

PSALM 119:1-8

"I have made a covenant with God that he sends me neither visions, dreams, nor even angels. I am well satisfied with the gift of the Holy Scriptures, which give me abundant instruction and all that I need to know both for this life and for that which is to come." Martin Luther

In the days of the Protestant Reformation, the battle cry of the Reformers was *sola Scriptura*-Latin for "Scripture only". By this bold assertion, the Reformers were staunchly committing themselves to the absolute, exclusive authority of the Bible over every church tradition and ecclesiastical council. Regardless of whatever man may say, it is only what God declares in his Word that is binding. Steven J. Lawson

The _____ of the longest chapter in the Bible is God's Word. Almost every verse is a reference to the Scripture, even though at the time of its writing the Bible, as we know it, was not yet completed. This is a Psalm that does us good to read often, especially when we are feeling that, in light of the times, the Bible is out of _____ with reality.

- I. The _____ delight the Psalmist found in the Word of God **Vs 1-2**
- A. The Psalmist announces the _____ of the Christian who walks in obedience to God's Word **Vs 1**
1. *Undefiled*-complete, unscathed, blameless, without fault, free from _____
 2. *In the way*-the course of the believer's _____
 3. *Walk*-conduct their _____
- B. The Psalmist announces the _____ of the Christian who walks in obedience to God's Word **Vs 2**
1. *Keep*-faithful adherence to by _____
 2. *Seek him with the whole heart*-_____ involvement of one's lifestyle
- II. The _____ impact of God's Word in the life of the obedient believer **Vs 3**
- A. *They do no iniquity*-their life is marked by an _____ of sinful behavior
- B. *They walk in his ways*-their lifestyle is marked by _____ characteristics
- C. Scripture directs believers into God's ways, _____ them from sinful behavior
- III. The _____ of God's Word **Vs 4-6**
- A. Some people have a problem with having to _____ the commands of Scripture, yet they are unwilling to realize that they are obeying the commands of God or of the devil, they are _____ making their own choices in life.
- B. The command to obey Scripture comes _____ from God **Vs 4**
1. *Commanded*-the word is used approximately _____ times in the OT and carries the idea of an order given which is _____ to be obeyed
 2. *Keep thy statutes*-to tend to and adhere to the _____, rules, laws, regulations of Scripture
- C. The _____ attitude necessary to obey Scripture **Vs 5**
- D. The result of obeying the statutes is _____ **Vs 6**
1. *I shall not be ashamed*-not having the _____ of worthlessness
 2. *When I have respect unto all thy commandments*
 - a. **Respect**-to take the time to consider _____
 - b. **All thy commandments**-_____ obedience is not obedience at all
- IV. The _____ of obedience in the life of the believer **Vs 7-8**
- A. Worship will be _____ and unhindered **Vs 7a**
- B. _____ of the truths Scriptures teaches **Vs 7b**
- C. Mental and verbal commitment followed by _____ **Vs 8a**
- D. Assurance of the protective, watchful _____ of the Author of Scripture **Vs 8b**