O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For they are ever mine.

I have more insight than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged, Because I have observed Your precepts.

I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.

I have not turned aside from Your ordinances, For You Yourself have taught me.

How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

Mem

The youngest of believers has the deepest of wisdom when he abides in the Word of God.

1. Mem signifies water. The Psalmist finds great refreshment as he bathes in the depths of God’s Word.

2. Lamedh & Mem is where “precepts” take center stage (ψ11993,94,100,104) and meditation (ψ11997,99) becomes the activity of love and hate (ψ11997,104).

3. The issue for the Psalmist is not that he loves the Torah, but how he loves the Torah (ψ11997). The manner in which he loves motivates the manner in which he does whatever he does (Jn. 3:16; Rev. 2:4,5).

4. Meditation on the word of God is the highest expression of devotion, humility and worship (Deut. 6:6–9; 17:18–20; Josh. 1:8; Job 15:4; Ps. 1:1–3).

5. The Psalmist has more wisdom (ψ11998), insight (ψ11999), and understanding (ψ119100) than his enemies (ψ11998), teachers (ψ11999), and elders (ψ119100). The Word of God provides maturity beyond temporal-life understanding (Job 32:6–10; Ps. 105:22).

6. Believers must restrain their feet from evil ways (ψ119101) or simple side-tracks (ψ119102). This requires the deepest of soul searching (Ps. 17:3–5; 139:23–24).

7. Beyond being nourishing (Deut. 8:3; Job 23:12), the Word of God is delicious! (ψ119103 cf. Ps. 19:10; Prov. 24:13,14)

8. The maturing process strengthens godly love and godly hatred (ψ119104,128,163 cf. Ps. 31:6; 97:10; 101:3; Prov. 8:13; 13:5; Am. 5:15; Rom. 12:9; Jd. 23).