

## Word is Bond Psalm 119:1-11 June 8, 2003

## **PSALM FACTS:**

- Psalms is the Bible's longest book with <u>150</u> chapters.
- Chapter 119 is the Bible's <u>longest</u> chapter with <u>verses</u>.
- Chapter 117 is Bible's <u>shortest</u> and <u>middle</u> chapter.
- Psalm 118:8 is the middle <u>verse</u> of the Bible.
- Psalms means <u>songs</u> to stringed instruments or music and represents Israel's hymnbook.

## SEVEN REASONS WE NEED TO HIDE HIS WORD IN OUR HEARTS Psalm 119:1-9

**Verse 1** Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in <u>the law\_\_\_\_\_\_</u> of the LORD!

- LAW (Torah) <u>Teaching</u>, instruction, guidance or <u>direction</u> from God to His people.
- God's Word is a law that <u>instructs</u> us how to walk with God.

Verse 2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies\_\_\_\_\_\_, Who seek Him with the whole heart!

- **TESTIMONIES** (Edut) To bear <u>witness</u> or corroboration by testimony.
- God's Word is His <u>testimony</u> of Himself, bearing witness to the truth.

**Verse 3-4** *They also do no iniquity; they walk in His ways. You have commanded us to keep Your precepts\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ diligently.* 

• **PRECEPTS** (Piqqudim) - <u>Responsibilities</u> He has appointed to His people.

• God's Word outlines responsibilities <u>assigned</u> to us.

Verse 5 Oh, that my ways were directed to keep Your <u>statutes\_\_\_\_\_</u>

- **STATUTES** (Hoq) To <u>engrave</u> or <u>write</u>. Laws or customs imposed by God.

**Verse 6** *Then I would not be ashamed, when I look into all Your* <u>commandments\_\_\_\_\_</u>.

- **COMMANDMENTS** (Mitzwah) To <u>command</u> or <u>charge</u> to do something. God's commands are an expression and revelation of His nature and Person.
- God's Word represents non-negotiable commandments from God, not suggestions.
- 1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.

**Verse 7** *I* will praise You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments\_\_\_\_\_.

- **MISHPAT** To judge or govern; ordinances designed to promote justice ; a verdict , sentence or formal decree that has been decided.
- God's Word reveals God's final <u>verdicts</u> based on His righteousness.

**Verse 9** *How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.* 

- **DABAR** To <u>say</u> or to <u>speak</u>.
- God's Word is what God has said. Therefore we need to believe and obey it.