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Sermon Series: *iSurrender – Part 2*

Title: His Holy Word

Premise: Hearing the Voice of God

Text: Psalms 119:9-16; 105

Background/Psalms 119

- Longest Chapter in the Bible 176 verses
- Arranged by the 22 letters in the Hebrew Alphabet, each paragraph consisting of 8 verses, with each line beginning with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
- Mostly Prayers, Meditations and Declaration from which we can learn related to the Word of God and uses about 10 synonyms to reference God's Word
 1. Law
 2. Word
 3. Saying
 4. Commandment
 5. Statutes
 6. Judgment
 7. Precepts
 8. Testimony
 9. Way
 10. Path.

Psalm 119:1–8 (NIV) א Aleph – (PRON. “A-LEF”) (Blessings of Obedience) - ¹ **Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.** ² Blessed are those who **keep his statutes** and seek him with all their heart— ³ **they do no wrong but follow his ways.** ⁴ You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. ⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!
⁶ Then I would not be put to shame **when I consider all your**

commands. ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart as **I learn your righteous laws.** ⁸ I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

Psalm 119:9–16 (NIV) ב Beth –(PRON. “BET” or “VET”) (Cleansing by God's Word) -⁹ **How can a young person stay on the path of purity?** By living according to your word. ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ **I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.** ¹² Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees. ¹³ With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. ¹⁴ I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. ¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. ¹⁶ **I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.**

Psalms 119:17-24 – Appreciation of God's Word

v. 18 – Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law (word)

v. 24 – Your statutes (word) are my delight; they are my counselors

Psalms 119:105 – Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

I. GOD'S WORD IS OUR GUIDE

- It is the seed that is sown into the soil of our hearts, enabling us to bring forth a harvest of fruitful living and being led by Him.
- **IF THERE IS NO DEPOSIT, THERE IS NO RETURN.**
- ***Psalms 119:11 – Your Word have I hid in my heart....***
The Secret of a Successful Spiritual and Natural life, is the treasure of God's Word hidden in the Heart.
- ***Treasure it, stored it up, hide away, memorized it ... so when tough times come ... the Word that is stored up, restore what is needed in the moment of life.***

- **Colossians 3:16** – *Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*
- When the Word is put in us...
 - *It speaks back to us...*
 - *It directs us*
 - *It instructs us*
 - *It warns us*
 - *It encourages us*
 - *It Strengthens us*
 - *It Heals us...*
 - *It Anchors us...*
- You will be surprised how many people get in error or simply don't understand this principle when it comes to hearing the voice of God. Here it is...
- However, you hear God's voice or sense His leading in your life ... (supernatural occurrences, dreams, visions, prophetic word, a donkey speaking to you ... name it):
- **IT WILL NOT CONTRADICT OR VIOLATE SCRIPTURE!**

Apologetics Question: What Evidence do we have that the Bible is actually true?

1. There are hundreds of very **specific prophecies** in the Bible that were fulfilled hundreds of years after they were spoken – no other religious book can verify itself that way.
2. The Bible has been proven historically reliable through **archeological discoveries**. More than 25, 000 discoveries verify the names of persons, places, events and customs described in the Bible.
3. The Bible has **amazing unity**. It's a collection of 66 different books, written by 40 different authors, over a period of 1500-years in 3 different language. With such wide-spread difference

you would expect a book that is chaotic, confusion and contradictory. Yet, the Bible is consistent throughout, harmonious from start to finish. This is a miracle.

4. It's a **Powerful Book!**

II. THE POWER AND IMPACT OF GOD'S WORD

- **1 Peter 1:22 NIV - 22)** Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. **23) For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.** **24)** For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, **25) but the word of the Lord endures forever.**" And this is the word that was preached to you.
- **Hebrews 4:12-13 NIV - 12)** For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **13)** Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.
- **Hebrews 5:12-14 NIV – Warning about falling away** **12)** In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! **13)** Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. **14)**

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

- No room for not putting to use what you have learned
- It's expected to take what you/we are learning and to put it into practice.

Becoming Skilled (Experienced in the Word)

1. Meditate on it – Josh. 1:8, Psalms 1:2
2. Obey it – Psalms 119:9
3. Seek after it – Psalms 119:10
4. Hide it in your heart – Psalms 119:11
5. Hear it Daily – (Faith comes by Hearing, Rom. 10)
6. Contemplate it – (Look into it – James, hearing and doing the word)
7. Delight in it – (Take pleasure in it, let it thrill you)
8. Sow it to Yourself – (Hosea 10:12)
 - a. Sow with a view toward right thinking
 - b. Reap it with a kind heart (kind, generous)
 - c. Break up the fallow ground (allow it to interrupt and areas in your thinking that can lead you down the wrong path)
 - d. For it is time to seek the Lord
 - e. Until He comes to rain righteousness (right thinking, right believing, right behaving)

CONCLUSION:

**I don't want to just know it, I want to have impact in my life daily.
It is my TREASURE...**