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Sweeter than Honey Psalm 119:97-104 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

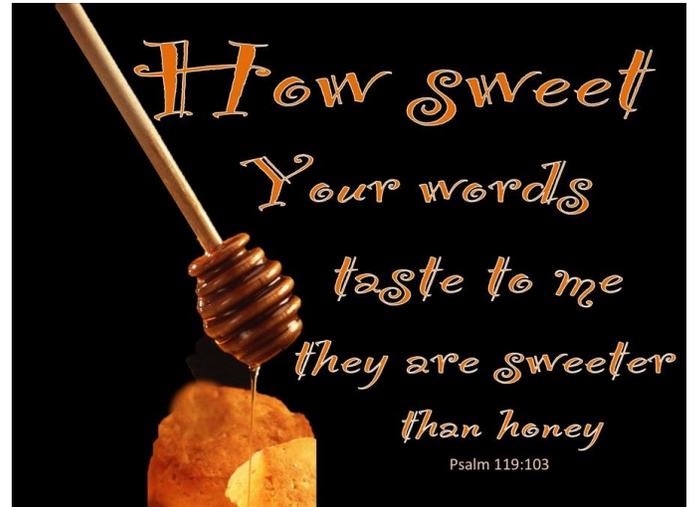
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will take a look at one of the great Psalms in the Old Testament, Psalm 119. Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm in the Bible. The Psalm is primarily about the greatness of the Word of God. We will look at how we should view the Word of God along with the advantages that it brings us. So often we think of the Word of God as being a set of do's and don'ts. No one likes to study rules and regulations all the time. But it is a mistake to see the Bible in this way. The Word of the Lord is much more. When we start to see the Word of God for all that it is then we will start to understand how it is sweeter than honey and how we can meditate on it all day. Join me this week as we take a look at the goodness and joy that comes from the Word of the Lord.

Psalm 119:97-104 (NASB)

⁹⁷ O how I love Your law!

It is my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸ Your commandments make me wiser
than my enemies,

For they are ever mine.

⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my
teachers,

For Your testimonies are my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged,

Because I have observed Your precepts.

¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every

evil way,

That I may keep Your word.

¹⁰² I have not turned aside from Your
ordinances,

For You Yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to
my taste!

Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ From Your precepts I get
understanding;

Therefore I hate every false way.

🕯 **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. How often does the Psalmist meditate on the Word of the Lord? Is this possible? What do you think the Psalmist meant?

9. What does the Psalmist gain by studying the Words of the Lord?

10. How does the Psalmist view the Words of the Lord?

11. Is there a difference between the law and precepts referred to in the Psalm and the Bible we have today?

12. What can we infer about true wisdom from verses 98-100?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. How often should we study the Word? How often do you study the Word?

14. How can we come to the point of viewing the Bible as sweeter than honey?

15. What things distract us from studying the Word? How can we overcome these obstacles so that we meditate on it “all the day”?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES