

The Reality of the Blessed

This 12th stanza of the 119th Psalm is headed by the Hebrew letter *Lamed*. There are several interesting observations with regard to this letter. It is the _____ of all Hebrew letters. We start our letters on an imaginary line and proceed to write them for the most part above that line. With the exception of *lamed* which starts above the line, all Hebrew letters all _____ from this line. Additionally, the letter resembles the ox _____. The Hebrew word *Lamad* means to learn or to teach. The goad is a chief _____ with which instruction is _____ and _____.

This section commences with one of the most well-known verses in the 119th Psalm. It conveys an overarching _____ that each believer must embrace. The Word of God from eternity past to future must be the saint's _____ place. David points to 8 _____ regarding the Word of God.

- 1) **The _____ of the Word** (v.89) - The phrase “for ever” can mean different time lengths. For instance, David uses it to refer to his _____ (I Sam. 27.12—servant for ever), as _____ history (Eccl. 1.10), it is referenced as _____ life (Gen. 3.22), and as the eternal nature of God (Gen. 21.33). This word occurs _____ times in Scripture and _____ in Psalm 119 (44, 89, 93, 98, 111, 112, 142, 144, 152). Equally, God's word is eternal and therefore never _____ away. Every believer must recognize the _____ that the Word of God has. One day all of humanity will meet with the _____ Word at the great judgment where the _____ shall be opened!
- 2) **The _____ of the Word** (v.90) - The Scriptures speak often of the faithfulness of God. His Words are _____ as well. Through His Word _____ commenced (Gen. 1.3) and by His Word creation is _____ (Col. 1.16). Each passing generation can look to the heavens and behold the wonders of God's Creation (Psa. 19.1-2, Rom. 1.20). The earth will continue its _____ to the Creator is completed (Rev. 21.1).
- 3) **The _____ of the Word** (v.91) - The promises of Scripture are trustworthy. They are seen as the promise of the _____ that now is and of that which is to _____. Earth and the heavens continue in perfect accord with God's sovereign plan. The Scripture records ...*thou hast created all*

things, and for thy _____ they are and were created. (Rev. 4.11), Mankind (His _____) should receive this _____ and should _____ themselves in _____.

- 4) **The _____ Ability of the Word** (v.92) - There is a certainty regarding _____, and David experienced much hardship. He endured such afflictions as being _____ from loved ones, _____ in a foreign land, _____ in wildernesses, _____ from constant peril, and _____ the malignity of former allies. One does not have to assume where his _____ was derived. The Word of God _____ him constantly. No wonder he found it more _____.. *than gold, yea, than much fine gold* (Psa. 19.10).
- 5) **The _____ of the Word** (v.93) - The OT scripture had commanded that each Jewish _____ copy the Scriptures (Deut. 17.14). Yet, many a king (and priest) _____ God's commands. Though imperfect, David would _____ to retain them. The Words of Scripture were the _____ instrument that God used to _____ him. These words _____ His soul, but more importantly, they were the _____ of salvation (I Pet. 1.25-27).
- 6) **The _____ of the Word** (v.94) - One of the attributes of our Father in Heaven is His _____ to His children. In times of _____ and temptation, David could search the Scriptures and _____ for his Master's intervention. Such is equally true today (Rom. 8.16).
- 7) **The _____ of the Word** (v. 95) - The wicked never ceased in their desire to _____ David. Every decision could _____ in a mis-step that would be used against him. He needed the _____, _____ Word to be his _____ and _____. A casual _____ could not replace the diligent _____ of God's truth (II Tim. 2.15).
- 8) **The _____ of the Word** (v.96) - David had seen the _____ and _____ that the world could offer. He had seen _____, counselors, and _____ ruined because of _____ the Word of God. He witnessed the lust of the _____, lust of the _____, and the _____ of life. He rightly concluded that the commandments of God are exceedingly _____. The precepts and principles of the Word when adhered to can _____ each aspect of _____. (II Tim. 3.15-17).

The great reality of the blessed is that the Word of God _____ forever. The question is not _____ it can be trusted in every aspect of life, but _____ it be _____? Which _____ will you embrace?