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Questions on Psalm 119



**“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.”**

Psalm 119:105

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Intended use of these questions:

1. Read each section of scripture before answering questions.
2. Underline or make note of the word(s) in each verse that refer to the Word of God.
3. The primary item to study should be the Bible itself; these questions are designed to only help the study.

Note: typos and incoherent thoughts may exist. *The writer is only human.*

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Introduction

1. This psalm is an alphabetic acrostic. What is an acrostic?

Give an example.

2. In what language was the book of Psalms written in?

3. How many letters are in the Hebrew alphabet?

4. How many sections are in this Psalm?

5. How many verses are in each section?

6. With what does each verse in a particular section start?

7. What is the theme of Psalm 119?

Lesson 1 - *Aleph* - verses 1-8

1. How are this Psalm and the Sermon on the Mount similar?

2. Define *blessed*.

3. According to verse 1, who is blessed?

4. What two things will the blessed man do? [2]

5. What is iniquity?

6. To whom is the Psalm directed? [4]

7. Define *diligently*. [cf. II Tim. 2:15, II Pet. 1:5]

8. Why doesn't the psalmist need to be ashamed? [6]

9. When will he praise God? [7]

Lesson 2 - *Beth* - verses 9-16

1. What does it mean to “take heed”? [9]

2. Where was the Word of God hidden? [11]

3. What is this benefit? [11]

4. With the Word of God hidden in your _____, how will you not sin? [11]

5. With what did the Psalmist declare all the judgments? [13]

6. Compare verse 13 with Matt. 10:32-33 & Rom. 12:9-10.

7. With what are all the testimonies of God compared? [14]

8. Define *meditation*. [15]

9. Define *respect*. [15]

10. Why will he not forget God’s Word? [16]

Lesson 3 - *Gimel* (Guy-mel) - verses 17-24

1. Honestly, do we deserve God to deal bountifully with us?
[17] _____

What do we deserve? [Rom. 6:23] _____

2. Why does he want his eyes opened? [18]

3. What does it mean to be a stranger? [19]

4. What is his soul wanting to do? [20]

5. Why were the proud rebuked? [21]

6. The princes did _____ and _____ against
him. [23]

7. While the princes were at it, what did he do? [23]

8. His delight and counsel is _____. [24]

Lesson 4 - *Daleth* - verses 25-32

1. Man will return to _____ when he dies. [25]

2. Define *quicken*. [25]

3. How can we be quickened by the Word? [25]

4. Which ways are better, ours or God's? [26]

5. Define *heaviness*. [28]

6. What is the benefit of being removed from the way of
lying? [29] _____

7. Summarize "Thy judgments have I laid out before me."
[30] _____

Lesson 5 - He - verses 33-40

1. How long will he keep the statutes? [33]

2. How much of himself will he give to observance? [34]

3. Compare v. 34 with Deut. 6:4-5.

4. Why does he delight? [35]

5. What is covetousness? [36]

6. To what was the servant of God devoted? [38]

7. What are God's judgments? [39]

8. What does it mean to "long for"? [40]

9. For what has he longed? [40]

Lesson 6 - Vau - verses 41-48

1. Where does salvation come? [41]

2. Where does he get his answer? [42]

3. Read II Pet. 3:15. Compare it with v. 42.

4. Define *liberty*.

5. Why will he not be ashamed? [46, cf. Rom. 1:16]

6. What has he loved? [47-48]

Lesson 7 - Zain - verses 49-56

1. What causes him hope? [49]

2. How is the Word comforting? [50]

3. Even though the proud have been difficult, what has he not done? [51] _____

4. How was he comforted? [52]

5. Why did he have horror? [53]

6. What have been his songs? [54]

Lesson 8 - Cheth (Chief) - verses 57-64

1. Define *portion*. [57]

2. Why is “whole heart” important? [58]

3. What does it mean to “turn my feet”? [59]

4. How did he urgently obey? [60]

5. Even though the world is crazy, what was not forgotten? [61] _____

6. What time will he give thanks? [62]

Lesson 9 - Teth - verses 65-72

1. How has the Lord dealt with His servant? [65]

2. It was according to what? [65]

3. Who forged a lie? [69] _____

4. The wicked's heart is as _____ . [70]

5. What is an affliction? [71]

6. Why was it good for the afflictions? [71]

7. What is the law better than? [72]

Bonus: how many times does "according to thy word" appear in this Psalm? _____

Lesson 10 - Jod (jot in New Testament; Matthew 5:18) - verses 73-80

1. Who made the Psalmist? [73] _____

2. Why does he want understanding? [73]

3. Why are they glad? [74] _____

4. The judgments of the Lord are _____ . [75]

5. He was afflicted due to the _____ of the Lord. [75]

6. What was his comfort? [76]

7. What will his heart be? [80]

Lesson 11 - *Caph* (cof as in coffin) - verses 81-88

1. The soul fainted for what? [81]

2. What failed for the Psalmist? [82]

3. What did the Psalmist want for the wicked? [84]

4. The proud dug what? [85] _____

5. What is the problem with them? [85]

6. Even though the enemy almost won, which did the Psalmist not forsake? [87] _____

Lesson 12 - *Lamed* (lay-med) - verses 89-96

1. How long is the Word settled? [89]

2. Where? [89] _____

3. By whose authority does the Earth abide? [90]

4. What is the Psalmist's motivation? [92]

5. Where were the wicked? [95] _____

6. Who has no end? [96] _____

Lesson 13 - Mem - verses 97-104

1. What does the Psalmist love? [97]

2. How long does he meditate? [97]

3. How is he wiser than his enemies? [98]

4. He has more understanding than _____
_____. [99]

5. How? [100]

6. What guided him? [101]

7. The words are sweeter than _____. [103]

8. What does he hate? [104]

Lesson 14 - Nun - verses 105-112

1. The Word is described as a _____. [105]

2. Why will he perform it? [106]

3. What will he want to be quickened by? [107]

4. He wants what to be accepted? [108]

5. Who tried to get him to fail? [110]

6. Were they successful? [110] _____

Remember:

- It is always _____ to do right.
- It is always _____ to do wrong.
- It is never _____ to do right.
- It is never _____ to do wrong.

Lesson 15 - Samech (sa-mech) - verses 113-120

1. What are vain thoughts? [113]

2. The Lord is his what? [114]

3. Is he a coward? _____

4. How are the wicked removed? [119]

5. Why does his flesh tremble? [120]

6. Of what is he afraid? [120]

Lesson 16 - Ain - verses 121-128

1. What two things had he done? [121]

a. _____

b. _____

2. He did not want the _____ to
_____ him. [122]

3. What had the wicked done? [126]

4. His commandments are better than? [127]

5. How does he esteem God's precepts? [128]

Lesson 17 - *Pe (Pay)* - verses 129-136

1. The testimonies are _____ . [129]

2. What gives light? [130]

3. Why was he panting? [131]

4. The Psalmist wants deliverance from what? [133]

5. The Word is compared to the _____ . [135]

6. Why is he sad? [136]

Lesson 18 - *Tzaddi* - verses 137-144

1. What are the Lord's judgments? [137]

2. What consumed the Psalmist? [137]

3. The answer from #2 caused Jesus to do what?
[John 2:17]

4. How does the Psalmist describe himself? [141]

5. What two things had taken hold on him? [143]

6. When does the righteousness of God expire? [144]

Lesson 19 - Koph - verses 145-152

1. With what did the Psalmist cry? [145]

2. When was he crying? [147]

3. How long did he cry? [148]

4. Those that follow mischief are _____ from the Law. [150]

5. Where is the Lord? [151] _____

6. How long has he known the testimonies? [152]

Lesson 20 - Resh - verses 153-160

1. What request does he make? [154]

2. What is the relation of salvation to wicked? [155]

3. The Psalmist had many _____ and _____ . [157]

4. When he saw the transgressors, how did he feel? [158]

5. The Word is true from the _____ . [160]

6. How long did it last? [160]

Lesson 21 - *Schin* - verses 161-168

1. Who persecuted without a cause? [161]

2. Where did he rejoice? [162] _____

3. What does he hate and abhor? [163]

4. Describe the difference between hate and abhor.

5. What is the daily frequency of praises? [164]

6. What was before him? [168]

Lesson 22 - *Tau* - verses 169-176

1. Where did his deliverance come? [170]

2. What did his lips utter? [171] _____

3. What is the tongue's job? [172]

4. What about the hand? [173]

5. He had _____ for
_____. [174]

6. How does he describe himself? [176]

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**“O how I love thy law! It is my
meditation all the day.”**

Psalm 119:97

God's Steps of Salvation

Hear - Romans 10:17

Believe - Mark 16:15-16

Repent - Luke 13:3, 5

Confess - Matthew 10:32-33

Baptism - Acts 22:16

Remain Faithful - Revelation 2:10

Grow - II Peter 3:18

Study - II Timothy 2:15

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