

Waw – 6th letter in Hebrew alphabet

Psalm 119:41-48 The Word of the Lord: Worthy

In the times we are living when our safety appears to be insecure, the only reasonable recourse for the child of God is to know, believe and obey His word. Choosing to obey is not a guarantee that dangers and disasters won't happen. Think about Jesus, Job, and Joseph. The ultimate end for obedience to His word is that the Lord our God is honored, praised, and glorified.

In stanzas 41 – 48 of Psalm 119 the psalmist expressed the value and worth of the Word of the Lord.

I. He is worthy, so want His ways, 41.

A. His way of lovingkindness is desired, Ex. 20:6, 34:6-7; Deut. 5:10.

B. His way of deliverance is by His design.

II. He is worthy, so trust His words, 42-43.

A. Remember His word in your response to reproach.

B. Rely on His word as you wait for Him to work.

ANSWER AWARENESS - Proverbs 10:19-21 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips *is* wise. The tongue of the righteous *is* choice silver; The heart of the wicked *is* worth little. The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of wisdom.

Proverbs 17:27-28 He who has knowledge spares his words, *and* a man of understanding is of a calm spirit. Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; *When* he shuts his lips, *he is considered* perceptive.

Luke 6:22-23 (ESV) "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

Read 1Pet. 2:18-25. Verse 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return, when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously.

Read 1Pet. 3:8-17. Verse 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

ANGER MANAGEMENT - Proverbs 16:32 *He who is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

Proverbs 14:29 *He who is* slow to wrath has great understanding, but *he who is* impulsive exalts folly. Eccles. 7:9 Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, For anger rests in the bosom of fools.

James 1:19-20 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.