



Change 5 ENCORE:

Psalm 119 is 175 verses long and by far the longest chapter in the Bible. It is composed of 22 stanzas with 8 verses each and each stanza beginning with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This would have made the Psalm much easier to memorize in the Hebrew. The main focus of Psalm 119 is the greatness of God's Word.

- 1) The Psalmist used 10-12 words (8 different English words) to describe God's Word (Law, testimonies, precepts, statutes (decrees), commandments, judgments, Word, ordinances). Why do you think he used so many different words?
- 2) The Psalmist used many descriptive words in regards to God's Word (wondrous v.18, truth v.30, 160, good v.39, righteous judgments v.62, 106, 160, faithful v.86, eternal v.89, wide in scope v. 96, pure v.140). What is the main point of all these descriptors?
- 3) The Psalmist used many different words to describe the effect God's Word had on his life ("delight" v.16, 24, 35, "rejoiced" v.14, 162, "longing" v.20, "cling" v.31a, "long" v.40a, "love" v.47-48, "sweet" v.103, "awe" v.161, "treasure" v.162, "comfort" v.50, "life" v.93, "hope" v.114, 116, as much as all riches v.14, better than material wealth v.72, freedom v.45, kept him up at night v.48). Has God's word impacted you in the same way?
- 4) Discuss the benefits of living by God's word
 - a) Psalm 119:1-2
 - b) 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
 - c) Psalm 32:10
 - d) Psalm 119:160
 - e) Psalm 119:81
 - f) John 1:1
 - g) John 1:12
 - h) Philippians 3:20-21
- 5) Discuss the dangers of not obeying God's word
 - a) James 1:22-25
 - b) 2 Peter 3:15-16
 - c) Psalm 32:10
 - d) Proverbs 13:15
 - e) Philippians 1:27
- 6) How does God's word bring change (Psalm 119:9)?

When asked if he could defend the Bible Charles Spurgeon was quoted as saying: "Defend the Bible? I would as soon defend a lion!"