



MORE!

Well it is week 6... we are almost halfway through this passage. But God has so much in store to show us as we continue memorizing. If you remember last week, we saw a theme begin... a theme of benefits that accompany our journey as we love the Word. Our focus this week is verses 99-100 which continue to bring the blessings of loving the Word into view. Let's look...

***I have more insight than all my teachers, for Thy testimonies are my meditation.
I understand more than the aged, because I have observed Thy precepts.***
Psalm 119:99-100 (NASV)

Let's look at verse 99 first. I remember when I taught school and there were students who thought they had more insight than me. That was always an interesting scenario and could cause for some challenging dynamics in the classroom. To be honest, some of them probably did have more insight than me, but I am not always sure their motives were pure as they tried to share their insightful understandings. Most of the time, I think they just wanted to have one-up-on the teacher and that teacher just happened to be me! Is that the spirit of this verse? I don't really think so, I just believe it is stating a fact... when God's testimonies are our meditation, wisdom and understanding are just going to grace us. Last week we learned that we can have more wisdom than our enemies and this week it is clear, as we love the Word, we can also have more insight than our teachers.

Consider the word "insight". I like to think of that word as "what is literally in our sight, meaning what we can see." When the Word, what God has to say, is in our sight, then we will have a sight that can see things as God sees them. You see, it doesn't matter how many degrees one holds or how many letters come after his name.... the knowledge and understanding of man doesn't even compare with the knowledge and wisdom of God. So... it is just natural, the more we allow God's Word to be our teacher, the more we will be able to see, to keep in sight, the wisdom and knowledge that God alone possesses. And that, will make give us insight beyond our teachers.

So what about verse 100, is there more for us there too? It says,

I understand more than the aged, because I have observed Thy precepts.

Sounds like there is... "understanding more than the aged". I know that "old" is relative; I used to think 40 was old until I turned 40... but I do know that the older I get, I see things with greater understanding and I hope with greater wisdom; I grasp things I didn't get when I was younger. Things like, what life is really about, what really matters, how to be in relationships with people, how to get your mind off yourself, how to have the bigger picture. The older you are, you probably know what I mean; just chalk it up to life experience. But this is saying loving God's Word as expressed by observing His precepts, will give you more understanding than the aged. In other words, you don't have to wait until you get older; you can have understanding now because God is willing to give it to you. Some of you might already feel like the "aged" but regardless of that, I hope you get the point: loving God's Word is going to give you more understanding.

Understanding is critical to life. Psalm 32:9 says,

"Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check."

How many people function in rules and trappings because they have no understanding of life? God longs to give us understanding and understanding brings freedom. This is clear; understanding will come through observing His precepts in our life. In fact, if we give our attention to His precepts, He tells us we will have more understanding than the aged. I don't know if you have ever been around a young person who has given their heart and mind to the study of God's Word, observing His precepts... how refreshing it is to see the understanding they possess. It is just another one of those benefits of loving God's Word.

So...let's take a minute and list these benefits of loving God's Word that we have memorized so far:

- The benefit of having more Godly thoughts
- The benefit of having more wisdom than our enemies
- The benefit of having more insight than our teachers
- The benefit of having more understanding than the aged

And you know what... there are still more to come. Keep memorizing and God will keep showing them to you. With all these benefits why wouldn't we love His Word!

“Forever O Lord, may we keep seeing the benefits of how You bring ‘more into our lives through Your powerful Word!”