105)**
6. The Perplexity of Man
   1. All men desire purpose and direction in their lives.
      1. This is why so many who claim to be Christians will act as if everything that happens to them is a part of God’s detailed plan for their life.
      2. They may be walking in sin, but claim it is God’s plan for them.
      3. However, like Solomon, all who search for purpose and a plan for life will reach the conclusion that all is vain – **Ecclesiastes 1:2**
   2. **Jeremiah 10:23** – Jeremiah’s realization was that he didn’t know the way.
   3. **Proverbs 14:12** – Man’s way will end in death.
   4. **Proverbs 4:19** – all men are stumbling in the darkness until they are introduced to the light of God’s word
7. The Blessing of God
   1. **Proverbs 4:18** – God provides light to the path of men who trust in His word.
      1. Father to son warning of adultery – **Proverbs 6:20-29** – The word is a light which makes known the path to follow, and delivers one out of grave spiritual danger.
   2. Redeemed from aimless conduct to walk by faith in God – **1 Peter 1:15-21** – contrasting the worthless material idols with the precious blood of Christ.
      1. Aimless conduct – vain, or empty conduct bearing no real fruit, and leading to no substantive end.
      2. Since you were not redeemed by such, rather redeemed by precious blood of Christ, conduct yourself accordingly – BY FAITH IN GOD.
      3. **(v. 23; 2:1-2)** – born again by the word, and now live by the word – HAVE A MEANINGFUL PATH THROUGH GOD’S WORD.
      4. **1 Peter 2:10** – once not a people, but now a people. (Received great purpose and direction – an illuminated, infallible path.)
8. Avoided Sin **(v. 11)**
9. The Common Struggle
   1. **1 Corinthians 10:13** – Temptation is common to man.
   2. **Romans 3:23** – sin is universal – **Romans 6:16, 20** – one becomes sin’s slave when they fall short.
   3. **Romans 7:21-24** – without redemption we remain sin’s slave, and cannot escape its condemnation.
10. The Blessing of God
    1. **Romans 7:25** – God delivers us from the bondage of sin and death through Christ.
    2. However, temptation is still a constant. How do we keep from sinning?
    3. **Psalm 119:9-11** – God’s word, and our commitment to it keeps us from falling back into spiritual slavery.
       1. **Ephesians 6:10-13** – take up the panoply of God to gain victory over Satan’s attacks – all has to do with His word.
    4. **2 Timothy 3:16-17** – We receive everything we need from scripture – thoroughly equips us.
    5. **Matthew 11:28-30** – Jesus’ invitation to rest from the weariness of sin is found under His yoke, i.e. His instruction through His word.
11. Avoided Shame **(vv. 1-6)**
12. The Shame of Sin
    1. God’s word is meant to bring shame to us in reproof.
       1. Shame comes with knowledge of sin – **Psalm 51:3** – sin was weighing him down.
       2. **1 Corinthians 4:14-16; 2 Corinthians 7:8-10** – shame and sorrow are not desired, but are necessary for penitence.
       3. In sin, shame is brought upon the offender, and MANY WHO SURROUND HIM – FAMILY, CHURCH, GOD, ETC.
    2. This shame should be felt to such a degree that we have the desire of avoiding it altogether – **2 Corinthians 7:11** – WHAT FEAR – of falling again. A cautiousness.
       1. In a way, we need to embrace the feeling of shame so we can deal with it properly.
       2. Some simply ignore it to the degree of eventually glorying in it – **Philippians 3:19**
13. The Blessing of God
    1. God’s word will keep us from sin, and so will keep us from shame!
    2. **1 John 3:20-21** – there is comfort in living with a good conscience, i.e. one that is not ashamed.
    3. **1 Peter 4:16** – when we are doing what God’s word says, even if we suffer for it, we can be free from shame!
       1. It is better to do right and carry the weight of persecution that to do wrong and carry the weight of guilt and shame.
14. Comfort and Peace **(vv. 49-56, 165)**
15. The Tempestuous Life
    1. God has subjected us to a life of hardship – **Romans 8:18-21** – in hope of the redemption of our body – resurrection.
    2. In this life of hardship, turmoil, and conflict we long for a solid foundation of comfort and peace.
16. The Blessing of God
    1. When were afflicted we think of God’s word and are comforted – **Psalm 119:49-50**
    2. **Philippians 2:1-2** – Paul appealing to the blessings furnished to them all in Christ for them to treat each other with love – YES, THERE IS COMFORT OF LOVE.
    3. **Philippians 4:6-7, 9** – prayer, and meditation of the things of God’s word will grant us peace.
17. Wisdom **(vv. 97-100)**
18. The Desire for Surpassing Wisdom
    1. **Proverbs 4:7** – wisdom is of great value, and the godly desire it.
    2. **Proverbs 16:31** – the elderly are known for great wisdom through the experience of life.
       1. While it is taken for granted in many places, overall the aged are honored in societies.
       2. How do we gain such wisdom?
19. The Blessing of God
    1. God offers immense wisdom of an invaluable nature to any and all in His word – **1 Corinthians 2:6-7, 13** – wisdom of God revealed by the Spirit.
    2. We must not seek the world’s wisdom, but God’s wisdom – **James 3:13-18** – such wisdom is eternal, and will profit in this life, as well as the next – **1 Timothy 4:8**
20. Answers **(v. 42)**
21. The World of Skepticism
    1. Christians will face skepticism:
       1. Paul before the Athenians – **Acts 17:32**
       2. Paul before Felix – **Acts 26:24-25**
    2. Such skepticism can be troubling – evidences, morality, doctrine – how will we answer? WE WANT ANSWERS.
22. The Blessing of God
    1. **1 Peter 3:15** – we must ready ourselves with answers from God’s word.
    2. **1 Peter 4:11** – we speak as the oracles of God.
    3. **Titus 1:9** – those who hold to the word are able to answer those who contradict.
    4. Revelation is that we might know, and not be troubled – **1 John 5:13**
23. Salvation **(vv. 41, 81, 123, 155)**
24. The Longing for Deliverance
    1. Ultimately, we long for deliverance – **Romans 7:24** – who will deliver me?
       1. Cut to the heart, and want direction to salvation – **Acts 2:37**
       2. No eating and drinking for 3 days – **Acts 9:9** – wants deliverance from his sin.
    2. Salvation from sin, but also from this earthly life in general – temptation, sorrow, heartache, death, etc.
       1. **Revelation 7:13-17** – where is this found? How do we become one of the 144,000?
    3. **Psalm 119:174** – for the man who longs for salvation, God’s law is his delight.
25. The Blessing of God
    1. **Psalm 1** – the blessed man is he who delights in God’s word, and as a result will stand in the judgment.
    2. **Hebrews 4:12** – God’s word will show our thoughts and intents in the end – if we have abided by His word, then we will be shown to be right with God in the end.
    3. **2 Timothy 2:15** – By God’s word we will be approved, and be saved – **1 Timothy 4:16**

**Conclusion**

1. The blessings God’s word provides are endless.
2. God’s word is all we need.
3. Do we value it? Do we give it a proper estimation? Are we utilizing it?