The Word of God encourages us to have a deeper relationship with God

A. God's Word Causes Spiritual Life (119:129-131) **1. Through wonder (119:129)** a. Exclusively God's (v 129a) Isaiah 29:14 **b.** Elicits praise (v 129b) **Isaiah 25:1** c. Elicits performance (v 129b) **Proverbs 4:13**

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A. God's Word Causes Spiritual Life (119:129-131) – continued

- 2. Through revelation (119:130)
 - a. A doorway to God for us (v 130a)
 - 2 Peter 1:19
 - b. A determination by God for us (v 130b) John 8:12
 - c. A direction for us (v 130c) Proverbs 8:9

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A. God's Word Causes Spiritual Life (119:129-131) – continued

3. Through desire (119:131) a. Like <u>thirst (v 131a)</u>

Psalm 42:1

b. Like hunger (v 131b)

Psalm 119:40 John 6:63

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- **B. God's Word Causes Supplications (119:132-135)**
 - 1. For God's presence (119:132a) Psalm 25:16
 - 2. For God's protection (119:132b) Isaiah 33:2
 - 3. For God's perseverance (119:132c) Hebrews 13:8

Judges 6:13

4. For God's path (119:133a) Proverbs 16:9

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B. God's Word Causes Supplications (119:132-135) – continued

- 5. For God's power (119:133b-134)
 - a. Over personal sin
 - John 1:12
 - Romans 6:14
 - 1 John 5:4
 - b. Over people of sin Psalm 26:11 Exodus 15:11-14

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- B. God's Word Causes Supplications (119:132-135) continued
 - 6. For God's preference (119:135) Psalm 67:1 Numbers 6:24-26

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C. God's Word Causes Sorrow For Those Lost (119:136) 1. Compassion (119:136a) Matthew 23:37

- 2. Concern (119:136b)
 - 2 Timothy 2:24-26

God's Word Is Righteous Psalm 119:137-144

The Word of God reflects the character of the eternal and righteous God

Psalm 119:137-144 Tsadhe

- **137** Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments.
- 138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.
- 139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.
- 140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.
- 141 I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

Psalm 119:137-144 - continued

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

A. That is acknowledged (119:137a) Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

B. That is accepted (119:137b)

1. For what it is

Psalm 33:4

For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

Psalm 111:7-8

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.8 They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in

truth and uprightness.

B. That is accepted (119:137b)

2. For what it can do

Psalm 25:4

Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

C. That is adopted (119:138)

1. As the standard for his life

Luke 4:4

And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

2. As the security for his life Matthew 7:24

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

A. Burns within me (119:139) Psalm 69:9

For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

1 John 2:19-21

20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

B. Burns away error (119:140)

- **1. Tried in fire**
- **Revelation 3:18**

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

B. Burns away error (119:140) - continued

2. Tried by trust

Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

C. Burns away fear (119:141)

Philippians 1:14

And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word the word without fear.

A. Because it is everlasting (119:142)

1. Beyond creation

Matthew 5:18

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

2. Because it is righteous

Psalm 111:3

His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

A. Because it is everlasting (119:142) - continued

- 3. Because it is truth
- Psalm 117:2
- For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

B. Because it is effective (119:143)

1. In the plan of God

Isaiah 55:11

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

B. Because it is effective (119:143) - continued

- 2. In the people of God
- 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

B. Because of its example (119:144)

- **1.** For following
- Isaiah 58:2

Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

B. Because of its example (119:144)

- **2. For fullness**
- Psalm 119:151
- Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth.

We Will Be Righteous If We Follow The Righteous Word Of God