

PSALM 119:137-176

Read Psalm 119:137-176.

Review your memory verse. (Psalm 119:9-11)

Pray that God would reveal to you the truths He wants you to glean from this lesson.

1. Using a dictionary define these terms:  
judgment-  
  
testimony-  
  
precept-  
  
commandment-  
  
law-  
  
statute-  
  
ordinance-  
  
decree-

All of these terms represent the Word of God. It is through God's Word that we find the treasure our hearts need and we begin to see how valuable we are in His eyes. Through it we meet our Lord and Master face to face, and He begins to lead us in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Reread Psalm 119:137-144.

2. a. List the characteristics of God and His Word from this section.  
ex. verse 137- righteous, upright

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- b. Comment on one that is especially meaningful to you.

3. a. What are the psalmist's circumstances?
- b. From verse 141, in whose eyes do you suppose he is lowly and despised?
- c. Where does he go for refreshment and a new perspective?
- d. Where do you go?
- e. What can happen when we spend time in God's Word? (Psalm 119:18, Ephesians 1:17, John 14:26, and I Corinthians 2:11-16 may be helpful.)

Reread Psalm 119:145-152.

4. What do you learn about the psalmist in observing the times of the day when he focuses on God? (Also note verses 55, 62, 164.)
5. a. In verses 145-148, list the verbs used in the psalmist's approach to God and His Word.
- b. Which of these do you need to incorporate into your life?
6. No matter the circumstances that surround you, what fact remains true? (verse 151) (Psalm 34:18)

Reread verses 153-160.

7. a. In verse 154, what is the psalmist's request?
  - b. Who pleads our cause? (Hebrews 7:23-25)
  
8. a. Throughout Psalm 119 the Hebrew word "chayah" is used (verses 37, 40, 88, 107). It means to revive, nourish up, and preserve (alive). Define *revive* and *preserve*.
  - b. In this section (verses 153-160) how often is this request repeated?
  
  - c. What is it about the Word of God that causes renewal? (Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16, 17)
  
9. a. All through this psalm, the psalmist returns to the Word for answers, comfort and strength. What are one or two facts about God's Word and His promises that he has discovered?
  - b. What does this mean to you in a world that is constantly bombarding you with lies?

Reread Psalm 119:161-168.

Just like finding a treasure, the Word of God is a delight to the soul. Through it, He satisfies our deepest longings and fills the "God-shaped vacuum" of our hearts. (Blaise Pascal)

10. Remember your memory verses from Lesson 1 (Psalm 119: 9-11) about hiding God's Word in your heart. List the psalmist's heart responses to God's Word in this section (verses 137-168). State the reference and the phrase.  
ex. verse 140 - Thy servant loves it

Reread Psalm 119:169-176.

11. a. In this final section, verses 169-176, what other parts of our being do we see God's Word affecting?

b. For what purpose?

12. Summarize these four lessons on Psalm 119 by writing your heart response to God in a prayer or a poem of praise.