

Daily Devotional, May 20, 2021 Living in the Living Word

My soul faints with longing for your salvation, but I have put my hope in your word. Psalm 119:81 (NIV)

Psalm 119 is the longest psalm within our Scriptures. The author of the psalm is unknown, but most modern scholars believe it was written in a post-exilic (after exile) time for Israel's history. It was written for a people trying to turn back to God's ways, and knowing that there was a great and significant revitalization of God's Law during that time, it would make sense that this psalm is so intent on understanding the beauty and wonder of "God's Word."

For the people and time in which this psalm was quite possibly written, the word of God would have been the law, or at the very least, it would have been how the law was interpreted by the priests and prophets of that time. It is also most likely that this psalm was also written over a long period of time, and then later compiled, as it is argued by Bible scholars that this psalm has no definite flow of thought. However, there does seem to be one recurring thought that shows through, and that is hope in God's word.

Though this is not unique to this or any other psalm, time and again within Scripture we find hope deeply imbedded in the Word of God. Furthermore, we as Christians have an even greater sense of this hope, especially if we paid attention to the gospel of John. John chapter 1 reminds us that *"the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"*. (John 1:14).

The Word of God, for us, is living and breathing, and it breathes new life into us each day. The Word reminds us that we have been granted a life that is everlasting, and that is eternally blessed. Even in those moments when we don't feel like it, and during those times when the walls of our house seem to trap us like those of a prison cell, we know we can find a sanctuary in God's Word. The beauty that is seen in God's iving Word, is that it is found everywhere, in everything , and in every person. Some of the word stories have yet to be written, while others are still to be told. However, there is a Word living inside of you, as well.

Take some time to give thanks to God for the living Word that speaks life to you today, for your soul is longing, suffering, and searching for that Word of life, and it is found only in Jesus, the Living Word.

Father, thank You for Your Word that is living and active and growing in my life. I submit myself to You today. Teach me Your ways. Give me insight into Your Word so that I may know You more. I cast my cares on You, knowing that my trials and troubles are being handled. Thank You for Your eternal blessing on every area of my life. In the name of the Living Word I pray. Amen!