

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUTH

PSALM 119

Gimel

What two names are given to God's Word? (vs 24) Think about each of these names. What does each of them imply to you?

The Psalmist asks God to deal bountifully with him. (vs 17) Yet the purpose of this is not that he can get rich and have an easy life, but that he can do what?

What has to happen before we can see wondrous things in God's law? (vs. 18) Have you experienced this? What is your own experience with understanding and appreciating God's Word?

In this passage, what words are used to describe our relationship with God's Word?

What time of difficulty is described in vs. 23? What does the Psalmist do at that time? What might be a comparable situation for us?

Vs. 18 is the basis for a song. Have you heard it?

Make the book live for me, Oh Lord
Show me Yourself within Your Word
Show me my sin and show me my Savior
And make the book live for me.

Daleth vs. 25-32

What kind of mood is the Psalmist in when he wrote these verses?

What causes you to be in that kind of mood?

How does he seek strengthening?

Look at the action verbs that are used in connection with God's Word. What do they mean to you?

He vs. 33-40

Why did the Psalmist want to learn God's Word?

What contrast is seen in these verses? Vs 36

What is covetousness?

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Many people have said that many religions of the world, for example, ATR, are centered around covetousness. What do I want? But true Christianity is just the opposite—centered around God—what He says & what He wants. What do you think about this?

What are some of the “worthless things” to which the Psalmist is referring in vs. 37?

Waw vs. 41-48

In vs. 41, think about the word “also”, what does this imply? Why do you think this word is there?

How can we have an answer to those who reproach us?

What different terms (synonyms) are used for God’s Word?

What verbs show our relationship to God’s Word?

Which are most true in your life? Which areas do you need to give more attention to?

Zayin vs. 49-56

What can God’s Word be to us, according to these verses?

What good example can we find to follow in these verses?

In what situations in our lives can God’s Word be a help to us?

Heth vs 57-64

What does the Psalmist call God & what does this mean to you?

How does he describe the way we should keep God’s Word?

In what different circumstances of life are we to keep God’s Word?

Who are to be our companions?

Besides God’s Word, what else tells us about Him?

Teth vs. 65-72

What do we learn about God’s character and actions in vs. 6?

What is one possible value of suffering & one possible reason God may allow His people to suffer?

We are to value God’s Word more than what? What does this mean in your life?

Yod vs. 73-80

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Why is it appropriate that we heed God's Word? Vs. 73

What is the psalmist's attitude toward affliction? Vs. 75

What is a proper response when people invent lies about us? Vs. 78

What will help us to avoid shame? Vs. 80

Kaph 81-88

What is the situation in which this section of Scripture is cast? What is happening to the Psalmist & why?

How does he seek comfort?

Lamed vs. 89-96

How does vs. 89 contrast with ideas of relative morality?

With the idea that all religions lead to truth?

Think about vs. 90 as a promise to future generations of your family. How does this comfort you?

Vs. 90b & 91 describe the forces of what is sometimes called the "natural" world or universe. How does this passage describe the forces of nature?

What is the only thing that gives comfort in affliction? Vs. 92

Mem vs. 97-104

How can we have more wisdom than our enemies and our teachers?

How can we understand more than the ancients, our elders?

How desirable is God's Word?

If we love God's Word, what will we hate?