

## **PSALM 119:97-112 2024 – Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God!**

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### ***Psalm 119:105 –***

***THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET!*** Amy Grant Michael W. Smith (3:18)

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (2X)*

*When I feel afraid Think I've lost my way Still you're there right beside me*

*And nothing will I fear As long as you are near Please be near me to the end*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path*

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*I will not forget Your love for me and yet My heart forever is wandering*

*Jesus be my guide And hold me to your side I will love you to the end*

*Nothing will I fear as long as you are near Please be near me to the end*

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*And a light unto my path You're the light unto my path*

***MEM - Vs. 94-104*** - The Word of God provides a pure, safe, and sweet place where we can rest, can dock, our wearied mind! Think how refreshing it is to meditate on it – *all the day!* It gives us more wisdom *than my enemies*; more understanding than our teachers; more understanding than the ancients; restraining our feet from every evil way! Just think what your life would be like without the Word of God, if your Bible were taken away from us, and all we had to meditate on, was the news and ways of the world, with no place of rest for our weary mind?

***NUN - Vs. 105-112*** - The Word of God provides an illumination, a torch or a lamp, a light to my path! Just as we need physical light to navigate physically, even more we need the light of the word to overcome spiritual darkness, which is all around us, as well! Spiritual darkness is especially dangerous, because the darkness of the fallen world because of the fall of man! What is your protection against it? There is nothing in this world. Only by following His word! Illuminating around me what are the dangers and what is the right thing to do! What does the Bible say about this?

 MEM

***Psa 119:97 Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.***

- “O how I love Your law!” Those who know the power of the gospel perceive an infinite loveliness in the law as they see it fulfilled and embodied in Christ Jesus.
- “It is my meditation (talks with one’s self) *all the day.*” This was both the effect of his love and the cause of it. He meditated in God's word because he loved it, and then loved it the more because he meditated in it. Where are you settling your mind and thoughts? Oh what a blessing to be able to set our minds on the Word of God! On what or where are you setting your mind? Your greatest single source of influence, of meditation in your life, as a Christian?

***Psa 119:98 You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me.***

- He again speaks of his enemies who are constantly around him. They are ever with him. He cannot get rid of them. Yet through the commandments of God, I am wiser than they. A holy life is the highest wisdom and the surest defense.
- “For they are ever with me.” He was always studying or obeying the commandments. They were his choice and constant companions. As a soldier in battle must never lay aside his shield, so must we never have the word of God out of our minds; it must be ever with us.

***Psa 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation.***

- The word of God gives us wisdom, it does not say, “I am more knowledgeable than my enemies,” I’m just wiser than they and I have more understanding than all my teachers. As Solomon said, “With all of your getting, get understanding.” How important it is to have the ability to use the knowledge. The right application of knowledge is wisdom. To choose not to know God is to choose to be the most ignorant of any of the important questions and issues in life!
- “*For Your testimonies are my meditation.*” There is more wisdom in the testimonies of the Lord than in all the teachings of men if they were all gathered into one vast library. The one book outweighs all the rest.

***Psa 119:100 I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.***

- The word of God provides us with wisdom beyond our years!
- We think well he is so old he must be smart but not always so. There are a lot of old people who do not know God and that is not so smart.
- He had the word with him, and so outstripped his enemies. He meditated on it, and so outran his friends. He practiced it and outshone his elders.

***Psa 119:101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.***

- The keeping of the precepts, keeping of the word of God. Be doers of the word and not hearers only.
- There is no treasuring up the holy word unless there is a casting out of all unholiness. If we keep the good word we must let go the evil.
- How can we keep God's word if we do not keep our own works from becoming vile?

***Psa 119:102 I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me.***

- If we begin to depart a little we can never tell where we shall end.
- Through Your law, meditating upon it, I become wiser than my enemies. I gained understanding more than my teachers and more than the ancients, You have taught me through the word. They are well taught whom God teaches.

***Psa 119:103 How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!***

- Oh, how I love Your law! Unfailing sweetness! How sweet are Your words to my taste. Do you have this attitude towards the Bible? When you get into the Bible does it affect you this way? Can you say, “Oh how I love to read the word. Oh, how sweet the word of God is to my mouth.” That is the way it should be. God’s word is just glorious!

***Psa 119:104 Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.***

- When I really understand the right ways of God it gives me a hatred for every false way! That is real understanding, when you get to the place where you hate evil. My love for the law of God brings a corresponding hatred for evil in my heart.
- This verse marks a great advance in character, and shows that the man of God is growing stronger, bolder, and happier than before. He has been taught of the Lord, so that he discerns between the precious and the vile, and while he loves the truth fervently, he hates falsehood intensely. May all of us reach this state of discrimination and determination, so that we may greatly glorify God!

## NUN

### ***Psa 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.***

- The next eight verses, the Nun in the Hebrew alphabet, we can see as performance. I saw how it is my intention to perform not to just know, but the performance of the word of God.
- I will walk in the light of the word of God. I will use the word of God as a guide for my life. I will use the word of God to teach me and to show me the right and the wrong in life, to lead me into the right path, to do the right things for I accept God's word as being right and true.

### ***Psa 119:106 I have sworn and confirmed That I will keep Your righteous judgments.***

- A real commitment of his heart to obedience to the word of God. One of the real problems in our society today is man's lack of commitment. We seem to have sort of a half-hearted kind of an attitude towards the things of God. It is almost a take it or leave it kind of a thing.
- You make the commitment and no matter what comes I have set my course. I am not going to deviate. I am going to serve God. I am going to live by the word of God. I am going to live a life of purity and holiness before the Lord, I am determined, and I have sworn. I will perform it. I have purposed in my heart that this is the way I am going to live. There is no issue of it. I am just going to do it. I am going to keep the righteous judgments of God.

### ***Psa 119:107 I am afflicted very much; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.***

- You think you have problems. Our service of the Lord does not screen us from trial, but rather secures it for us! Look at what this psalmist is going through. He talks so much about his afflictions, unless I had been in Your word the afflictions would have destroyed me. I would have perished in my afflictions. My enemies are forever around me. They are trying to ambush me. They are trying to trap me. I have been afflicted very much, but Lord make me alive to Your word!
- "Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word." This is the best remedy for tribulation; the soul is raised above the thought of present distress, and is filled with that holy joy which attends all vigorous spiritual life, and so the affliction grows light. Seeing we have more promises, let us offer more prayers.

### ***Psa 119:108 Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, And teach me Your judgments.***

- In other words, as a sacrifice, accept Lord, my praises. In Hebrews it says, *(Heb 13:15) Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name,* which is a pleasing and acceptable sacrifice to God. He is not looking for you to bring an ox or a lamb or whatever. He just wants you to spend time with Him offering to Him the sacrifice of praise, the fruit of your lips unto the Lord.
- I am determined and I am going to keep Your righteous judgments. I have sworn and I am going to perform it. So, teach me Your judgments.

### ***Psa 119:109 My life is continually in my hand, Yet I do not forget Your law.***

- My life seems to be in constant jeopardy. The soul was sort of the breath of man in a sense, the consciousness of man. There was this constant danger that the psalmist was facing and yet I do not forget Your law. Though I am surrounded by constant dangers, I will not forget Your law.
- David did not turn aside to find safety in sin, for he says, "*Yet do I not forget thy law.*" He lived in the midst of danger. He had to be always fighting for existence, hiding in caves, or contending in battles. It is a special proof of grace when nothing can drive truth out of our thoughts, or holiness out of our lives. If we remember the law, even when death stares us in the face, we may be well assured that the Lord is remembering us.

***Psa 119:110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.***

- Here they are again trapping him. They are laying a snare for me. They have dug pits for me, and they are trying to ambush me. He was not snared, for he kept his eyes open, and kept near his God.
- From this verse let us learn to be on our guard, for we, too, have enemies both crafty and wicked. Hunters set their traps in the animals' usual runs, and our worst snares are laid in our own ways. By keeping to the ways of the Lord, we shall escape the snares of our adversaries, for His ways are safe and free from treachery.

***Psa 119:111 Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, For they are the rejoicing of my heart.***

- This is my heritage, the testimony of God. This is what I live by, I trust in, and I rely upon God's faithfulness to take care of His people. God's faithfulness to bring His people into ultimate victory. You go back and you read over and over again, how God's people always triumph! He brought them into the ultimate victory.
- I rejoice every time I read the story of Gideon, every time I read of Joshua and the conquest of them, I rejoice. The testimony of God's work among His people and God's faith. It just causes my heart to rejoice! "All right Lord, get them again." I love the way God works and the way that He is so faithful. It is the rejoicing of my heart, it delights me.

***Psa 119:112 I have inclined* (stretched or spread out) *my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, to the very end.***

- Again, I have purposed and I have sworn I am going to do it. I will perform it and so I have inclined my heart, not my mind. The heart is where the real commitments are made, those that stick, those that remain.
- When a man's spirit comes alive "You," Paul said, "as he made alive, who were once dead in your trespasses." He is talking about the spirit and when the spirit is alive and in the spirit where you make that determination, that will is established. "I'm going to follow Jesus Christ." It is interesting that Paul said, "For if you shall confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart" not in your mind, but you believe in your heart. There it is established, the permanency you believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead.
- So, the importance of the heart! Jesus said, "For out of the heart are the issues of life. My son give me your heart," that deepest area of your being, not just the mental assent but a commitment in my heart, the resolve that comes from the area of the spirit.

***HOW GREAT THOU ART* – Stuart Hine, Shea (2.51)**

*Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

*Refrain: Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
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*And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)*

**PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL:**

**PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS: - Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation!**

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