

FBC POWELL, 4-13-08 AM NOTES
"GOD'S WORD FOR THE JOURNEY"
JOHN 15:7; PSALM 119
(#9 in Series, "The Journey")

John 15:7 (NKJV) "If you abide in Me, and **My words abide in you**, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

James 1:21b (KJV) "Receive with meekness **the engrafted word.**"

Introduction: Synonyms for God's Word in Psalm 119

1. **Law**—Instruction or teaching (v. 1)
2. **Precepts**—God's mandates (v. 4)
3. **Statutes**—Rules to be obeyed (v. 5)
4. **Judgments**—A verdict or formal decree (v. 7)
5. **Word**—Promises, declarations, or prophetic revelations (v. 9)
6. **Commandments**—Clear-cut directives (v. 10)
7. **Testimonies**—Witness or that which testifies (v. 14)
8. **Word**—This is a different Hebrew word than #5 above; it means "an utterance from God" (v. 41)

I. The Attributes of the Word of God

A. The Word of God Is Truth (vv. 142, 151, 160)

John 18:37-38a (NKJV) "Pilate therefore said to Him, 'Are You a king then?' Jesus answered, 'You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.' Pilate said to Him, 'What is truth?'..."

John 17:17 (NKJV) "Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your word is truth.**"

2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV) "All Scripture *is* given by **inspiration** of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

B. The Word of God Is Clear

Perspicuity—The clarity of the Scriptures

C. The Word of God Is Eternal (vv. 89, 152, 160)

II. The Assimilation of the Word of God

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) "For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

A. Regular Intake of the Word of God (vv. 82, 94)

2 Timothy 4:13 (NKJV) “Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments.”

Job 23:12b (ESV) “I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.”

B. Memorizing the Word of God (v. 11)

C. Meditating on the Word of God (vv. 15, 27, 48, 97, 148)

III. The Adequacy of the Word of God

A. It Is Adequate for Our Understanding (vv. 99-100, 104, 130)

B. It Is Adequate for Wisdom (v. 98)

C. It Is Adequate for Cleansing (v. 9)

D. It Is Adequate to Revive Us (vv. 25, 40, 88, 107)

E. It Is Adequate to Guide Us (vv. 105, 133)

F. It Is Adequate to Comfort Us in Affliction (vv. 50, 52, 76)

G. It Is Adequate for Our Peace (v. 165)

H. It Is Adequate for Our Deliverance (v. 170)