

Summer in the Palms

A Devotional by



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Bold Faith

Demonstrated by intentionally modeling Christ and sharing His timeless truths of the gospel with others without compromise in order to transform lives so Heaven will be standing room only.

(Acts 4:29-31; 1 Peter 3:15; Jude 3)



Welcome to Summer in the Palms

This 7-week devotional is based on Psalm 119:49–104. It's perfect for any time of the year, particularly the summer months when you may be frequently on the go but need a quick and easy way to connect with God. Psalms weren't composed as emotional freestyles but rather as intentional songs to be utilized for the purpose of experiencing God during times of distress or times of worship. You read the Psalms not so you can feel good but rather so you can have an encounter with God who is the Creator of all things that are good. Each week's content includes a devotional thought on 8 verses in order, cross-referenced Scriptures, 3–4 discussion questions, and one interactive activity. It's structured for simplicity, depth, and flexibility for personal reflection or group use.

Weekly Breakdown

- **Focus Passage:** 8 verses from Psalm 119 with the first word in each verse starting with the corresponding letter in the Hebrew alphabet.
- **Hebrew Alphabet Letter:** This letter corresponds to the first letter of the first word in each verse of the Focus Passage. (i.e. verses 1-8 all start with "Aleph", verses 9-16 all start with "Beth", and so forth)
- **Devotional Thought:** Key takeaway one should learn about God from the Focus Passage.
- **Cross-Reference(s):** 2 passages from the Old and/or New Testament to support the Focus Passage.
- **Reflection Questions:** Thought provoking reflection questions that will enrich your perspective of and devotion to God.
- **Interactive Activity:** An actionable step to take based on the Focus Passage, Devotional Thought, and Discussion Questions.
- **Prayer:** Prayer prompt to guide your communication with God.



REMEMBERING GOD'S WORD

Focus Passage: Psalm 119:49-56

Hebrew Alphabet Letter: *Zayin*

Devotional Thought: This section begins with a call to remember God's promises. In moments of affliction and exile (v. 50–51), the psalmist clings to God's word for comfort. This is a reminder that our anchor in any season—especially summer when life may feel scattered—is God's unchanging truth.

Cross Reference(s):

- Lamentations 3:21–23
- Romans 15:4

Reflection Questions:

- What promise from God's Word brings you hope right now?
- How has God's Word comforted you during difficult times?
- In what ways can you "remember" God's Word daily?
- How does remembering God's commands affect your attitude and decisions?

Interactive Activity: Scripture Jar – Write favorite verses on slips of paper. Each day, draw one out and read it aloud. Reflect on how it applies to your current situation.

Prayer: “Lord, help me remember Your word that comforts me in difficult times. I pray it continues to revive my soul. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Week 2

CHOOSING THE PATH OF GOD

Focus Passage: Psalm 119:57-64

Hebrew Alphabet Letter: *Heth*

Devotional Thought: The psalmist confesses total dependence on God. He chooses to follow God's way even in the quiet moments before dawn (v. 62). This shows how choosing God isn't a one-time decision—it's a daily practice.

Cross Reference(s):

- Joshua 24:15
- Lamentations 3:24

Reflection Questions:

- What does it mean for God to be your portion?
- How can you make daily choices that reflect your devotion to God?
- What role does gratitude (v. 62) play in your faith walk?
- Who are your companions in faith? (v. 63)

Interactive Activity: Faith Walk – Go on a nature walk. Share with one another one way you've seen God guide your path this week. End by praying for continued guidance.

Prayer: "Father in Heaven, You are my portion and Keeper of promises. Your steadfast love fills me with joy and I will forever delight in your commandments. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Week 3

TRUSTING IN GOD'S PROMISES

Focus Passage: Psalm 119:65-72

Hebrew Alphabet Letter: *Teth*

Devotional Thought: The psalmist reflects on how hardship led him closer to God. Even painful circumstances can become lessons when viewed through the lens of God's goodness and truth.

Cross Reference(s):

- Hebrews 12:11
- Romans 8:28

Reflection Questions:

- Has a past hardship drawn you closer to God? How?
- How does the psalmist describe God's Word compared to worldly riches? (v. 72)
- What makes God's law "good" even when life feels hard?
- How can you help others see God's faithfulness in their struggles?

Interactive Activity: Testimony Time – Each person shares a short story of a time God brought good from difficulty. Celebrate God's faithfulness together.

Prayer: "Father God, only You are good and therefore, so are Your promises. Fill my heart with Your Word and my soul with Your Spirit. I will trust in You with all that I am. In Jesus's name, Amen."

Week 4

DELIGHTING IN GOD'S WORD

Focus Passage: Psalm 119:73-80

Hebrew Alphabet Letter: *Yodh*

Devotional Thought: The psalmist connects obedience to joy, hope, and a faithful witness. God's hands not only formed us, they sustain us as we live out His Word.

Cross Reference(s):

- Psalm 139:13-16
- Matthew 5:16

Reflection Questions:

- What makes God's Word your delight?
- How does your faith encourage others?
- What do you want people to see when they look at your life?
- How can you grow in knowledge and understanding of God's commands?

Interactive Activity: Word Art – As a group, illustrate Psalm 119:73 or 119:74 using drawings or hand-lettered art. Display it somewhere to remind you of your joy in God's Word.

Prayer: “Lord, I pray for endurance to continue to be a student of Your Word and a servant of Your will. Grant me understanding and faithfulness to Your wisdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

Week 5

LONGING FOR GOD'S JUSTICE

Focus Passage: Psalm 119:81-88

Hebrew Alphabet Letter: *Kaph*

Devotional Thought: In these verses, the psalmist is exhausted and desperate—but not hopeless. Even when God's justice feels delayed, His Word is the source of renewal and endurance.

Cross Reference(s):

- Isaiah 40:31
- 2 Corinthians 4:8–9

Reflection Questions:

- Have you ever felt like giving up? How did you hold on?
- What does it mean to hope in God's Word during suffering?
- How can you encourage someone who feels abandoned by God?
- What do these verses teach about endurance?

Interactive Activity: Hope Lanterns – Write prayers of hope or justice on small paper slips and place them inside clear jars with LED tea lights. Light them together and pray for one another.

Prayer: “Father, there are many who do not know You because they do not know Your commands. Open their eyes to see and ears to hear what it is You have for them. Have Your way. In Jesus' name, Amen.”



STANDING FIRM IN A SHAKY WORLD

Focus Passage: Psalm 119:89-96

Hebrew Alphabet Letter: *Lamedh*

Devotional Thought: Everything around us changes—seasons, emotions, plans—but God’s Word stands firm. When life feels unstable, we can anchor ourselves in His eternal truth.

Cross Reference(s):

- Matthew 24:35
- Isaiah 40:8

Reflection Questions:

- What truths from God's Word do you hold onto most?
- How do these verses comfort you in uncertain times?
- What does it look like to “never forget” God's law? (v. 93)
- How can you build your daily life on eternal truths?

Interactive Activity: Eternal Truths Hunt – As a group or family, find or create symbols in nature or at home that represent eternal truths (e.g., rock = God’s Word). Share what each one means.

Prayer: “Father God, thank You for being the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Your Word grounds me and keeps me stable. In a shaky world, I’m grateful for Your firm foundation. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”



LOVING GOD'S PRECEPTS

Focus Passage: Psalm 119:97-104

Hebrew Alphabet Letter: *Mem*

Devotional Thought: This week celebrates the delight and wisdom that comes from loving God's Word. It equips us to discern truth and avoid the traps of sin. God's Word isn't just information—it's transformation.

Cross Reference(s):

- Psalm 1:2
- James 1:22

Reflection Questions:

- What helps you meditate on Scripture daily?
- How has God's Word made you wiser?
- How does loving God's Word help you avoid sin?
- What's one verse you want to memorize this week?

Interactive Activity: Verse Challenge – As a group, choose one verse from this week's passage to memorize. Create hand motions or a melody to help remember it. Celebrate at the end of the week with a group recitation.

Prayer: "Lord, I love Your statutes. Your law grounds me but Your grace keeps me. Your Word is savory, sweet, and a delightful aroma. Your love is everlasting and I'm Your humble servant forever. In Jesus' name, Amen."



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