

# **The Ministry of the Word to the Believer**

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## **Psalm 119:18 "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.**

The lesson this morning is the result of my Bible reading this last week when I read the 119 Psalm. As we all know this Psalm is entirely about the Word of God. In reading this Psalm I found myself reflecting on the ministry of the Word of God to my heart and the hearts of all of God's people.

I must confess, that the Word of God does not minister to me as it should but the fault is not in God's word but rather my sinfully wicked heart and mind that keeps me from understanding, believing and obeying the Word of God as I ought.

Our text is a prayer that God would open our eyes, to behold wondrous thing out of thy law. But we can know even greater things than what is revealed in the law because we have a greater teacher than the Law, we have the Son who speaks to us today. No longer is the the Lord's Christ hidden in types and metaphors but is fully revealed to us in the New Testament.

This morning I want to look at **The Ministry of the Word to the Believer**. No doubt many verses will come to mind in support of the points I desire to make this morning but it is not possible to read every verse in the short time we have this morning. I will make short comments upon the verses that are read but I will not spend a great deal of time on any one verse. My whole purpose this morning is to center our mind and hearts upon the ministry of the Word to us; to give praise and adoration to the Father who has revealed His Son to us through the Word and to encourage us in allowing the Word to minister to us by having hearts and minds ready to receive, believe and obey that Word.

A. The Word ministers to us as the gospel of our salvation:

John 6:63; Rom. 1:16; 10:15; I Cor. 15:1; Eph. 1:13; Col 1:4-6; I Thess. 1:5; 2 Thess. 2:14; Rev. 14:6,7; 2 Cor. 5:19

B. The Word ministers to us in Revealing Christ to us.

Rev. 1:1,3; Mark 1:1; I Pet. 1:7-13; Jn. 14:21; 2 Tim. 3:15; Rom 16:25-27

C. The Word ministers to us by purifying our minds and directing our actions.

Jn. 17:17; 15:1-3; Ps. 119:9,11,133; James 1:18-25

D. The Word ministers to us by warnings and admonishings.

Rom. 15:4; I Cor. 4:14; 10:11; Heb. 2:1; 5:11,12; Matt. 6:30; 14:31; 2 Tim. 4:2; Rev. 3:19,22

E. The Word ministers to us in teaching us wisdom and knowledge.

Prov. 1:1-5; Eph. 1:15-19; 4:11-15; Phil. 1:9,10; 4:8,9; 2 Peter 1:3,5,8; 3:17,18

F. The Word ministers to us in comfort and joy.

Jer. 15:16; Ps. 119:111,162; Jn. 15:10,11; I Cor. 14:3; I Thess. 4:18; 2 Thess. 2:15-17; Ps. 4:3-8