

WALKING IN THE WORD

Psalm 119:1-8

If we read and heed God's Word in 2016, we will be happy and blessed

I. THE EXCITEMENT (1-3)

A. A BLESSING

- "How blessed" indicates being truly, exceptionally fortunate and happy

B. A BLAMELESSNESS

- A life of integrity is exciting and blessed not boring or dull

C. THE BLESSED (1b-3)

1. Walk in the law of the Lord (1b)

- He or she walks and does not run erratically

2. Observe His testimonies (2a)

- A reverence, respect and high regard for God's warnings

3. Seek Him wholeheartedly (2b-3)

a. A passionate pursuit (2b)

b. Avoiding perversions (3a)

c. Staying within His prescribed boundaries (3b)

II. THE EXPECTATION (4-7)

A. GOD'S PRIORITY (4)

1. Ordained precepts

- God has given particular instructions

2. Precepts kept with precision

a. Exact compliance

b. No mediocrity or carelessness

B. DAVID'S PRAYER (5-7)

1. To be obedient (5)

- Staying on track with the things God prescribes

2. To be unashamed (6)

- A confidence that comes with correct living and having met God's standards

3. To be grateful (7)

- A heart prepared to offer sincere praise for God's righteous decisions

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III. THE EXCLAMATION (8)

A. DAVID'S COMMITMENT (8a)

- To diligently do as God ordained (see v.4)

B. DAVID'S CONCERN (8b)

1. Being forsaken: Left behind, abandoned

- One on whom God gives up

2. Becoming like King Saul!

a. He was disobedient to God's Word - I Sam. 13 & 15

b. He was terrified by an evil spirit - I Sam. 16:14

c. He demonstrated great viciousness - See I Sam. 22:6-19 and 23:14

IV. THE EXERCISE - Questions for application

A. Will you walk in God's ways this year? (1, 3)

- See Job 23:11-12

B. Will you read and obey God's Word?

1. Observing His testimonies (2)

2. Keeping His statutes (8)

3. Obeying and not just reading

C. Will you fear falling away from God? (8)

CONCLUSION:

“How blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.” (v.1)

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