

A Study of the Wisdom Literature

(OT Survey Lesson 263—Psalms 119:57-112)

Introduction: Almost every verse in this psalm has a reference to the word of God. It is interesting to look at the various synonyms the psalmist uses as he praises the value of God's truth.

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

A meditative psalm on the benefits of God's word—Psalm 119:57-112

(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. Also, make a note of verses that are particularly interesting to you and be prepared to share them in our discussion.)

1. *This psalm contains several synonyms for God's word.* What does each of these terms emphasize about God's truth: law, testimonies, precepts, statutes, commandments, ordinances, word, promise.
2. *In the Heth section:* How does the psalmist describe God in this section? What things does he purpose to do? Of whom did he say he was a companion?
3. *In the Teth section:* Had God been faithful to deal with the psalmist according to His revelation? What blessings had the psalmist received from affliction? How did the psalmist describe the value of the word?
4. *In the Yodh section:* The psalmist believes God's word will give him understanding because God did what? (v. 73) What did the psalmist say about those who fear the Lord?
5. *In the Kaph section:* How does the psalmist describe his present circumstances? What were the source of his problems? What did he plead with God to do?
6. *In the Lamedh section:* For how long is God's word "settled in heaven"? Consequently God's faithfulness continues how long? Explain what the psalmist means in v. 96?

7. *In the Mem section:* How does the psalmist show his love for God's law? How has the word of God helped him in life? What is his attitude toward the "false way"?

8. *In the Nun section:* How does the psalmist describe the word? (v. 105) How did the words of God bless the psalmist in times of affliction? For how long would the psalmist remain true to God's word?