

Psalm 119: Desiring God's Word

Read Psalm 119:121-176

As our love for God grows and as we experience more and more of the blessings of His word, Psalm 119 comes to express our own joys and desires.

- Money, career, and material things mean less and less. God's wisdom becomes more and more precious.

I rejoice in following your statutes

as one rejoices in great riches.

Turn my heart toward your statutes

and not toward selfish gain.

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

preserve my life according to your word. (vv.14, 36-37, NIV).

- God Himself becomes the object of our deepest longings, and we yearn to please Him:

I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands. (v.10, NIV)

His ways become our joy:

Direct me in the path of your commands,

for there I find delight. (v.35, NIV)

Everywhere we go we carry that love for Him and that hunger to please Him.

Your decrees are the theme of my song

wherever I lodge.

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long. (vv.54, 97, NIV)

- The work of human hands looks ragged when we examine it closely enough. Human ideas wear thin over time. Not God's truth.

To all perfection I see a limit,

but your commands are boundless. (v.96, NIV)

The riches of God's word are never exhausted. The joy of discovery only becomes stronger, even after a lifetime of study.

Open my eyes that I may see

wonderful things in your law. (v.18, NIV)

Thank You, Father, for the beautiful, challenging, satisfying gift of Your word!