

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 4-22-12 AM NOTES
"THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S WORD"
PSALM 119:105-112

I. God's word **guides us** (vv. 105-108)

A. God's word guides us **in our walk** (vv. 105-106)

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You (Psalm 119:9-11).

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your Word. You are good and do good; teach me Your statutes...It is good that I was afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes (Psalm 119:67-68, 71).

I have gone astray like a sheep; seek Your servant for I do not forget Your commandments (Psalm 119:76).

B. God's word guides us **in our weakness** (v. 107)

C. God's word guides us **in our worship** (v. 108)

II. God's word **guards us** (vv. 109-110)

A. God's word guards us **by calming our internal fears** (v. 109)

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5).

*My soul weeps because of grief; **strengthen** me according to Your word (Psalm 119:28).*

You are my hiding place and my shield; I wait for Your word (Psalm 119:114).

B. God's word guards us **by hindering our external foes** (v. 110)

Romans 8:31-39

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...(Psalm 23:5).

Many are my persecutors and my adversaries. Yet I do not turn aside from Your testimonies (Psalm 119:157)

III. God's word **gives us joy** (vv. 111-112)

A. God's word gives us joy **because it is a permanent inheritance** (v. 111)

I long for Your salvation, O Lord, and Your law is my delight (Psalm 119:174).

I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and regard your ways. I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word (Psalm 119:14-16).

B. God's word gives us joy **because it is perpetually changing us** (v. 112)

Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, and He will do it (Psalm 37:4, 5).

I shall delight in Your commandments, which I love. And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments, which I love; and I will meditate on Your statutes (Psalm 119:47-48).

THINK—God's Word is essential for living the Christian life.

FEEL—My soul craves what God's Word provides.

DO—Spend consistent, quality time in God's Word.