

# The Word of God Always Works

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***“I gain understanding from Your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Your Word is a Lamp to my feet and a light for my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow Your righteous Laws. I have suffered much; preserve my life, O Lord, according to Your Word. Accept, O Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me Your Laws.”***

In the Book of Esther we learn some things about Xerxes king of Persia. Xerxes served as king in about 480 B.C.

Xerxes was a very powerful king. When he spoke a decree it needed to be carried out. If it was not carried out there would be serious consequences to any who disobeyed his command. As powerful as the words of Xerxes were, the power of his words are nothing compared to the Word of God.

In the Beginning God said, “*Let there be light and there was light.*”

God continued to simply say the Word, and all creation, the heavens and the earth and every living creature came into being. And by the breath of His Mouth, the Lord God breathed into the clay which He had made into the shape of a man, and the man became a living being.

In Psalm 119 there is a great prominence placed upon “The Word of God”

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible with 176 verses.

The Psalm is divided into 22 sections. Each section has 8 verses.

Throughout the entire 176 verses there are 8 different Hebrew terms that refer to “The Word”

In the English those 8 different Hebrew terms can be translated as: *Law – Testimony - Precept - Statute - Commands – Judgment – Word - Promise.* And so God makes it quite clear that His Word is important.

And so we briefly look at verses 104 – 108:

***Vs. 104 – I gain understanding from Your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.***

Ps. 119:104 uses = Hebrew Word - *dwqp* - = Precept / A Properly Appointed Mandate.

The natural question to be asked is: What type of understanding do we gain from God’s Word? From God’s Word we learn the following and much more.

- Where we come from? = God made us
- What we are doing here in this world? = To Serve God and one another
- We learn that we cannot save ourselves from death or hell, because of that nasty thing called sin.
- We learn how we are saved = by God’s One and only Son Jesus.
- We learn where we are going when we die = as believers we will be in heaven.
- We learn a bit about what heaven will be like = Perfect without sin or death or evil
- We learn what type of paths are wrong and what is right. = from the 10 commandments.

From God's Word we are able to recognize false tendencies of the times and withdraw from sinful situations and to avoid sinful situation.

**Vs. 105 – *Your Word is a Lamp to my feet and a light for my path.***

Ps. 119:105 uses = Hebrew Word - רבד - = Word

God's Word Breaks the darkness, like the morning beams of the sun break the dark of night on a bright summer morning. Or perhaps you wish to say: The Sun breaks the night after a cold winter night and gives the warmth of its rays to your body and soul.

Jesus is the Light of the World = John 8:12. Sin makes the world a place of darkness, but Jesus has lit the way to heaven by His Blood.

**Vs. 106 – *I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow Your righteous Laws.***

Ps. 119:106 uses = Hebrew Word – פִּדְיוֹן – = Judgment / And Act of deciding a case / The pouch of Judgment worn on Aaron's heart

As Christians at confirmation we take an oath to remain faithful to God for as long as we shall live. We promise before God to regularly join with other Christians in public worship to hear the Word of God and join together in the Lord's Supper.

**Vs. 107 – *I have suffered much; preserve my life, O Lord, according to Your Word.***

Ps. 119:107 uses = Hebrew Word - רבד - = Word

- Our sin causes us internal grief

- Sin among our fellow Christians causes grief

- The sin of the world causes grief.

- Those ancient enemies – The Devil – The World and our own sinful flesh cause us grief.

Life is filled with suffering of various types, yet the Lord gives us life and sustains us by His almighty and powerful Word.

**Vs. 108 – *Accept, O Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me Your Laws.***

Ps. 119:108 uses = Hebrew Word – פִּדְיוֹן – = Judgment / And Act of deciding a case / The pouch of Judgment worn on Aaron's heart

- Despite any grief as a result of sin in a sin filled world, yet we are able to praise the Lord our God.

We are acceptable to God because of Jesus, Who is our High Priest who intercedes to God on our behalf.

It is through faith in Jesus that we are able to approach God. God through the writer to the Hebrews states: **“Without faith it is impossible to please God.” (Heb. 11:6)**

Thus WITH faith in Jesus we are covered with the righteousness of Christ and we are acceptable in God's Sight, we are able to approach the throne of God in prayer and praise at anytime and anyplace.

Because faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ, (Rom. 10:17) may we always recognize the importance of regular mediation and study of God's Word which always works.

- It brings the unbeliever to faith.

- It strengthens the faith of the believer.

- And the Word hardens the heart of the unbeliever. GOD'S WORD Always Works. AMEN