

SCRIPTURE VINDICATED BY ITS USES

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Psalm 119:65-96

In earlier messages we have considered how the Bible is vindicated by its unique origin and by the power that it manifests. In this message we consider the uses that it serves, by which it is further vindicated. We will focus upon uses named in Psalm 119.

1. The Word of God cleanses the soul and the life.

⁹ “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.” ¹¹ “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:25-27).

2. The Word of God brings refreshment to the soul.

⁵¹ “The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law. ⁵² I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself. ⁵³ Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law. ⁵⁴ Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. ⁵⁵ I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law. ⁵⁶ This I had, because I kept thy precepts.” ⁸¹ “My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word: ⁸² Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me? ⁸³ For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes. ¹⁴³ “Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.” ¹⁶⁵ “Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.”

3. The Word of God gives understanding and wisdom.

⁹⁸ “Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. ¹⁰² I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. ¹⁰⁴ Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way”. ¹³⁰ “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.”

4. The Word of God illumines the judgment, giving guidance for life

¹⁰⁵ “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” ¹³⁰ “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.”

5. Salvation comes to man via the Word of God”

⁸¹ “My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.” ¹⁶⁶ “LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.” ¹⁷⁴ “I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law is my delight.”