

O How Love I Thy Law  
(Psalm 119:97)

Introduction:

1. In this verse the writer expressed his love to God for His law.
2. The writer did this throughout this Psalm (vs.47-48, 113, 127, 159, 167).
3. In our lesson we are analyzing a number of statements made in this Psalm that will help us understand why the writer loved the law of God as he did.
  - a. The writer revealed 9 special characteristics of God's law.
  - b. The writer also revealed 9 special blessings that God's law provides.
4. Let us first observe how . . .

Discussion:

- I. THE WRITER REVEALED 9 SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S LAW
  - A. It is valuable (vs.72; 19:10a).
  - B. It is faithful (vs.86a).
  - C. It is settled (vs.89).
  - D. It is sweet (vs.103; 19:10b).
  - E. It is right (vs.128).
  - F. It is wonderful (vs.129).
  - G. It is pure (vs.140).
  - H. It is truth (vs.151).
  - I. It is everlasting (vs.152, 160; Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:23b-25a).
  - J. The writer's description of God's law helps us understand why he loved it so dearly.
  - K. In addition to describing God's law, . . .
- I. THE WRITER REVEALED 9 SPECIAL BLESSINGS THAT GOD'S LAW PROVIDES
  - A. In a general way, vs.1 states that those who "*walk in the law of the Lord*" are "*blessed*."
  - B. Specific blessings include:
    1. cleansing (vs.9; John 8:31-32)
    2. power to overcome temptation (vs.11; Luke 4:1-11)
    3. strength (vs.28)
    4. hope (vs.49)
    5. fellowship (vs.63)
    6. understanding (vs.104, 169)
    7. light (vs.105)
    8. joy (vs.162)
    9. peace (vs.165).
  - C. God provides these special blessings to those who love His law.

Conclusion:

1. In closing, let us consider the statement made in vs.166.
2. To receive salvation from the Lord we must comply with His requirements that include:
  - a. belief [faith] in Christ (John 8:24)
  - b. repentance (Luke 13:3, 5)
  - c. confession (Romans 10:9-10)
  - d. baptism (Mark 16:16).