

God's Word Is a Blessing
Psalm 119:1-8
August 1, 2021

I. Our Heart for God's Word (V. 1-3)

- A. The Rebellion of Man (Psalm 14:2-3 & Romans 3:19-20)
- B. God's word is a blessing because we _____ in it (Romans 7:21-25).
1. When the world looks at God's law, they see a prison. When Christians look at God's law, we see a _____.

II. Our Reward for God's Word (V. 4-6)

- A. God's word is a blessing because it leads to God's _____.

III. The Result of God's Word (V. 7-8)

- A. God's word is a blessing because it drives us to _____.
- B. God's word is a blessing because it makes us dependent on God's _____.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Psalm 119:1-8.
2. Have you ever been in a situation when someone heard God's law and hated it while you loved it? Why do you think Christians love a law so many people hate?
3. How can anyone say they love the law of God when the Bible says that all fall short of it? How can a law that condemns everyone sound good to anyone?
4. Has God changed His standard of perfection according to verse 4? How can any person not find this intimidating, if not condemning? Why does the Psalmist seem to rejoice in it?
5. Why would something as restricting as rules make us praise God, as verse 7 says?
6. Has obeying God's statutes ever put you in a dangerous/vulnerable position? How does obedience to God's law make us dependent on God's presence as the Psalmist implies in verse 8?
7. Pray for our church, that we would be blessed by the word of God at all times. Consider attending today's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: 2 Corinthians 1-3

August Memory Verses: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Psalm 100:4-5

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. If you were registered before, you will need to sign up again. The new registration will last through 9/5/21. Register with your name and email address.
Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

PRAYING for the prospect of starting both a Spanish and Arabic ministry at Apollo.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
 - Jules S. will be heading to the mission field hopefully by mid-August. Pray for her paperwork to be returned.
- Vacation Bible School, Children's Camp and Youth Camp attendees: for all that was taught and learned to be remembered and applied
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Don R. (wife, Brenda, and brother), Yvonne B. (husband, Pastor Jamal), Tom M. (mom), Nataleen W. (brother)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Mary R. (possible dialysis; on-going hope for a kidney transplant), Harry and Pam D. (Harry's health and Pam's ongoing care-giving needs), Debbie B. (breast cancer has spread to her bones, pray for successful treatment), Kathy W. (digestion issues), Mary C. (additional cancer issues), Korrina C. (stroke issues and heart issues), Michelle L. (constant pain issues), Elaine D. (recovering from a fall), Gary and Betty B. (caring for Betty's family with multiple needs), Gail T. (knees and back), Lori and Wendall W. (needing a new place to live), Warren Y. (diverticulosis issues), Dorothy C. (major financial decision this week), Jackie L. (wisdom regarding a rental home)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Ruthie C. (stomach repair)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Debbie P. (on-going therapy at home)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Reginald G., Donna W.
- Others that you are aware of