

Psalm 119:17-32

Open It:

1. From your reading through Psalm 119 last week, what did you learn, see, verses, that spoke to you?
2. When you go through a difficult time, how do you respond? Where do you turn for comfort and support?

In these two stanzas, we get a glimpse into a little of what the psalmist was experiencing when he wrote these words. James Montgomery Boice says these verses seem to be “particularly autobiographical.” It’s no surprise that the author is turning to the Word of God to help him get through the hard times.

Explore It:

Read Psalm 119:17-24 *Gimel*

3. According to these verses, what is the Psalmist experiencing?
4. How does the Psalmist refer to himself? What is his heart attitude?
5. Why must God open our eyes if we’re to see wondrous things out of His law? Where else do you see this truth emphasized in Scripture?
6. Consider v. 20-22 together. What is God’s disposition toward those who forsake His Word? Toward those who keep it?

7. What is the Psalmist's commitment to the Word according to these verses?

8. Instead of listening to the slander, where does the psalmist choose to park his brain?
How can we respond in a similar way?

Read Psalm 119:25-32 *Daleth*

9. According to these verses, what is the Psalmist experiencing?

10. List the prayers of the psalmist in this stanza.

11. Verse 18 mentioned wonderful things, and v. 27 mentions wonderful deeds. What are some wonderful things/deeds God has recorded in His Word? What wonderful things/deeds has God done in your life?

12. How does God's Word strengthen us when we are weary with sorrow (v. 28)?

13. How does the Word keep us from deceitful ways (v. 29)?

14. Despite what the psalmist is experiencing, what deliberate actions/choices he makes in this stanza?

15. How does choosing the way of the Lord not lead us to shame?

Apply It:

16. How do these verses encourage you to approach trials and tribulations in your own life?

17. Which prayer of the psalmist is one you need to pray this week?

18. What one verb/action word from these stanzas are you going to implement in your life this week?

Homework:

It is vital that we build a strong foundation on God's Word during the good times, to help us withstand the bad times. Jesus also taught this in the conclusion of His Sermon on the Mount. Read Matthew 7:24-27 this week.

“If we want to see wonderful things in the Scriptures, it is not enough for us merely to ask God to open our eyes that we might see them. We must also study the Bible carefully. The Holy Spirit is given not to make our study unnecessary but to make it effective.” James Montgomery Boice