

**What should we do with the Word?**  
**Psalm 119:41-48**  
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Thesis: I want to show the lessons we can learn from this section of scripture on how to handle God's Word.

Intro: 1.  
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- I. We should be saved by it (v.41)
  - A. We are saved by the engrafted word
    1. **James 1:21**
  - B. We are to receive the love of the truth
    1. **2 Thess 2:10**
    2. "According to thy word," or some translate "word" as "promise" (Deut 28:1-15)
  
- II. We should trust it (v.42)
  - A. A curse is upon those who trust in men
    1. **Jeremiah 17:5**
  
  - B. A man is a fool to trust in himself
    1. **Proverbs 28:26**
    2. **Proverbs 3:5**
  
- III. We should hope in it. (v.43)
  - A. Our hope resides in obedience to the gospel.
    1. **1 Pt 1:3**
    2. **1 Pt 1:22**
  - B. In this text, the author wants to continue to have a well grounded answer to those who would try to put him to shame.
    1. **1 Peter 3:15**
  
- IV. We should keep it. (v.44)
  1. It will fill us with patience.
  2. It's way is the way of pleasantness (**Pro 3:17**)
  
- V. We should seek it. (v.45)
  - A. Why? Because faith works by love
    1. **Galatians 5:6**
  - B. Why? Because the truth makes one free.
    1. **John 8:32,36**

VI. We should speak it, even in high places (v.46)

- A. "I will not be ashamed." I will not allow shame to stop my mouth.
- B. Although we do not speak miraculously today, we speak from God's Word.
  - 1. **Matthew 10:18**

VII. We should delight in it (v.47)

- A. **Psalm 37:4**
- B. Our delight today is to eat the food of our Savior and Lord.
  - 1. **John 4:32-34**
- C. It is the peace which passes understanding
  - 1. **Philippians 4:7**

VIII. We should respect it and meditate upon it. (v.48)

- 1. "Lifting up hands" here indicates the solemn vows made that he will be true to God.
- 2. **Genesis 14:22**

Application & Conclusion:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3. Invitation

Hear

James 1:21 *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

Romans 10:17 *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Believe

John 8:24 *Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."*

Mark 16:16 *He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*

Repent

Acts 2:37-38 *Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, " Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, " Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Luke 13:3 *I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.*

Confess

John 12:42 *Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;*

Romans 10:9 *that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

### Be Baptized

1 Pt 3:21 *There is also an antitype which now saves us — baptism (not of the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

Acts 22:16 *And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord. '*

Romans 6:3-4 *Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

### Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Revelation 2:10 *Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

2 Timothy 4:10 *for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica — Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.*

### Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

### Pray

James 5:16 *Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*