

What We Have in God's Word Psalm 119:161-168

Introduction

Even though we know that the Bible alone gives us the very words of God, and that the topics it deals with are more important than any other book, and that as we prayerfully read the Bible we will meet the living God – too often we still find ourselves bored with the Bible.

But if we will confess our sin and trust Christ to help us, God will use his word to change our hearts so we once again love, read, study, memorize, and talk about God's word.

And one powerful passage to use for this is the next eight verses of Psalm 119 – verses 161-168.

In these verses we can see seven descriptions of what's in the author's heart toward God's word, and the reasons why.

First, when facing trials he focuses on God's words, because they have everything to do with his trials. (161)

Second, he rejoices over God's word, because it contains the infinitely valuable knowledge of God. (162)

Third, he loves God's law, because it is perfectly true. (163)

Fourth, he praises God for his righteous rules. (164)

Fifth, he has great peace because he builds his life on the rock of God's word. (165)

Sixth he hopes in the all-satisfying salvation described in God's word. (166)

Seventh, he obeys God's word, because he passionately loves it. (166-168)



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

1. On a scale of one (little) to ten (lots), how much do you love and delight in God's word? What contributes to your heart condition?
2. Do you agree that God's words have everything to do with your trials, and that therefore when you are going through trials, they are the most important words you should focus on? Why or why not?
3. Have you had times in your life where, as you read and prayed over God's word, you met God in the truths of the Scripture? Would you mind sharing what happened with the rest of the group? How did this impact you?
4. Do you agree that God's word is perfectly true, without any falsehood? Why or why not?
5. Are there any of God's commands that you struggle with? Are there anything you are not sure are righteous? Talk about that together as a group.
6. Are you building your life on the rock of God's Word, or on the shifting sand of something else? What could you do to build your life more on the rock of God's Word?
7. What is your hope in? What future event do you think about most, study about the most, dream about the most? Do you agree that God's Word tells about the only future event really worth hoping in? Why or why not?
8. Do you agree that God's Word tells you how to fit together all the pieces of your life? Why or why not?
9. How is God changing your heart about his Word? How do you need him to change your heart about his Word? Pray for each other about this.

