

## Enjoying the Word of God as His Loving Seekers

- I. How the Old Testament seekers of God enjoyed His law (*Crystallization-study of Psalms (2)*, Msg. 8):
  - A. They seek God with all their heart—Psa. 119:2.
  - B. They love God's name and remember it—vv. 132, 55.
  - C. They entreat God's face—v. 58.
  - D. They ask for God's face to shine on them—v. 135.
  - E. They walk in God's presence—v. 168.
  - F. They consider God's law to be God's word—vv. 17-18, 28-29.
- II. Psalm 119 expresses the attitude of God's loving seekers toward God's law as His living word (*Crystallization-study of Psalms (2)*, Msg. 8):
  - A. They choose God's word—vv. 30, 173.
  - B. They believe God's word—v. 66.
  - C. They lift up their hand to God's word, indicating that they receive the word of God warmly and gladly and say Amen to it—v. 48a; Neh. 8:5-6.
  - D. They love God's word—Psa. 119:47-48, 97, 113, 119, 127, 140, 159, 163, 165, 167.
  - E. They delight in God's word—vv. 16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 174.
  - F. They taste God's word—v. 103.
  - G. They rejoice in God's word—vv. 14, 111, 162.
  - H. They sing God's word—v. 54.
    - I. They regard God's word—vv. 6, 117.
    - J. They have a perfect heart in God's word—v. 80.
  - K. They incline their heart to God's word—vv. 36, 112.
  - L. They seek God's word (vv. 45, 94), long for it (vv. 20, 40, 131), and hope in it with prayer (vv. 43, 74, 114, 147).
  - M. They trust in God's word—v. 42.
  - N. They muse on God's word—vv. 15, 23, 48, 78, 99, 148.
  - O. They consider God's word—v. 95b.
  - P. They esteem God's word to be right in all things—v. 128a.
  - Q. They learn God's word—vv. 73, 71.
  - R. They treasure God's word—vv. 14, 162, 72, 127, 111.
  - S. They treasure up God's word in their heart—v. 11.
  - T. They remember God's word and do not forget it—vv. 52, 16b, 93.
  - U. They stand in awe of God's word—vv. 161b, 120.
  - V. They cling to God's word—v. 31.
  - W. They do not forsake God's word, do not swerve from it, do not turn aside from it, and do not stray from it—vv. 87, 51, 157, 102, 110.
  - X. They turn their feet toward God's word—v. 59.
  - Y. They keep, observe, and do God's word—vv. 33, 69.
  - Z. They walk in God's word and run the way of God's word—vv. 1, 32a.
- III. The function of God's law as His living Word to His loving seekers (*Crystallization-study of Psalms (2)*, Msg. 8):
  - A. As God's living word, the law functions to minister the living God to His seekers—Psa. 119:2, 88.
  - B. As God's living word, the law functions to dispense God Himself as life and light into those who love the law—vv. 25, 50, 107, 116, 130, 154.

- C. As God's living word, the law functions to restore man's soul and make man's heart joyous—19:7-8.
  - D. As God's living word, the law functions to bring us salvation—119:41, 170.
  - E. As God's living word, the law functions to strengthen (v. 28), comfort (v. 76), and nourish us (v. 103).
  - F. As God's living word, the law functions to uphold us, keep us safe, and cause us to hope—vv. 116-117, 49.
  - G. As God's living word, the law causes us to enjoy God as our portion—v. 57.
  - H. As God's living word, the law causes us to enjoy God's countenance (v. 58) and the shining of His face (v. 135).
  - I. As God's living word, the law causes us to enjoy God as our hiding place and shield (v. 114) and also enjoy God's help and well-dealing (vv. 175, 65).
  - J. As God's living word, the law functions to make us wise and give us understanding—vv. 98-99.
  - K. As God's living word, the law functions to give us proper discernment and knowledge—v. 66.
  - L. As God's living word, the law functions to keep us from sinning and from every evil way—vv. 11, 101.
  - M. As God's living word, the law keeps us from stumbling (v. 165), establishes our footsteps, and causes us to overcome iniquity (v. 133).
- IV. The blessing received by the loving seekers of God through His law as His living Word (*Life-study of Exodus*, Msgs. 59-60 and *Crystallization-study of Exodus (2)*, Msg. 4):
- A. Through the function of the Word of God, God's loving seekers enjoy His Word as a realm of light—vv. 130, 105; 19:8b.
  - B. Through the function of the Word of God, God's loving seekers receive the blessing of light becoming life—Psa. 119:130a, 105, 25, 50.
  - C. Through the function of the Word of God, God's loving seekers receive the blessing of being watered and of absorbing God—Psa. 1:2-3.
  - D. Through the function of the Word of God, God's loving seekers receive the blessing of inhaling God—2 Tim. 3:16a; John 20:22.
  - E. Through the function of the Word of God, God's loving seekers receive the blessing of enjoying God as their portion—Psa. 119:57a; 73:26.
  - F. Through the function of the Word of God, God's loving seekers receive the blessing of enjoying God's countenance and the shining of His face—119:58a, 135a; 80:3; 24:6; 105:4; 2 Cor. 4:6; 3:16, 18.
  - G. Other blessings that come through the Word:
    1. Restoration—19:7a.
    2. Deliverance—119:41, 170.
    3. Strength—v. 28.
    4. Comfort—v. 76.
    5. Nourishment—v. 103.
    6. Upholding and safeguard—v. 117.