

**"STRENGTHENED BY THE WORD OF GOD"**

**PSALM 119:25-32**

**TEXT: VERSE 28**

**INTRO:** Psalm 119 is a **VERY PRECIOUS PSALM FOR THE CHILDREN OF GOD**. In 176 verses it expresses **MORE ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE THAN ANY OTHER ONE PORTION OF THE BIBLE**. (Psalm 119 is NOT a chapter – IT IS A SONG – A CANTATA ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD).

**THE THEME:** **"THE PRACTICAL USE OF THE WORD OF GOD IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER."**

- It emphasizes the vital ministry the Word of God has in the **INNER LIFE** of the believer.
- It describes how the Word of God enables believers to grow in **HOLINESS** and **HANDLE** the issues of life **BIBLICALLY**.

**THE AUTHOR:** Not certain, but it is reasonable to think it was KING DAVID.

**NOTE:** In the text of the Psalm, there are **at least NINE REPEATING WORDS** which express the **SIGNIFICANCE AND EFFECT OF THE SCRIPTURE**.

- 1) **COMMANDMENT** – 22 times – A Definite Authoritative Command from God
- 2) **JUDGMENT** – 19 times – A Judicial Decision from God
- 3) **LAW** – 25 times – A Revelation of the Will of God
- 4) **PRECEPT** – 24 times – A Special Mandate from God
- 5) **SAYING** – 19 times – A Direct Utterance from God
- 6) **STATUTES** – 22 times – A Decree Described by God
- 7) **TESTIMONIES** – 9 times – A Witness for God
- 8) **WAY** – 13 times – A Course of Action expected by God
- 9) **WORD(S)** – 42 Times – An Articulation of the Will of God

**NOTE:** The compilation of those **NINE WORDS** plus the emphasis of rest of the text of the Psalm, reveals the **IMPORTANCE AND EFFECT OF THE SCRIPTURES** from both **GOD'S AND OUR PERSPECTIVES**. **FOR SURE, IT IS A PSALM TO BE STUDIED!**

**OBSERVATION:** The Psalm contains 22 STANZAS, each of 8 verses expressing a unique theme. Today I want us to look at the **FOURTH STANZA** and **ONE SPECIFIC VERSE** which is a prayer that also reveals **a practical effect of the scripture in our DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING**. – Psalm 119:25-32 – Highlighting verse 28.

**OBSERVATION:** The Psalm indicates that the Psalmist was in **HEAVINESS** due to the **OPPOSITION** of his enemies:

- 1) They Slandered Him (Vs. 23)
- 2) They Restricted Him (Vs. 61)
- 3) They Lied about Him (Vs. 69)
- 4) They Persecuted and Caused Him to Suffer (Vs. 83)
- 5) They Threatened His Life (Vs. 109)
- 6) They Despised Him (Vs. 141)

**DUE TO THESE SITUATIONS, THE PSALMIST WAS DEPRESSED AND NEEDED STRENGTHENED BY GOD. HE FOUND STRENGTH IN THE SCRIPTURES.**

***"STRENGTHEN THOU ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD."***

***PSALM 119:28***

***A NECESSARY PRAYER FOR EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN LIVING***

**NOTE:** By rendering this prayer the Psalmist was recognizing the **spiritual weakness** he was facing in his daily life and knew that **ONLY BY THE WORD OF GOD** could he be delivered from his weakness and depression. **NOTE THE DESIRE OF THE PSALMIST – HE DID NOT WANT THE SPIRITUAL WEAKNESS AND DEPRESSION HE WAS FACING TO OVERCOME HIM:**

- 1) In Verse 25 he asked for Revival.
- 2) In Verse 26 he asked for Direct Teaching from God.
- 3) In Verse 27 he asked Understanding so that he could teach others.
- 4) In Verse 28 he asked for Spiritual Strength.
- 5) In Verse 29 he asked for Victory over Lying.
- 6) In Verse 30 he makes a Choice for Truth.
- 7) In Verse 31 he asked to be Protected from a Shameful life.
- 8) In Verse 32 he asked for a Heart to Obey and Please God.

**THE PSALMIST KNEW THAT ALL OF THIS WAS ONLY POSSIBLE THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD...THUS HE RENDERED A SIGNIFICANT PRAYER!**

### ***I. A PERSONAL PRAYER***

-This is a necessary prayer for those of us who know, love, serve, respect and worship God as we face **SPIRITUAL WEAKNESS** daily.

### ***II. A POSITIVE PRAYER***

- A. It Keeps us Focused on God's Person
- B. It Keeps us Focused on God's Promises

### ***III. A PRACTICAL PRAYER***

- A. Practical as God's Word gives Wisdom for Daily Living
- B. Practical as God's Word gives Direction for Daily Living
- C. Practical as God's Word gives Victory for Daily Living

### ***IV. A PROVISIONAL PRAYER***

- A. God's Word Provides Understanding of Spiritual Error
- B. God's Word Provides Understanding of Spiritual Truth

### ***V. A POWERFUL PRAYER***

- A. It Results in the Power over Temptation
- B. It Results in the Power over Sin
- C. It Results in the Power over Personal Desires
- D. It Results in the Power to do God's Will

### ***VII. A PROSPECTIVE PRAYER***

- A. Prospective in Relation to Daily Living
- B. Prospective in Relation to Future Reward

### **APPLICATION AND LESSON**

Only by the application of the Word of God comes the **STRENGTH** to do the **WILL OF GOD!**