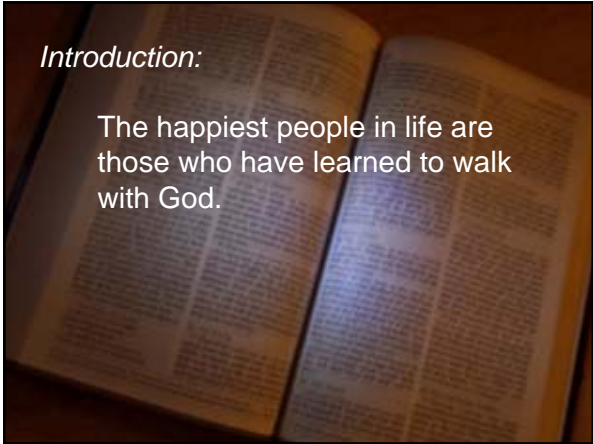




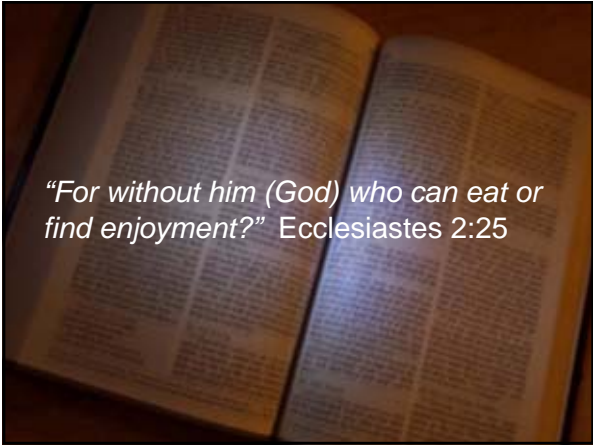
Delighting in God's Word

Psalm 119:1-16

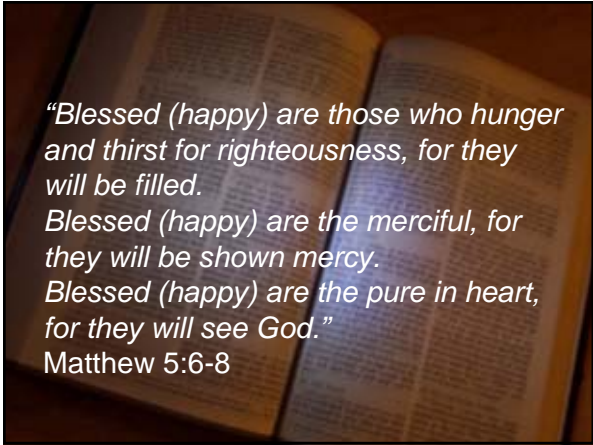


Introduction:

The happiest people in life are those who have learned to walk with God.



"For without him (God) who can eat or find enjoyment?" Ecclesiastes 2:25

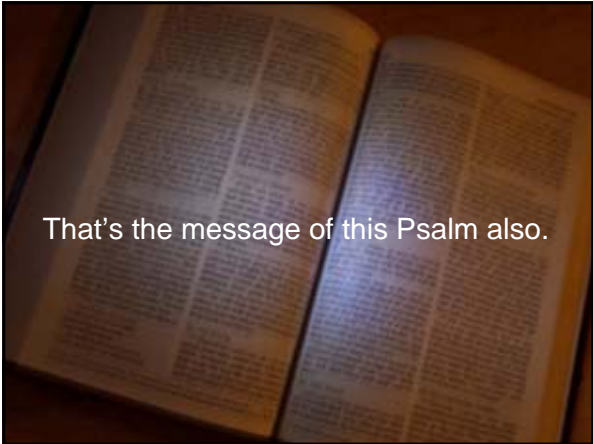


"Blessed (happy) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

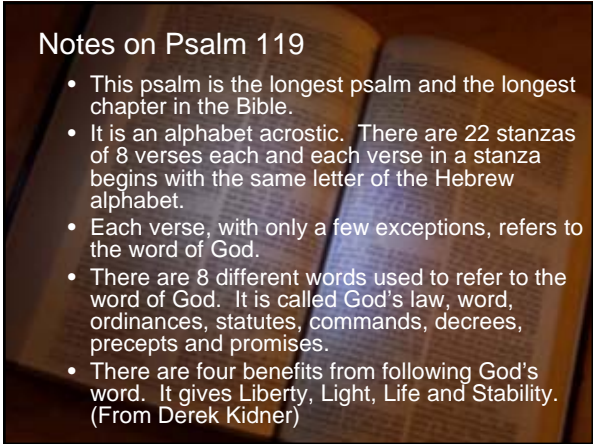
Blessed (happy) are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed (happy) are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Matthew 5:6-8

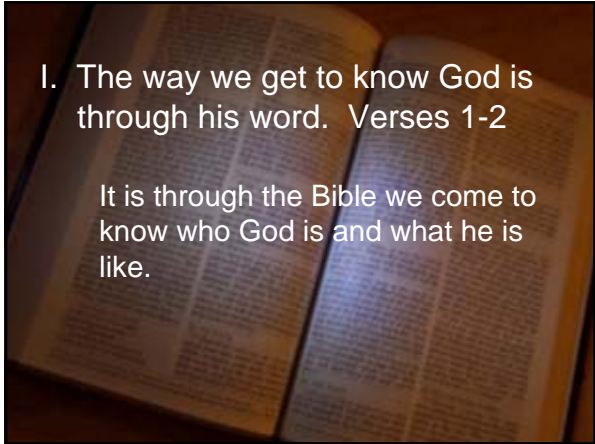


That's the message of this Psalm also.



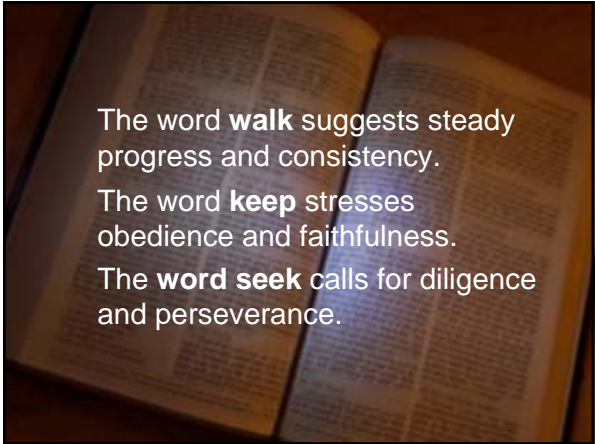
Notes on Psalm 119

- This psalm is the longest psalm and the longest chapter in the Bible.
- It is an alphabet acrostic. There are 22 stanzas of 8 verses each and each verse in a stanza begins with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
- Each verse, with only a few exceptions, refers to the word of God.
- There are 8 different words used to refer to the word of God. It is called God's law, word, ordinances, statutes, commands, decrees, precepts and promises.
- There are four benefits from following God's word. It gives Liberty, Light, Life and Stability. (From Derek Kidner)



I. The way we get to know God is through his word. Verses 1-2

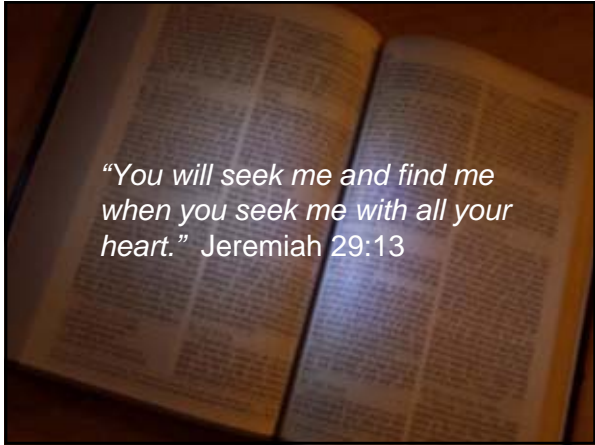
It is through the Bible we come to know who God is and what he is like.



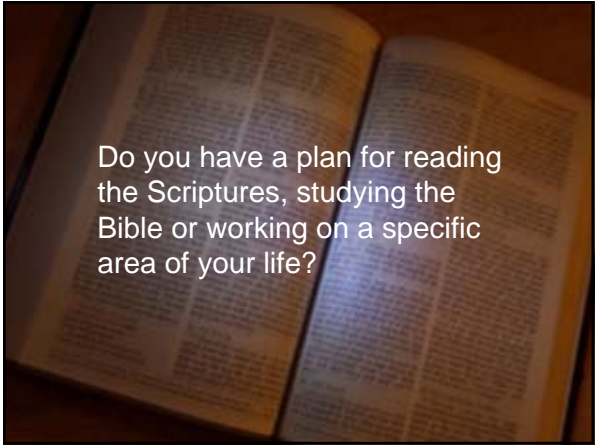
The word **walk** suggests steady progress and consistency.

The word **keep** stresses obedience and faithfulness.


The **word seek** calls for diligence and perseverance.



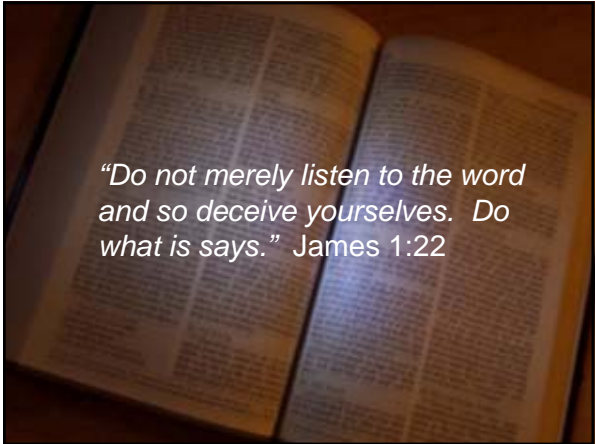
"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13



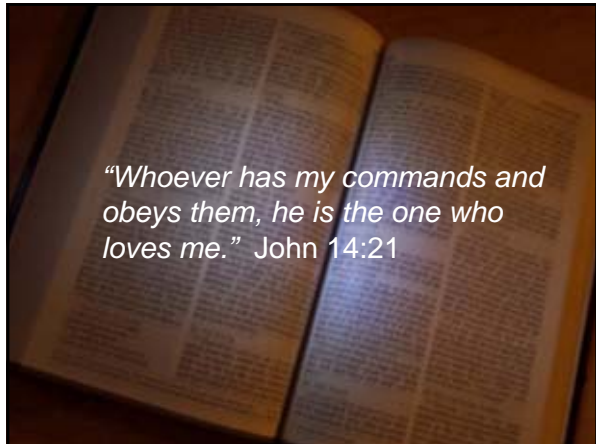
Do you have a plan for reading the Scriptures, studying the Bible or working on a specific area of your life?



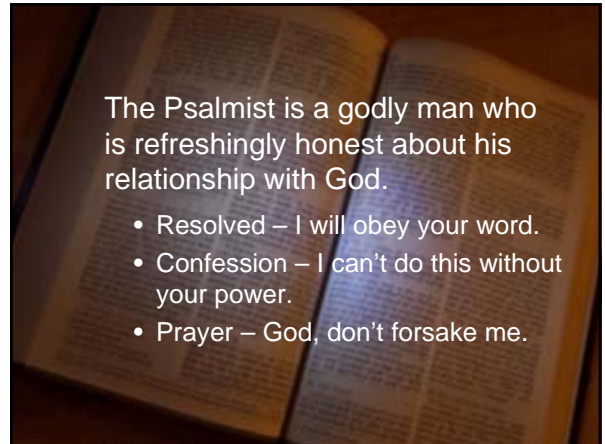
II. The proof that we know God is seen in our love and obedience. Verses 3-8



"Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22

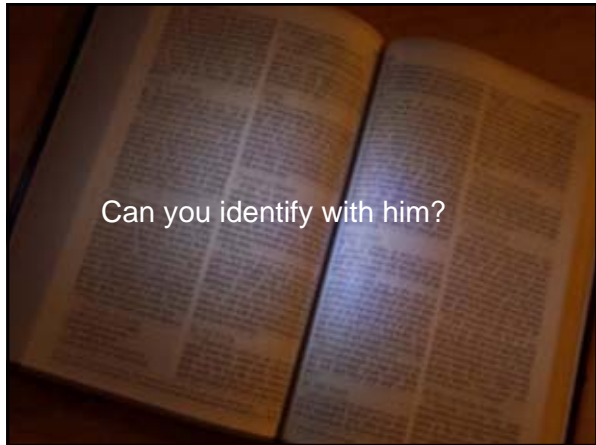


"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me." John 14:21

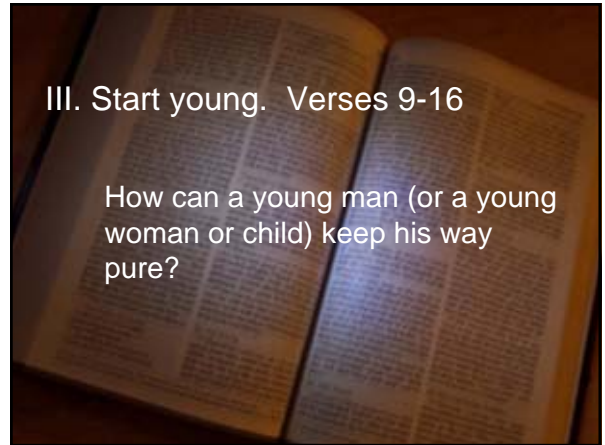


The Psalmist is a godly man who is refreshingly honest about his relationship with God.

- Resolved – I will obey your word.
- Confession – I can't do this without your power.
- Prayer – God, don't forsake me.

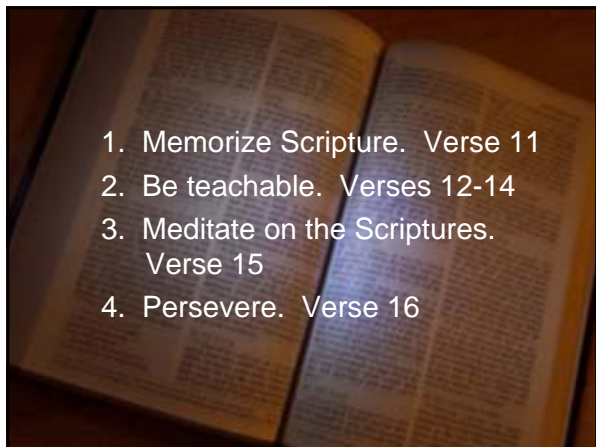


Can you identify with him?

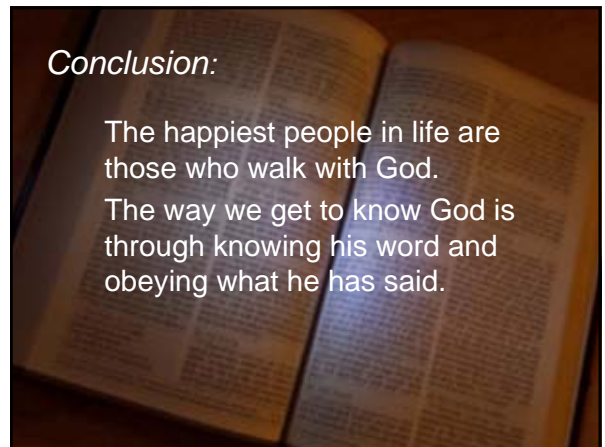


III. Start young. Verses 9-16

How can a young man (or a young woman or child) keep his way pure?

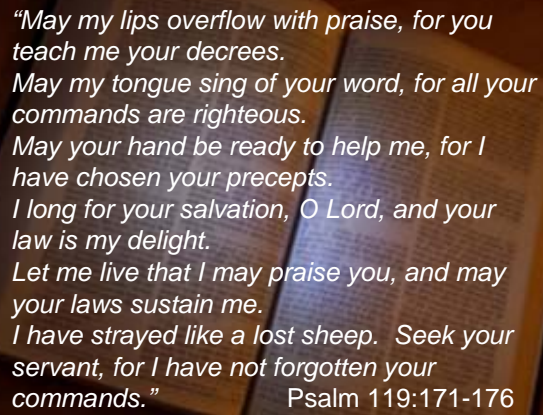


1. Memorize Scripture. Verse 11
2. Be teachable. Verses 12-14
3. Meditate on the Scriptures. Verse 15
4. Persevere. Verse 16



Conclusion:

The happiest people in life are those who walk with God.
The way we get to know God is through knowing his word and obeying what he has said.

An open book is shown in a dark, low-key photograph. The pages are illuminated, and the text is overlaid in a white, serif font. The text is a quote from Psalm 119:171-176.

*“May my lips overflow with praise, for you
teach me your decrees.
May my tongue sing of your word, for all your
commands are righteous.
May your hand be ready to help me, for I
have chosen your precepts.
I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your
law is my delight.
Let me live that I may praise you, and may
your laws sustain me.
I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek your
servant, for I have not forgotten your
commands.”* Psalm 119:171-176