



Sermon Series: Back to Basics
Sermon Title: Sola Scriptura: Where We Begin and End
Scripture: Psalm 119
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INTRODUCTION

Note: Palm 119 is a careful, thoughtful, joyful, prayer-filled celebration of God's Word!

I. MEET THE GIANT... PSALM 119

Question #1: What is God's Word LIKE?

1) God's Word is not only true but it is the standard by which everything else is tested.

Psalm 119:142, 151, 160 -

2) God's Word is not only true/truth, but it is good.

Psalm 119:68, 67, 71 -

3) God's Word is not only true/truth and good but it is timeless and unchanging!

Psalm 119:89, 152, 2 -

Question #2: What does God's Word DO?

1) God's Word can inspire us to awe and worship of God!

Psalm 119:161 -

2) God's Word can cause us to properly grieve and mourn over sin (ours and others).

Psalm 119:136 -

3) God's Word can guide and direct us through the dangers and temptations of life!

Psalm 119:9, 11; Matthew 4 -

4) God's Word can give hope and courage to the hopeless and the faint-hearted!

Psalm 119:105, 111, 114, 165; Romans 10:17; Psalm 119:50 -

Question #3 - How should we RESPOND to God's Word?

1) We can pray and ask God to help us delight in and treasure His Word.

Psalm 119:14 -

2) As an expression of our love for God, we can obey God's Word.

Psalm 119:88, 115 -

3) For ongoing growth, worship, and joy, we can memorize and think deeply upon God's Word.

Psalm 119:97, 148 -

4) As comfort and strength for our soul, we can persevere in trusting God's Word.

Psalm 119:140 -

Bonus Question: How does Luke 24:44 factor into studying Psalm 119?

"These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and THE PSALMS must be fulfilled." (Luke 24:44)

Note: ONLY Jesus truly lived according to the wisdom of this Psalm; the rest of us... not so much!

Psalm 119:1-3, 99-101, 136, 149 -

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. How is Psalm 119 structured? Why are there 22 sections/stanzas?
2. Why is God's Word a trustworthy guide and foundation for our life? What other kinds of things are we often tempted to trust in? Why are they unworthy of our complete trust and confidence?
3. How does the "goodness" of God and His Word help to calm and alleviate our fear of trusting God?
4. What are some things that Psalm 119 says that God's Word can do for/in us?
5. How does the Psalmist encourage us to respond to God's Word?
6. How does Psalm 119 point us to Jesus?