

# Foothills Church of Christ

*"We treat you like family."*



December 4, 2022

**Psalm 119:1-8 ALEPH N**

## ***Can we trust in God's word?***

The 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm is organized in sections through the Hebrew Alphabet. Throughout this wonderful section of scripture, the psalmist expresses his love and adoration for God and His word. The first letter in the Hebrew alphabet is Aleph, and this section gives us the correct attitude and application for the word of God.

### **THE ONES WHO ARE BLESSED (1-3).**

The word blessed is a Hebrew word meaning "happy." The world searches to the ends of the earth to find lasting happiness, but to no avail. True happiness and fulfillment are only found in the creator of the universe. The one who is blessed in verse one is also described as undefiled. The word undefiled means "he who walks with integrity, truth, and without blemish" (Accordance Software). A popular song sung in our assemblies beautifully illustrates this point about walking undefiled in the steps of our savior: "Trying to walk in the steps of the Savior, Trying to follow our Savior and King; Shaping our lives by His blessed example, Happy, how happy, the songs that we bring."

### **THE ONES WHO ARE COMMANDED (4-5, 8).**

What is the command? We are to keep His precepts. This command is not a selective thing where we pick and choose which precepts we would like to keep, but these precepts include all His precepts. There is a very important adverb in this passage. We are commanded to keep His precepts and to do so diligently. If a father told his son that he wanted him to clean out the garage diligently, what would that mean?

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Does this mean the father is not looking for effort? Of course not. We understand that it takes effort and concentration to do something diligently. We are commanded to be diligent about keeping the commands of God. It should be noted that it is not simply a robotic keeping of God's commands out of fear. Why would the son obey his father in the given scenario? Is there some level of fear? Sure, but also there should be love and respect for the one in charge.

#### **THE ONES WHO ARE NOT ASHAMED (6).**

Who would put the Psalmist to shame? In this context, it seems that they would not be ashamed to stand before God if they kept his commandments. Everyone will one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10). Are we going to be ashamed to stand before God on the day of judgment? It is as if the father in the scenario given before found out his child had disobeyed him, and you can see the child just looking down to the ground, not wanting to look their father in the eye. The child who has done well has no reason to hide his face from his father. On the day of judgment, will we be able to look our father in the face, or will we be hanging our heads in shame? We do not want to be the kind of sheep who make our shepherds ashamed.

#### **THE ONES WHO PRAISE THE LORD (7).**

This verse gives insight into the heart of the Psalmist. We have heard people say for many years, "Why do I have to obey God? He has all these rules that I have to follow, and he just wants to take away my fun." Let us examine the Psalmist's mindset when receiving the law of God. When he received the law of God, he did not get angry with God or rebel against God, but he praised God. Let us think about the assembly of the Saints. How do we view our opportunities to serve God, learn more about His word, and worship him? Do we see it as a chore, or do we praise God for the commandment? We serve a God who loves us enough to reveal himself to us in His word and instruct us on how to live and serve Him.

All these attributes point to one common theme, they all are blessed when they have the right attitude toward God's word. In a world full of thought that is heavily influenced by the postmodern mindset, which tells us that there is no absolute truth, is it not reassuring to know that we have a uniform standard in God's word?

Who are the ones who are *blessed*? The ones who trust in God's word (1-3).

Who are the ones who are *commanded*? The ones who trust in God's word (4-5, 8).

Who are the ones who are not *ashamed*? The ones who trust in God's word (6).

Who are the ones who *praise* the LORD? The ones who trust in God's word (7).

## Announcements

### *Birthdays This Week*

Beth Tucker (December 4)  
Doris Perkins (December 5)  
Danna Cofer (December 8)  
Paxton Davis (December 8)  
Sandy Boyer (December 10)

### *Baptism*

Matt Gordon, the son-in-law of Scott Cash, was baptized on November 27.

### *Directory and Photos Update*

We are in the process of updating our members' directory and photos. Recent **new members**, please see Kaitlin Alexander to arrange for your photo to be taken and to provide your contact information for our directory. **Existing members**, please take a moment to confirm that your information is up to date, which you can do by logging in to [members.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com), or you can ask the help of Kaitlin or Garrett McGilvray. If you would like to update your member photo, please see Kaitlin.



"I know that You can do everything,  
And that no purpose of Yours can be  
withheld from You."

**Where in  
the  
Bible?**

Do you know where this  
passage is found? See  
page 4 for the answer.

## For the Record

Attendance Last Sunday: 106  
Contribution Last Sunday: \$4,274

## Prayer Concerns

### **Current:**

Curtis Brierly  
Tish Clark  
Danna Cofer  
Alicia Cooke  
Susan Duty  
Susan Epperly  
Carolyn & Larry  
Eubanks  
Race Falconer  
Amanda & Steve Kendal  
Joyce Murrell  
Brad Nokes  
Robyn & Mary Roach  
The Staib Family  
Jim White

### **Ongoing:**

G. David (India)  
Bristol Garner  
Jimmy & Billie Gibbins  
Nellie Hardin  
Etta Holden  
Danny Langer  
Doris Pruitt

### **Assisted Living:**

Donna Brewer  
Cloe Jordan  
Doris McCoy  
Dorothy Pensoneau  
Gladys Widner



*"Continue earnestly in  
prayer, being vigilant in it  
with thanksgiving."*

(Colossians 4:2; NKJV)

## Those Who Serve

### Sunday Morning

	<b>December 4</b>	<b>December 11</b>
<i>Announcements</i>	Dennis Widner	Dennis Widner
<i>Song Leader</i>	Jason White	Paul Anderson
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Roger Bruce	Steve Carrell
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Micah Heavin Paxton Davis Caleb Young Jerry Webb	Micah Heavin Paxton Davis Caleb Young Jerry Webb
<i>Presiding</i>	Jeremy Sciba	Mike Boyer
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Jaden Zerby	Caleb Young
<i>Sermon</i>	Josh Alexander	Leon Brown
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Leon Brown	Jon Alexander

### Sunday Evening

<i>Song Leader</i>	Mason Sciba	Jason White
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Bruce Lemieux	Bob Lyons
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Jaden Zerby	Caleb Young
<i>Sermon</i>	Jon Alexander	Leon Brown
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Paxton Davis	Jerry Webb
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Reese Cartwright	Sam Yeager

### Wednesday

	<b>December 7</b>	<b>December 14</b>
<i>Auditorium Class</i>	Leon Brown	Leon Brown
<i>Devotional</i>	Caleb Young	Larry Nokes
<i>Song Leader</i>	Reese Cartwright	Micah Heavin
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Chip Braswell	Bruce Lemieux

Answer to "Where in the Bible", page 3: **Job 42:2**

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### Worship Times

#### Sunday

Bible Study..... 9:30 am  
 Morning Worship..... 10:30 am  
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00 pm