

The Word's Protective Power vs. the World's Destructive Elements

Psa 119:1-2 ¹ Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD! ² Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!

Introduction

Ezek 47:3-5 ³ And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water *came up to my* ankles. ⁴ Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water *came up to my* knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water *came up to my* waist. ⁵ Again he measured one thousand, *and it was* a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed.

Josh 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

1. The Word shields you from sin

Psa 119:9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

Psa 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

John 15:3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

1 John 3:4 KJV Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

2. The Word provides you the directions

Psa 119:24 Your testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counselors.

Psa 119:104-105 ¹⁰⁴ Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. ¹⁰⁵ Your word *is* a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psa 119:130 The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

3. The Word provides you strength and comfort

Psa 119:28 My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word.

Psa 119:50 This *is* my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life.

Psa 119:52 I remembered Your judgments of old, O LORD, and have comforted myself.

4. The Word provides you the wisdom to deal with spiritual enemies

Psa 119:98 You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they *are* ever with me.

Matt 10:16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

5. The Word provides you the "hiding place" and the "refuge"

Psa 119:114 You *are* my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.

Psa 119:119 You put away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross; therefore I love Your testimonies.

Psa 119:165 Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble.

Eph 6:11-12 ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.