

Love for the Lord's Word

Introduction:

1. The Lord's followers are to "people of faith" (Hebrews 10:38), "people of hope" (1 Peter 1:3), and "people of love" (Ephesians 5:1-2).
2. The Lord's Word is included in the objects that His people are to love.
3. Our lesson is based on the statement found in Psalm 119:97 [the writer also expressed his love for the Lord's Word in vs.47-48, 113, 127, 159, 167].
4. We are analyzing a number of statements made in Psalm 119 that will help us understand why the writer loved God's law as he did.
 - a. 9 special characteristics of God's law are revealed.
 - b. 9 special blessings that God's law provides are also revealed.
5. Let us first observe how . . .

Discussion:

- I. 9 SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S LAW ARE REVEALED
 - A. It is valuable (vs.72; Psalm 19:10a).
 - B. It is faithful (vs.86a).
 - C. It is settled (vs.89).
 - D. It is sweet (vs.103; Psalm 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. This description of God's law helps us understand why the writer loved it so.
 - K. In addition to these characteristics of God's law, . . .
- I. 9 SPECIAL BLESSINGS THAT GOD'S LAW PROVIDES ARE REVEALED
 - 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. Let us love the Lord's Word.
2. Let us meditate upon it continually.