PSALMS 119:65-96

REVIEW…

- Acrostic
  - Psalm
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Psalm…
119 is the longest chapter in the whole Bible…
each LETTER of Alphabet [Hebrew] – there EIGHT verses – verses in all…
words:
[25 – [תּוֹרָה x – Emphasizes WHAT WORD is [613 commandments of

- WORD [[דָּבָר – Emphasizes WHERE the WORD from [spoke by

- JUDGMENTS [23 – [מִשְׁפָּט]x - Emphasizes the PURPOSE for the Word [judge right from wrong]
- TESTIMONIES [23 – [עֵדָה]x – Emphasizes the EVIDENCE of the power of the WORD
- COMMANDMENTS [22 – [מִצְוָה]x – Emphasizes the INSTRUCTIONS given by the WORD
- STATUTES [21 – [חֻקִּים]x – Emphasizes the WORD is UNCHANGING [engraved in stone]
- PRECEPTS [21 – [פִּקּוּדִים]x – Emphasizes the need to pay ATTENTION to details of the WORD
- WORD [19 – [אִמְרָה]x – Emphasizes who God is – He is the Word [λόγος]!

- Eight letters…
  - We have looked at the first EIGHT letters:
  - Aleph [א] – Beth [ב] – Gimel [ג] – Daleth [ד] - He [ה] - Vav [ו] - Zayin [ז] - Heth [ח]…
  - We will continue today by going through the next FOUR!

The Word of God

- **9th – Tet [ט]… vs. 65-72**
  - 1st – God is Good… vs. 65-68
    - In GOOD times… vs. 65-66
      - You have dealt well with Your servant - O LORD - according to Your word.
      - Teach me good judgment and knowledge for I believe Your commandments!
      - God does GOOD [טוֹב] things to those who SERVE [עָבַד] Him…
      - Just as He says He will in His WORD [דָּבָר] – **Matthew 6:33**
      - Therefore we should WANT [piel] the Lord to give us JUDGMENT …
      - JUDGMENT [טַעַם] – usually translated as TASTE – we would say GOOD [טוֹב] discernment…
      - So we KNOW where GOOD comes from – and it causes [hiphil] us to believe His COMMANDS!
      - The world is always looking for the SECRET to SUCCESS…
      - But unless they are willing to come to the LORD – they will NEVER find it…
      - Being Blessed in life is NOT about what we DO – it is about who we KNOW…
      - If we KNOW the COMMANDS of the LORD [and obey them] - God will do GOOD things to us!
    - In HARD times… vs. 67-68
      - Before I was afflicted I went astray - but now I keep Your word.
      - You are good - and do good. Teach me Your statutes!
      - We used to be PROUD – and we wandered away from the LORD…
      - But God LOVES so much – He HUMBLED us so we would learn to hold onto Jesus [אִמְרָה]
      - Because God is GOOD [He is the only one]– and He does GOOD – **Matthew 5:48**
      - Therefore we should desire [piel] for Him to teach us His UNCHANGING [statues] Word!
      - When things go WRONG in life – we often think of it as BAD…
      - But more often than not – God uses BAD things to HUMBLE us…
      - Ironically – the GOOD that God does – is often to let BAD things happen…
      - Because only then do we LEARN to cling to Jesus – hold onto His UNCHANGING Word!
      - **Hebrews 12:5** – "Do not despise the chastening of the LORD…"
  - 2nd – Men are Bad… vs. 69-70
    - The proud have forged a lie against me - but I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart.
    - Their heart is as fat as grease - but I delight in Your law!
    - Those who are PROUD – try and SMEAR with lies anyone who follows the PRECEPTS of God…
    - Because their HEARTS are clogged up with FAT [the unhealthy desires of this life]

- While our HEARTS are full [כָּל] of the desire for the LAW of the LORD!
- The world hates Jesus – because they believe the LIE that this world is better…
- Because they LOVE this WORLD – and live for PLEASURE – they do NOT want God - **John 3:19-2**
- And if we are living for Jesus [according to His Word] – they will also hate us…
- Being the FRIEND of Jesus - means being an ENEMY of this world!
- **John 15:18** – "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world - the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world - but I chose you out of the world - therefore the world hates you."

  ○ 3rd – Trials are Good… vs. 71-72

  - It is good for me that I have been afflicted - that I may learn Your statutes.
  - The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of coins of gold and silver!
  - It is GOOD [טָוֹב] for God to HUMBLE us – so that we LEARN His Word [statues] NEVER changes…
  - We learn the Law is GOOD [טָוֹב] – rather than the MONEY [gold and silver] of the world!
  - If someone put two things in front of us – BILLION pesos – and a BIBLE…
  - How many people would grab the BIBLE rather than the PESOS!
  - We have been told our whole life that MONEY is the ANSWER…
  - But MONEY is just a piece of PAPER that has no POWER…
  - And God is more than willing to HUMBLE us – allow MONEY to fail us…
  - In order for us to LEARN that what we really need – is His WORD!

- **10TH – Yod [י]… vs. 73-80**

  ○ 1st – Our Creator… vs. 73

  - Your hands have made me and fashioned me.
  - Give me understanding - that I may learn Your commandments!
  - God is the one who CREATED [עָשָׂה] us – He MADE [polel] us for a purpose…
  - But only the LORD can cause [hiphil] us to UNDERSTAND what that purpose is…
  - So we should want [cohortative] to LEARN our purpose through His COMMANDS!
  - I cannot tell you how many times I have tried to assemble something…
  - WITHOUT referencing the MANUAL – it always ends in DISASTER!
  - The world is CONFUSED – they do NOT know why we are here [meaning of life]

- Their problem is they REFUSE to read the INSTRUCTION manual…
- If we are willing to read the Bible – we will UNDERSTAND our purpose…
- Because the God who created us – KNOWS best how life works!
- **John 17:3** – "This is eternal life - that they may know You - the only true God…"

- 2nd – Our Hope… vs. 74
  - Those who fear You will be glad when they see me because I have hoped in Your word!
  - Anyone who FEARS [יָרֵא] the LORD – which is WISDOM – **Psalm 111:10**
  - Because God is the one who can send us to either HEAVEN or HELL!
  - **Luke 12:5** – "Fear [God] who… has power to cast into hell!"
  - That person will be HAPPY to see us – because we have the ANSWER…
  - We can tell them to put their HOPE in His WORD!
  - The world FEARS death – because they know the JUDGMENT is coming…
  - But when we put our HOPE in Jesus – in His WORD – we have nothing to FEAR!
  - **I Corinthians 15:55** – "[Hell] - where is your victory?"

- 3rd – Our Prayer… vs. 75-77
  - I know - O LORD - that Your judgments are right - and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
  - Let - I pray - Your merciful kindness be for my comfort according to Your word to Your servant.
  - Let Your tender mercies come to me that I may live. For Your law is my delight!
  - We KNOW [יָדַע] the LORD is RIGHT [צֶדֶק] to JUDGE us and HUMBLE us…
  - But we ASK [jussive] instead for His LOVE [חֶסֶד] to comfort [piel] us [His servants]
  - Send us His MERCY [רָחַם] – so that we might LIVE – and ENJOY His LAW!
  - Most people do NOT understand the LAW of God…
  - They look at it as a LIST of things that they need to DO…
  - But anyone who tries to LIVE by the LAW – is doomed to FAIL – **James 2:10**
  - The LAW can only bring the KNOWLEDGE of SIN!
  - **Romans 3:20** – "No one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are." [NLT]
  - We do NOT try and live by the LAW – the LAW only shows us we are NOT good…

- When we understand that - we cry out for the LOVE and MERCY of God…
- Then we can ENJOY the LAW – because it served its purpose – it brought us to Jesus!
- **Galatians 3:24** – "Law was our tutor to bring us to Christ - that we might be justified by faith."

○ 4th – Our Witness…vs. 78-80

- Ashamed… vs. 78
  - Let the proud be ashamed - for they treated me wrongfully with falsehood.
  - But I will meditate on Your precepts!
  - The PROUD are ashamed because they LIE and twist [to hide] the truth…
  - But we will TALK [piel] about all the DETAILS [precepts] of Your WORD!
  - The WORLD has countless reasons why they do NOT obey the Word…
  - They argue that God does NOT exists – Evolution – Atheist…
  - They argue that we cannot know God – Agnostic…
  - They argue that there are MANY ways to God – Religious!
  - But all of their ARGUMENTS come from one ROOT – their PRIDE…
  - They refuse to SUBMIT to the Word of God – and will therefore be ASHAMED [judged]
  - Knowing this we intensely [piel] talk to them about all the details [precepts] of the WORD…
  - Because it is the WORD that has the POWER to save PRIDEFUL sinners!
  - **Romans 1:16** – "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ - for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes."
- Blameless… vs. 79-80
  - Let those who fear You turn to me - those who know Your testimonies.
  - Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes - that I may not be ashamed!
  - Let those who REPENT [שׁוּב] come to us…
  - Anyone who wants to SEE [יָדַע] how God changes LIVES [testimony]
  - But let [jussive] our hearts be PURE [תָּמִים] according to Your unchanging Word [statues]
  - That way we will NOT be ashamed when they come to us for the ANSWER!
  - The statistics today are NOT good…
  - Almost all the SINS that are in the WORLD – are equally in the CHURCH!
  - **Matthew 5:13** – "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor?"
  - We are called to be SALT and LIGHT to a lost world…
  - But how can we be a WITNESS to a lost world – if we look just like them…
  - We must be SET apart [holy] – through the power of the WORD – **John 15:3**
  - So that when people see our lives – they see something different – they see Jesus…
  - And that difference makes them THIRSTY [salt] – opens their EYES [light] to the TRUTH!

- **11TH - KAPH [כ]… VS. 81-88**

○ 1st – Impatient… vs. 81-82

- Our Soul…
  - My soul faints for Your salvation - but I hope in Your word.
  - We FALL [כָּלָה] short of SALVATION – but our soul HOPES [piel] in in His WORD!
  - No one is GOOD – we have all FAILED to live a HOLY life – **Psalms 14:1**
  - There will not be ONE person who will be able to stand before God as RIGHTEOUS…
  - Yet we still have HOPE – Jesus makes us RIGHTEOUS – **II Corinthians 5:21**
- Our Eyes…

- My eyes fail from searching Your word Saying - When will You comfort me?
- Our eyes FAIL [כָּלָה] from looking to His WORD – we get tired of reading…
- Because we are tired of asking when will God will COMFORT [piel] us!
- We know we are FORGIVEN – we see the PROMISES in His Word…
- Yet that HOPE does not come right away – and that can make us IMPATIENT…
- But we must not take our eyes off of His Word – our HOPE is coming!
- **Galatians 6:9** – "[Do] not grow weary while doing good - for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

- 2nd – Emotional… vs. 83-84
  - For I have become like a wineskin in smoke - yet I do not forget Your statutes.
  - How many are the days of Your servant?
  - When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?
  - In our IMPATIENCE to wait on the SALVATION of the LORD…
  - We can FEEL like we are all DRIED up [a wineskin in smoke]
  - We might FEEL like God is taking too much time [how many days left]
  - We might FEEL like God will never JUDGE those who persecute us…
  - But what we must DO – is make sure to not forget His UNCHANGING [statutes] Word!
  - We need to be very careful with EMOTIONS – because they are POWERFUL…
  - One moment we are on a spiritual HIGH – the next we feel like God has abandoned us…
  - EMOTIONS do not always bring clarity – they can often DECEIVE us…
  - Which is why it does NOT matter what we FEEL – we chose to LISTEN instead to the WORD!
  - **Jeremiah 17:9** - "The heart is deceitful above all things - and desperately wicked…"
- 3rd – Deceived… vs. 85-87
  - The proud have dug pits for me which is not according to Your law.
  - All Your commandments are faithful. They persecute me wrongfully. Help me!
  - They almost made an end of me on earth - but I did not forsake Your precepts!
  - The PROUD – those who do NOT chose to live for Jesus…
  - They dig PITS for us to fall into – try and STUMBLE us so we break the LAW [תּוֹרָה]
  - They chase us with LIES – trying to get us to DOUBT the COMMANDS of God – God HELP us…
  - They can ALMOST bring us to the END [כָּלָה] of our faith – put our HOPE in this LIFE [בָּאָרֶץ]
  - BUT – we will not walk away from the PRECEPTS [details] of His WORD!
  - The world LIES to us – they are continually trying to keep us from Jesus…

- I recently read an article that said the next generation does NOT want to serve in church…
- Their reasons were because of the TOXIC climate in churches [there is conflict]
- And because the church does NOT pay as well as the world!
- There will ALWAYS be conflict in the church – because it is full of SINNERS…
- And we have an enemy that desires to DIVIDE us – **Mark 3:25**
- But Jesus – who is the HEAD of the church – is more than able to bring UNITY…
- And although the world looks to MONEY to provide for their needs…
- We understand that GOD is the one who take care of us – **Luke 12:32**

○ 4th – Revived… vs. 88

- Revive me according to Your lovingkindness - so that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth!
- According to Your LOVE [חֶסֶד] – give us LIFE…
- Because only then will our LIVES be a TESTIMONY to those around us!
- If we CHOSE to put our HOPE in His Word – rather than being IMPATIENT…
- If we CHOSE to not forget His STATUES – rather than giving into our EMOTIONS…
- If we CHOSE to hold onto His PRECEPTS – rather than being deceived by lies of the WORLD…
- Then our God will pour out His LOVE on us – and give us ABUNDANT life – **John 10:10**
- And in that ABUNDANT life – we will become an example – a TESTIMONY for others!

● **12TH – LAMED** [ל]… **VS. 89-96**

○ 1st – Unchanging… vs. 89-91

- Forever - O LORD - Your word is settled in heaven.
- Your faithfulness endures to all generations. You established the earth - and it abides.
- They continue this day according to Your ordinances - for all are Your servants!
- The Word of the LORD - STANDS [niphal] in heaven FOREVER…
- The Word of LORD - is FAITHFUL to every GENERATION…
- The Word of the LORD – created [polel] the EARTH [and it is still here]
- The JUDGMENTS [מִשְׁפָּט] of the LORD – continue to this Day – so ALL will serve Him!
- We tend to look at the world around us for guarantees…
- We want to have SECURITY – in our bank account - our jobs - our relationships…
- Our dilemma is only CONSTANT in life is change – nothing stays the same…

- The one EXCEPTION is Jesus – He is the WORD that never CHANGES - **Hebrews 13:8**

- 2nd – Never forgotten… vs. 92-93
  - Unless Your law had been my delight - I would then have perished in my affliction.
  - I will never forget Your precepts - for by them You have given me life!
  - If we do NOT love the LAW [תּוֹרָה] of the LORD…
  - Then when the HARD times come – we will end up going ASTRAY…
  - We must make sure to NEVER forget His PRECEPTS [details] – because they give us LIFE!
  - **Matthew 6:24** - "No one can serve two masters..."
  - We all have to make a CHOICE – we cannot serve two masters…
  - Trying to love this world - is in essence rejecting Jesus...
  - Ultimately the only reason someone rejects Jesus Christ...
  - Is because there is something else that they LOVE more than God in their life…
  - We need to CHOSE to LOVE the WORD – so we are not led astray by the WORLD!
  - **James 4:4** – "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."
- 3rd – Always protected… vs. 94-95
  - I am Yours - save me. For I have sought Your precepts.
  - The wicked wait for me to destroy me - but I will consider Your testimonies!
  - We belong to HIM – that is why we know He will SAVE [hiphil] us…
  - We understand this because we SOUGHT [perfect] His PRECEPTS [details]
  - Even if the WICKED seek [piel] to destroy us – just look at the TESTIMONY of the Word!
  - When Steven was stoned to death after confronting the Jews – **Acts 7:56**
  - They were CUT to the heart – and rushed at him to STONE him to death…
  - He looked up and saw Jesus – STANDING at the right hand of the Father in heaven…
  - Jesus does not STAND at the right hand – He sits – **Colossian 3:1 - Hebrews 8:1**
  - Here and here ONLY do we see Jesus standing in Heaven…
  - Jesus stood because He was PROUD of His son – He was cheering him as he came home!

  - Being SAVED and PROTECTED by God – does not mean we have an EASY life…

- It does not even mean we may not have to DIE for our faith [everyone dies]
- Our confidence is that in the end – God will SAVE us – because we belong to Him!
- **II Timothy 2:19** – "Having this seal: The Lord knows those who are His…"

- 4th – Perfect… vs. 96
  - I have seen the consummation of all perfection - but Your commandment is exceedingly broad!
  - I have seen men trying to be PERFECT – but it does not WORK [ends]
  - Yet the COMMANDMENTS of God have no LIMITS [broad]!