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"TIME IN THE WORD"
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TEXT: Psalm 119:1-8

VALUE 2 OF 6: TIME IN THE WORD

UNDERSTANDING PSALM 119

- Hebrew wisdom poetry
- The format is an acrostic using all 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet.
- It is a celebration of God's Law.
- 7 synonyms are used for God's Law: decree, statute, command, precept, ordinance, promise, Word.

We value spending Time in the Word because:

KEY POINT: The Lord uses the Word to lead us to life.

1) God uses the Bible to reveal Himself to us.

TRUTH: God reveals to us His character and His plan of salvation (vv. 41, 89-90, 123, 142).

2) God uses the Bible to reveal the intended way of life for those who belong to Him.

TRUTH: Following God's way brings blessing, wisdom, purity, and guidance (vv. 1-3, 9, 18, 33, 37, 97-105).

3) God uses the Bible to give us strength, comfort, and hope in times of distress (vv. 25, 28, 49-52, 67-72, 110-114, 169-176).

In summary, we believe what the Psalmist believes. We are prone to wander from God's way and so there is wisdom in a deep commitment to God's Word that we may experience abundant life in Christ.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 5:17—*For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.*

