

***Your Word and Your Ways, O Lord...***

**Psalm 119**

**Satisfy & Cleanse  
(vs. 1-16)**

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## **The ABC's of Psalm 119**

- **The Psalmist – lets us see into his soul.**

He intentionally seeks to conform his character, heart and soul to God's word and to walk in God's ways throughout the entire course of his life.

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## **The ABC's of Psalm 119**

- **The Psalmist – lets us see into his soul.**
- **Carefully crafted with artistry and beauty**
  - An acrostic poem  
22 sections, one for each Hebrew letter  
First word of each verse begins with same letter
  - An extended prayer, carefully wordsmithed

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## **The ABC's of Psalm 119**

- **The Psalmist – lets us see into his soul.**
- **Carefully crafted with artistry and beauty**
- **A personal answer to the question:**  
***What do God's Word and Ways mean for my life?***

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## **The ABC's of Psalm 119**

### **Vs 1-8 Satisfy**

- **A beatitude**

- A declaration of blessedness, utmost bliss, supreme happiness that points the way to a life truly well-lived
- See Ps 1:1-3

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## The ABC's of Psalm 119

### Vs 1-8 Satisfy

- A beatitude
- Blessed? ... Happy? ... **Satisfied!**
  - *I can't get no ... **satisfaction**. I try, and I try, and I try – but I can't get no... can't get no...*
  - Life's instruction manual (the Bible) keeps pointing out that true satisfaction is only found in relationship with God...

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## **The ABC's of Psalm 119**

### **Vs 1-8 Satisfy**

- **A beatitude**
- **Blessed? ... Happy? ... Satisfied!**
- **Satisfaction**
  - the objective state: God is truly satisfied with us through Christ
  - the subjective experience: we become truly satisfied with Him and with ourselves

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## **The ABC's of Psalm 119**

### **Vs 1-8 Satisfy**

- **A beatitude**
- **Blessed? ... Happy? ... Satisfied!**
- **Satisfaction**
- **Personal response:**
  - Oh that my actions would consistently reflect that!
  - I will learn to walk in your ways – 'step by step'
  - O Lord, don't give up on me!

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## **The ABC's of Psalm 119**

**Vs 1-8 Satisfy**

**Vs 9-16 Cleanse**

- **God's Word helps us keep clean in a dirty world!**
  - God washes us clean at salvation (Tit 3:5)
  - We need on-going cleansing (John 13:10)
  - God's Word hidden in our heart (Matt 4:1-11)

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**Vs 1-8 Satisfy**

**Vs 9-16 Cleanse**

- **God's Word helps us keep clean in a dirty world!**
- **Personal response:**
  - I will recount, rejoice, mediate, and delight...
  - A question of our will, not our schedule...
  - *“Walked from Hyde Park Corner repeating the 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm in great comfort...”* William Wilberforce (1819)