

# A Study of the Wisdom Literature

## (OT Survey Lesson 262—Psalm 119:1-56)

**Introduction:** This remarkable psalm is alphabetical in structure. Each section of eight verses begins with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Most text editions give that letter name to mark the beginning of the new section. The psalm is a wonderful meditation on the word of God.

**Lesson aim:** To appreciate the wonderful blessings of the word of God.

### A meditative psalm on the benefits of God's word—Psalm 119:1-56

*(Because of the length of the material, we will cover some of the highlights of each section. Write down the verses where you find your answers.)*

1. *In the Aleph section:* Find as many descriptions of the word of God as you can. In what ways does the psalmist describe the obedient person? What does he say will be true of him? What does he purpose to do?
2. *In the Beth section:* How can the young man keep his way pure? What consequence comes from “treasuring up the word” in one’s heart? What value did the psalmist put on the word?
3. *In the Gimel section:* What attitude does the psalmist have toward God’s word? What does his loyalty to the word cause others to do to him? Yet, what does he purpose to do?
4. *In the Dalet section:* What can the word do for the man whose soul “cleaves to the dust”? For those who are grieved? For those who are lost?
5. *In the He section:* This sections consists of a series of prayers to God related to the word. List them.
6. *In the Vav section:* How did the psalmist feel about the word of God? To whom did he want to tell it? What would he do to those who reproached him?

7. *In the Zayin section:* What does the psalmist urge God to do? How had the word help him in life? What was his attitude toward those who forsook the law?