

**“Keepers of God’s Law”**  
**Psalm 119:1-176**  
**The Word Part-I**

**Note:** This psalm expresses the majestic love for God’s written Word. It deals with the Word as promise, commandment, guide, testimony, teaching, wisdom, truth, righteousness, and reproof. It is presented as the psalmist’s comfort, protection, treasure, rule for life, delight to his heart and soul, and resources for all his needs. **(1)** The psalmist expresses a profound love for God by reading, meditating on a praying over His Word. He teaches us that we will grow in grace and righteousness only as love for that Word increases in us.

**(2)** This psalm is called an alphabetical acrostic because 22 stanzas (or paragraphs) of eight verses correspond to the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Each verse in the paragraphs begins with the letter characteristic of its stanza.

**Background Scripture:** *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they are thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.”* [John 1:1-3; Colossians 1: 16-17].

**Note:** Paul affirms the creative activity of Christ. **(1)** all things, both material and spiritual, owe their existence to Christ’s work as the active agent in creation (**John 1:3; Hebrews 1:2**). **(2)** All things hold together and are sustained by Him (**Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3**).

**[Psalm 119:9-16]**

***Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word.***

**(Psalm 1:2):** *But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law does he meditates day and night.*

**Note:** Those who are blessed by God not only turn from evil but also build their lives around the instruction of the Lord. They genuinely take pleasure in God and His beauty and pattern their lives according to His Word. That motivates their actions in love for God and His Word. As they draw life from God, they live fruit bearing lives (**vs.3**).

**[Psalm 119:89-96]**

***Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven.***

**[Psalm 119:105-112]**

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.***

**Note:** God's Word contains the spiritual principles that will help us avoid many sorrows, pitfalls and tragedies brought on by wrong decisions and choices; consequently, we must treasure its wisdom and steadfastly hold on to its precepts in all life's situations.

**Final Thought:** [Psalm 33:4-6]: ***For the Word of the Lord is right; and all His works are done in truth. He loves righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.***

**Note:** This verse contains an important Biblical truth: the union of the power of God's Word with the power God's Spirit (through the operation of faith) always releases the creative power of God on behalf of His people.