

SELAH #5: PSALM 119:105 GET INTO GOD'S WORD!

GPS IN TURKEY OFF THE MAP...Technology fails us. Human wisdom shifts. Opinions change with the cultural winds. But there is something that never fails, never changes, and never leads us astray—**GOD'S WORD. PSALM 119:89 ETERNAL/UNCHANGING THE BIBLE:** best selling book 5 bill sold, most translated 3500 languages, Gutenberg bible 1st book mechanical press, Voltaire predicted the bible's end but his house became a printing press for bibles, Diocletian ordered all bibles to be burned 25 years later Constantine declared Christianity state religion, China's government banned bible now it is one of most printed books. **cant keep it down**

- Yet, despite unmatched reliability, engagement Bible believers shockingly low. According American Bible Society, **only 50% of U.S.xians read 1/week+**

Many of us are trying to know God and navigate life without the foundation that reveals Him and sustains and strengthens our faith.

IMP: INC Interest God/Metaphysical. Church decl leveled off. Gen Z inter...**1 CHP CHG**

MP: Greatest asset u have in discovering God & building growing rel w/him Bible.

- **Psalm 119:** Longest chapter in the Bible 176 verses, Acrostic Poem, 22 sections (in alphabetical orders, 8 verses each), one theme: God's word (**law, testimonies, precepts, statutes, commandments, judgments, decrees**), LIFE

WHY IS THE BIBLE ESSENTIAL?

Revelation - God Reveals: Ways we know God: creation, community, THE BIBLE

Hebrews 1:1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

- **The Bible is Essential for your Spiritual Rebirth**

- o **APPEAL:** And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? **You/LV REACH/GLOBE**

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

1 Peter 1:23 Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

- **It's how God grows you – shapes the kind of person you are becoming**

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. **JESUS: SHAPE THEM BY YOUR TRUTH. YOUR WORD IS TRUTH**

HOW SHOULD YOU VIEW THE BIBLE? LOOK AT PSALM 119 (underline, highlight)

Personal: Massive shift from skepticism/ridicule to love treasure

APPRECIATE Psalm 119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth **DESIRE UNDERSTAND** Psalm 119:18 – Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. **LOVE WORD** Psalm 119:97 – Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. **MEDITATE ON WORD** Psalm 119:148 – My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise. **SEEK TO OBEY W/WHOLE HEART** Psalm 119:34 – Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

HOW CAN DAILY ENGAGEMENT IN THE BIBLE BLESS YOUR LIFE?

BUILDS A FOUNDATION FOR LIVING

- **IT IS TRUTH** Psalm 119:160 – The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. **LIFE GIVING** Psalm 119:50 This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life. **PROVIDES GUIDANCE** Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. **MAKES YOU WISE** Psalm 119:98-99 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.

BLESSES YOUR SOUL LEADS TO FLOURISHING

- **BRINGS JOY AND DELIGHT** Psalm 119:162 I rejoice at your word like one who finds great treasure. **COMORTS** Psalm 119:76 – Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant. **BRINGS PEACE** Psalm 119:165 – Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.

STRENGTHENS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- **DEFEATS SIN** Psalm 119:11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. **INSPIRES WORSHIP** Psalm 119:171 – My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

Plants can live w/o water. Phone work w/charger. Car w/fuel. Humans w/food.

M 4:4 Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

WHAT PRACTICAL STEPS CAN YOU TAKE TO EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE BETTER?

Make it a priority – Do your daily. Have Place Time. Pick a Book/journal. Thru Bible

- Resources: Daily Devotional. YouVersion. **Family. Friends. (KIDS)**

Make it personal – Depend. Expect to Receive. **HE INVITES. ASK SEEK KNOCK**

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Don't refuse the invitation. Passengers on Titanic refused lifeboat assumed ship not snk

Make it a commitment – Stay consistent **DO** what God reveals to you. **not just hear**

How much time do you spend in the Bible versus entertainment?

- On average 2.5 hours scrolling social media/3 hrs TV. **SCROLL GOD'S WORD.**

Matthew 7:24 Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF... Share what God is speaking to you with others.