

Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from Your Law. – Psalm 119:18

Through the Bible in a year reading guide – Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church

September – Week 36

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We read God's Word:

To know Him better

To love Him more

To walk in His ways

To be conformed to the image of His Son

This week's reading: continues in the Psalms, including the: Hallelujah Psalms (111-117), shortest Psalm (117), longest Psalm (119), Psalms of Ascents 120-134, and some Messianic Psalms. **Ps. 101:2-7** reveals David's commitment to walk in his home with a blameless (or perfect) heart. Dying to self and living for Jesus needs to be evident at home and in family relationships as well as outside the home. We should walk in His ways even when no one else is around! **Psalm 103** wonderfully expresses God's great love and provision! In it we see Moses' prayer (Ex. 33:13) was answered ("please cause me to know Your ways"): The people saw His acts, but Moses knew His ways (103:7)! **As** we see the wonder of God's creation, we can pray Psalm 104:24, "how many are Your works, Yahweh; all of them You have made in wisdom". **While Psalm 105** is not titled as a Psalm of David, vs. 1-15 are quoted from David (1 Chron. 16:8-22)! 105:8 mentions "a thousand generations". We know what a "thousand" is. What is a generation? It is not a set period of time. In some contexts, it is 100 years (Gen. 15:13-16), or varying amounts (the three sets of 14 generations in Matthew 1: the first set - 71+ years, second set - 28.5+ years, and third just under 49 years). Or, it can refer to everyone alive at a point in time (Matthew 11:16; 12:39; 12:41). **The** reason for the historical account in Ps. 105:29: "So that they might keep His statutes, and observe His laws. **Some** of the historical Psalms recount the unworthiness of Israel and the greatness of God's love! **Almost** every verse in 119 refers to God's Word. (Some verses have two references to God's Word!) What a great Psalm to pray through as we read it! It is one of my favorites! **Consider:** God shows us lovingkindness by teaching us His statutes (v.124). **We** need to remember to live before the face of God (v.168 "I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, for all my ways are before You.") **And** this is underscored in the precious picture in Psalm 139, because God is intimately acquainted with all our ways! **Many** times, have I have prayed 141:3 ("set a guard to my mouth", "watch the door of my lips"), and, I try to remember 141:5 (being corrected is a good thing).

Insights from the Original Biblical Languages (Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic):

The "Hallelujah Psalms" have הַלְלוּ יְהוָה ("hallu" - "praise" is a plural imperative: "you all"; "Yah" is a short version of "Yahweh"), together meaning "You all praise Yah!" Some English versions "transliterate" it (convert the Hebrew words into English letters instead of translating the phrase) as in, "Hallelujah". Others translate it as "Praise Yah" or "Praise the LORD". These Hebrew words were written in Greek letters four times (Revelation 19:1,3,4,6), where some translations have "Hallelujah", others "Alleluia" (transliterating the Greek letters into English), but the NLT actually translates it as "Praise the LORD!" **Psalms 111 and 112** are acrostics with verses 1-8 having two phrases in each verse, working through the Hebrew alphabet, and the last two verses having three phrases to finish all 22 letters. **Psalm 119** is the "king of the acrostics" with eight verses for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet (the first word of each verse beginning with the same letter). **The** first word in 119:1 is sometimes translated as "Blessed", but the word is אֲשֶׁרִי pronounced "ash-ray", meaning, "Happinesses of", so, "the way to happiness" is the blameless way of walking in the Law of Yahweh. **This** devotional receives its name from 119:18. Here is a wooden (rough, literal) translation: "Uncover my eyes and I will behold things being wonderful from Your Law." **In** Hebrew, 119:24 says, "Also Your testimonies are my delights - the men of my counsel." Consider Prov. 11:24, "But in abundance of counselors there is salvation." We have God's testimonies as a delight, and, we have "men of counsel" to which we can seek guidance - God's Word!

How has God revealed Himself in this week's reading? What has He shown me this week?

Yahweh dwells forever (102:12). The heavens and earth will wear out, He will change them like clothing, but He is the same, and His years will not come to an end (102:26-27). **He** is clothed with splendor and majesty (103:1). **He** established His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom rules over all (103:19). **His** lovingkindness is everlasting (136)!