

***“I Will Not Forget Thy Word”***  
***Psalm 119:16***

**Introduction:**

1. There Are Some Things In Life:
  - That You Should ***Never*** Forget!
    - Like - If You Are Alive:
      - Your Birthday!
    - Or - If You Are Married:
      - And You Want To Stay Alive:
        - Your Anniversary!
  - There Are Other Things In Life:
    - That You Just ***Can't*** Forget!
      - Like - Some Of Those Moments:
        - When You Can Remember Precisely Where You Were:
          - When Something Significant & Historic Took Place!
      - Some People Will Never Forget:
        - When The Twin Towers Of The World Trade Center & The Pentagon:
          - Were Hit By Terrorists On 9/11/2001!
      - Others Will Never Forget:
        - When The Space Shuttle Challenger:
          - Exploded - Back In 1986!
      - And - There Are Still Some Of You Who Will Never Forget:
        - When John F. Kennedy:
          - Was Assassinated - Back In 1964!
    - But Then - There Are Things In Life:
      - That You ***Easily*** Forget!
        - Even Things That You Use:
          - On A Daily Basis!
            - Like Your Wallet Or Purse!
            - Or Your Keys!
      - The Memory Is A Funny Thing Sometimes:
        - Isn't It?
          - Or - Maybe Its Not So Funny!
  - 2. Well - For The Last Couple Of Weeks:
    - We Have Been Exploring Some Of The Most Important Things:
      - That You & I Need To Remember:
        - In Our Relationship With God!
          - And - Hopefully - You've Pondered On These Things More Than Once!
            - More Than Just The Sunday You Heard Them Preached!
      - Have You Remembered:
        - Your Creator?
          - As We Were Told Back In:
            - Ecclesiastes 12:1 - "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth!"
        - Have You Remembered:
          - His Presence? His Power? And His Purpose:
            - For Creating You?
        - This Ranks Up There:
          - As Something / Someone:
            - You Should ***Never*** Forget!
      - But Then - Did You Remember:
        - The Works Of The Lord?
          - As Asaph Resolved To Do:
            - Back In Psalm 77:11 - "I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old!"
        - Did You Make This Your Resolution:
          - This Week? Did You Remember:
            - The Lord's Work Of:

- Deliverance & Direction?
- And Even Judgment?
- This Too Ranks Up There:
  - As Something:
    - You Should *Never* Forget!
- 3. Well - This Morning:
  - As We Continue Our Series On:
    - What We Need To **Remember**:
      - Turn In Your Bibles With Me To:
        - Psalm 119 - Which Is Not Only The Longest Psalm - It Is Also - The Longest Chapter In The Bible!
          - It Is Made Up Of 176 Lines / Verses!
      - But - Even Though This Psalm:
        - Is Most Notable For It's Length:
          - "Its Depth Is As Great As Its Length!" (Spurgeon)
    - Because - In Spite Of Its Length:
      - It Is A Single Psalm:
        - With A Single Theme:
          - And With A Single Current:
            - That Moves From The First Line All The Way Through The Last!
  - 4. And - It Is In This Psalm:
    - That We Will Find The Next Thing:
      - That We Need To Remember!
        - And That Is - The Theme Of The Entire Psalm Itself!
          - The Word Of God!
      - Because - If You Go To The End:
        - Of The Second Section Of This Psalm - We Find Another Resolution To Remember:
          - In Psalm 119:16 - "I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word!"
            - **"I Will Not Forget Thy Word!"**
    - 5. The Word That The Writer Is Talking About:
      - Is - Of Course:
        - The Word Of God - The Bible!
          - The Special Revelation That He Has Provided:
            - To Explain To Us:
              - Who He Really Is!
              - Who We Really Are!
              - And How We Can Know Him!
        - At The Time Psalm 119 Was Written:
          - Only A Portion Of The Old Testament:
            - Had Been Written - But:
              - As Other Books Were Added:
                - Even Until The Final Book Of The New Testament - The Book Of Revelation:
          - This Resolution Can & Should:
            - Apply To God's Word As A Whole!
              - **"I Will Not Forget Thy Word!"**
        - 6. So - How Would You Classify:
          - The Word Of God:
            - In Your Mind & Memory Today?
              - Would It Be Something:
                - You Easily Forget?
                  - After You Hear It Preached Or Even After You Read It For Yourself!
            - Or - Is It Something:
              - You Just **Can't** Forget?
                - Because Of:
                  - **What** It Says - And - Because Of:
                    - **Who** Its From!
            - This Morning:
              - Let's Make This Resolution Together:
                - "I Will Not Forget Thy Word!"

- Especially - When We Remember What God's Word Is Like & What God's Word Is All About!

7. There Are Some Who Believe:
- That Psalm 119 Was Written As A Meditation:
    - On The Portion Of Psalm 19:
      - That Also Describes The Value Of God's Word!
  - And So - For The Rest Of Our Time:
    - I Would Like For Us To Look At:
      - Psalm 119:7-9 - Because Even Though David Uses Six Other Words To Describe God's Word:
        - This Is The Word:
          - That We Must Not Forget!
  - "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. / 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. / 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether!"

\* The First Thing We Are Told About God's Word Is That:

**1. It Is Perfect!**

- 19:7a - "The Law Of The Lord Is Perfect, Converting The Soul!"
  - And It Is Worth Remembering!
- Here - God's Word Is Described As:
  - "The Law Of The Lord!"
    - Because God's Word:
      - Is His Own Instruction & Teaching:
        - To Us! And It Is What He Uses:
          - "Convert The Soul!"
- This Means That:
  - The Word Of God Has The Power:
    - To Transform Your Life & Your Soul:
      - Into Who God Intends For You:
        - To Be!
  - It Is The Word Of God:
    - That Is Used By The Spirit Of God:
      - To Bring Spiritual Life & Spiritual Growth:
        - Into Your Soul!
- It Is What God First Uses:
  - To Bring A Soul To Jesus Christ:
    - For Salvation!
  - Without God's Word:
    - You Would Not Know:
      - The Truth About God:
        - And His Holiness!
  - Without God's Word:
    - You Would Not Know:
      - The Truth About Yourself:
        - And Your Sinfulness!
  - Without God's Word:
    - You Would Not Know:
      - The Truth About How God:
        - Bridged The "Mighty Gulf" Between Us Through The Lord Jesus Christ - Through His Life & Death & Resurrection!
  - And - Without God's Word:
    - You Would Not Know:
      - The Truth About How You:
        - Can "Draw Nigh To God" By Confessing Your Sin & Trusting In The Savior!
  - Never Forget His Word! Also:
- It Is What God Uses:
  - To Bring A Soul:
    - To Sanctification & Spiritual Growth!

- Unfortunately, Sometimes We Forget That God's Word Is Enough:
  - To Help Us Grow In God's Grace & Knowledge & Holiness!
- Instead - You Might Be Told To:
  - Go Watch This New Christian Movie!
  - Or Read This New Christian Book!
  - Or Go Through This Daily Devotional!
- But - It Is The Word Of God That Is:
  - According To 19:7 - "Perfect!"
    - God's Word "Lacks Nothing!"
  - It Is A Comprehensive Source Of Teaching From God:
    - For All That Is Necessary:
      - To The Spiritual Life Of God's People!
- So - Make This Resolution Today:
  - "I Will Not Forget Thy Word!"

\* The Second Thing We Are Told About God's Word Is That:

**2. It Is Sure!**

- 19:7b - "The Testimony Of The Lord Is Sure, Making Wise The Simple!"
  - And It Is Worth Remembering!
- Here - God's Word Is Described As:
  - "The Testimony Of The Lord!"
    - Because God's Word:
      - Is His Own Witness As To Who He Is & What He Requires!
- This Means That:
  - The Word Of God Has The Power:
    - To Take You & Me:
      - As Spiritually "Simple" People:
        - And Make Us "Wise!"
    - **IE:** There May Be A Lot Of People In This World Who Are **Smart!** There Are Even Tests That You Can Take To See Just How Smart You Are! IQ Tests! But - There Aren't As Many Who Are Truly Wise! How Do You Become Wise? Proverbs 9:10 - "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding!"
      - To Be Wise Means:
        - That You Are Skilled In The Art:
          - Of **Godly** Living - Not Just In:
            - The Matters Of Practical Living!
        - Wisdom Is The God-Given Ability:
          - To Make The Right Choices:
            - About The Right Things:
              - At The Right Times!
  - And It Is God's Word That He Uses:
    - To Teach "Wisdom And Instruction!" (Proverbs 1:2)
      - That Is, Having Good Insight:
        - And Judgment Between Right & Wrong:
          - And What **To** Do:
            - And What **Not** To Do!
  - And - It Is The Word Of God That Is:
    - According To 19:7 - "Sure!"
      - God's Word Is:
        - Secure, Changeless, Reliable & Trustworthy!
          - It Is A Firm Foundation!
  - So - Resolve - "I Will Not Forget Thy Word!"

\* Another Thing We Are Told About God's Word Is That:

**3. It Is Right!**

- 19:8a - "The Statutes Of The Lord Are Right, Rejoicing The Heart!"
  - And They Are Worth Remembering!
- Here - God's Word Is Described As:
  - "The Statutes Of The Lord!"

- Because God's Word:
  - Reveals Divine Principles That Will Guide You On The Right Path!
  - **IE:** Like A Good Chart & Compass - No Longer Need To Wander Around! The Difference Between Handwritten Directions & A GPS!
- This Means That:
  - The Word Of God Will Lead You:
    - In The Path Of Joy:
      - "Rejoicing The Heart!"
  - Where Do You First Go:
    - When You Experience Sorrow?
  - Where Do We First Turn:
    - When You Are Discouraged?
  - Do You Trust In God's Word:
    - To "Rejoice **Your** Heart"?
  - This Is One Of The Great Benefits:
    - Of God's Word For His Children!
- Just Listen To These Other Verses:
  - Jeremiah 15:16 - "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart!"
  - 1 John 1:4 - "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full!"
  - Psalm 119:14 - "I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches!"
    - "True Joy Comes From Following The Word Of God, From Applying Its Principles, From Walking In Its Precepts And Pathway!" (John MacArthur)
- So Resolve - "I Will Not Forget Thy Word!"

\* A Fourth Thing We Are Told About God's Word Is That:

### 3. ***It Is Pure!***

- 19:8b - "The Commandment Of The Lord Is Pure, Enlightening The Eyes!"
  - And It Is Worth Remembering!
- Here - God's Word Is Described As:
  - "The Commandment Of The Lord!"
    - Because God's Word:
      - "Is Not Full Of A Lot Of Suggestions. It Is Commandments – Binding, Authoritative Commandments!"
  - So - The Emphasis Is On:
    - The Authority Of The One Who Gave The Commandment:
      - And On The Commandment Itself!
- So - Why Is It That Believers In Christ:
  - Still Struggle With The Same Temptations & Sins As Unbelievers?
    - Sometimes You May Even Think That The Power Of The Gospel & The Power Of The Word Of God Has Become Impotent – Powerless!
      - Is God's Word Sufficient To Overcome These?
  - The Pressure Of The World & Our Own Flesh Tells Us:
    - Just Give In These Sins!
      - Everyone Else Is Doing Them!
      - Its Becoming More & More Acceptable – The Norm!
      - Some Of Those "Sins" Are Not Really That Bad Anyways!
      - Or Even, Look At The "Good" That Comes Out Of It!
    - If You Follow What The World Tells You To Do With Your Sins:
      - You Are Only Rationalizing Them!
  - But God Tells Us That There Is Help:
    - And There Is Hope:
      - To Overcome Temptation & Sin In Your Life!
      - And That It Is The Word Of God That Is Sufficient To Do So!
- God's Word & God's Commandments:
  - Will "Enlighten Your Eyes!"
    - Even As It Did The Lord Jesus When He Was Tempted In The Wilderness In Matthew 4!
      - During His Temptation, Jesus Used God's Word To See Right Through Satan's Deceptive Tactics & Overcome Those Temptations In Purity & Power!

- His Answer To Every Temptation Began With:
  - "It Is Written!"
  - And He Knew He Could Use God's Word To Win His Battle With The Devil:
- Because - The "Commandment Of The Lord":
  - According To 19:8 - Is "Pure!"
  - It Is Clear! "God's Word Makes Things Clear!"
    - Proverbs 6:23 - "For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life!"
- So - Where Will You Turn:
  - When You Are Faced With Temptation & Sin?
    - Where Will You Turn When:
      - You Are Seeking Victory Over The Sins "That So Easily Beset Us"?
- Trust In God's Word To "Enlighten [Your] Eyes!"
  - And Resolve - "I Will Not Forget Thy Word!"

\* The Fifth Thing We Are Told About God's Word Is That:

**5. It Is Clean!**

- 19:9a - "The Fear Of The Lord Is Clean, Enduring Forever!"
  - And It Is Worth Remembering!
- Here - God's Word Is Described As:
  - "The Fear Of The Lord!"
    - Because God's Word Reveals To Us:
      - The Awesome Nature & Character Of God:
        - That Is Intended To Draw Us To Worship Him With "Reverence And Godly Fear!" (Hebrews 12:28)
    - The Bible Not Only Tells Us:
      - **Who** We Are To Worship:
        - But Even **How!**
  - This Means That:
    - The Word Of God Is The Objective Standard & Guide:
      - For Both Personal & Public Worship:
        - As Christians & As A Church!
    - Unfortunately - We Often Forget:
      - That Worship Is To Be More About God:
        - Than About Us!
      - **IE:** Our Word "Worship" Comes From The Old English Word - "Worth-Ship!" To Worth-Ship, You Are Recognizing, Submitting To, And Praising The Glory And Value Of The One Who Is Worthy!
        - And So - True Worship Is Not Just About:
          - A Crowd Or Our Comfort!
    - And It Is God's Word:
      - That Will Help You And Me:
        - To Know **How** We Ought To Worship:
          - The One Who Is Worthy!
  - Because - It Is The Word Of God That Is:
    - According To 19:9 - "Clean!"
      - In God's Word - There Are No Impurities Whatsoever!
        - Psalm 12:6 - "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times!"
    - And His Words Will:
      - "Endure Forever!"
        - So - You Don't Need To Ever Change:
          - God's Message **Or** God's Methods! Because They Are "Eternally Relevant!"
  - So - Resolve - "I Will Not Forget Thy Word!"

\* And Then - The Last Thing We Are Told About God's Word Is That:

**6. It Is True!**

- 19:9b - "The Judgments Of The Lord Are True And Righteous Altogether!"
  - And They Are Worth Remembering!

- Here - God's Word Is Described As:
  - "The Judgments Of The Lord!"
    - Because It Reveals God's Own Verdicts:
      - As The "Judge Of All The Earth!"
  - And Through These Judgments:
    - You Can Know:
      - **Who** God Wants You To **Be**:
        - In All Of Your Relationships!
        - And:
      - **What** God Wants You To **Do**:
        - In All Of Your Responsibilities!
- We Need To Remember That:
  - The Most Important Thing In Life:
    - Is Not How To Make A Living:
      - It Is - How To Live!
  - And God's Word Is Sufficient:
    - To Guide You In Your Life & Walk:
      - With The Lord!
- And That Is Why His Word Is Always:
  - "True And Righteous!"
    - It Is Always Dependable!
      - Always Applicable!
        - And Always Relevant!
    - Deuteronomy 4:2 - "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you!"
      - Psalm 119:89 - "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven!"
- So - Where Should You Turn:
  - When You **Do** Want:
    - A Stronger Family? Or:
  - When There **Is** An Offense:
    - Between You & Someone Else? Or:
  - When You **Are** Struggling:
    - With Fulfilment In Your Life?
  - Will You Turn To & Trust In The Lord:
    - And His Judgments:
      - To Be Your Sufficient Guide In Life?

**Conclusion:**

1. So - Because Of The Great Value:
  - Of God's Word:
    - That We Just Looked At From:
      - Psalm 19!
  - Because It Is:
    - Perfect & Sure!
  - Because It Is:
    - Right & Pure!
  - And - Because It Is:
    - Clean & True & Righteous Altogether!
2. Make This Resolution As Well:
  - "I Will Not Forget Thy Word!"

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