

Your Statutes Have Been My Songs

Psalm 119:54 - "Your statutes
have been my songs in the house
of my pilgrimage."

Facts About Psalm 119

- It is the longest chapter in the Bible -- 176 verses
- It is arranged according to the Hebrew alphabet. The first eight verses all begin with the letter aleph. The next eight begin with the letter beth. There are eight lines for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
- It was a poetic device arranged to make it easy to memorize.
- All but five verses contain a synonym for the Word of God.
- There are eight different expressions used to describe the Word of God.

Psalm 119 Is David's Psalm Of Praise For The Word Of God

- Psalm 119:9 - Cleanses our walk
- Psalm 119:13 - Gives us the message to proclaim
- Psalm 119:19 - Guides our walk
- Psalm 119:23 - Prepares us for opposition
- Psalm 119:26 - Teaches us the difference between our ways and God's way
- Psalm 119:28 - Gives us daily strength
- Psalm 119:45 - Has a liberating effect on the believer
- Psalm 119:49 - Gives us hope
- Psalm 119:50 - Comforts us (et al)

Who Reads Psalm 119, Or The Rest Of Scripture For That Matter?

- 45% of American Christians claim to read the Bible
- 12% claim to read it every day.
- 55% will read it only once per year.
- “I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ. Christians have in their keeping a document with enough power in it to turn society upside down, to bring peace to this war-torn world. But you read it as if it were just good literature, and little else”
(Mahatma Gandhi)

The Matchlessness Of Scripture

- Its source
 - 2Tim. 3:16 - “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God”
- Its central figure
 - John 5:39 - “You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.”
- Its endorsement
 - Psalm 138:2 - “You have magnified Your word above all Your name.”

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- Its ability to convict
 - Ezra 10:3 - “Now therefore, let us make a covenant with our God to put away all these wives and those who have been born to them, according to the advice of my master and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.”
- Its ability to save
 - Rom. 10:16-17 - “But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, Lord, who has believed our report? 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

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- Its universal message
 - Matt. 28:19 - “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations”
- Its ability to search the depths of man
 - Heb. 4:12 - “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

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- Its ability to open the spiritual eyes
 - Psalm 119:18 - “Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.”
- Its inviolate nature
 - Titus 1:2 - “in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began”
- Its ability to bring man and God together
 - Isa. 1:18 - “Come now, and let us reason together, Says the LORD”

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- Its authority in the beginning of the world
 - Heb. 11:3 - “By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”
- Its holiness
 - 2Tim. 3:15 - “and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

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- Only the word of God can give these things in abundance. What of this world can offer us this?
 - Jer. 29:13 - “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”
 - John 1:3-4 - “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

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- Psalm 119:81-88 - “KAPH. My soul faints for Your salvation, But I hope in Your word. 82 My eyes fail from searching Your word, Saying, When will You comfort me? 83 For I have become like a wineskin in smoke, Yet I do not forget Your statutes. 84 How many are the days of Your servant? When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me? 85 The proud have dug pits for me, Which is not according to Your law. 86 All Your commandments are faithful; They persecute me wrongfully; Help me! 87 They almost made an end of me on earth, But I did not forsake Your precepts. 88 Revive me according to Your loving kindness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.”
- Bernard Edinger - “Inside the will of God there is no failure. Outside the will of God there is no success.”

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- Psalm 119:9-16 - “BETH. How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. 10 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! 11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You! 12 Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes! 13 With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth. 14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches. 15 I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. 16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.”