

## The Relevance of the Word of God

*Psalm 119:1–8*

### Introduction

When Jesus said, “*Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God,*” he was quoting Deuteronomy 8:3. God gave His commandments because His Word is necessary for life. In other words, real life *cannot* be lived apart from the Word of God. True happiness is never found independent of God and His Word.

Satan tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, believing that life depends entirely on physical sustenance. But Jesus rebuked him by declaring the truth: life depends ultimately on the Word of God.

We face the same temptation today—to live “on bread alone,” to rely solely on material things. But Jesus calls us back to the necessity of God’s Word for life.

So we ask: **What does the Word of God offer to us?** Psalm 119 unfolds the many blessings the Word brings. Today we look at the first eight verses. You are encouraged to continue the rest of the psalm to discover even more of God’s rich blessings.

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### THE FIRST BLESSING OF THE WORD OF GOD: HOLINESS

Life cannot flourish without holiness. Holiness refers to purity—a blameless life. Scripture teaches that such a life is possible only when we walk according to the Word of the Lord (v. 1). When life is filled with impurities, genuine health and true happiness become impossible. Impurity leads to brokenness, suffering, and sorrow. People experience deep pain simply because they do not know how to live a holy life.

As believers, however, we are *blessed*—we have the very source of holiness: **the Word of God**. When you live according to God’s Word, you become blameless.

Faith in Christ opens the door to a truly blessed life, and you experience that blessed life as you learn to walk in God's Word.

Faith in Christ not only gives you God's Word; it also gives you the **power** to obey it through the Holy Spirit. Holiness is the fruit of obedience. Obedience cleanses us from the filth this world throws at us and purifies us from its many impurities.

## **THE SECOND BLESSING OF THE WORD OF GOD: HONOR**

Proverbs 22:1 says, *"A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold."* Even ancient philosophers like Socrates understood the worth of a virtuous life—an honorable life. Humanity has always sought virtue because it enriches life.

What the philosophers longed for, the Word of God freely offers. Verse 6 says, *"Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands."* Dishonor brings shame not only to the individual but also to their family, friends, and community. By contrast, God's Word restores dignity to men and women created in His image.

Sin dehumanizes. It makes us less than what God intended. When people reject God's Word, they reduce themselves. But when we live according to God's Word, we are restored to what God designed us to be. This is why daily reading and reflecting on Scripture is essential. The more you align your life with God's Word, the more you reflect His image—and the greater honor you receive.

## **THE THIRD BLESSING OF THE WORD OF GOD: HOPE**

Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, declared, *"Vanity, vanity... everything is vanity."* Why? Because everything ends in death. Death is the great equalizer; it reduces all earthly achievements to nothing.

But with God and His Word, life does not end in the grave. Life becomes eternal. The psalmist says, *"I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me."* This is not a cry of despair, but a declaration of trust. It expresses the confidence that God

remembers those who live according to His Word. They will not be forsaken—they will be remembered.

The relevance of God's Word extends far beyond this present world. The Word of God leads us into God's eternity. Through Scripture, we are invited not only into what God is doing now but also into His eternal future.

### **Conclusion**

These three days, you are spending time with God and reflecting on the relevance of His Word. My prayer is that you will come to see the Word of God as absolutely essential—not optional. Scripture is what you truly need to live and thrive in this world.