

### Survival in a Wilderness of Sin

Psalm 119:169-176 (*Tav*)

Scripture declares that the world is under Satan’s power; in this life we will face trials. God’s Word is our survival tool in a ‘wilderness of sin.’ Like a ‘spiritual Swiss army knife,’ the Bible serves us many different ways – and literally saves us on our trek through this life.

- Discernment (169)
- Deliverance (170)
- Instruction (171)
- Righteousness (172)
- Help (173, 175)
- Delight (174)
- Restoration (176)

### Digging Deeper

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible – 176 verses! It is also an *alphabet acrostic* – each eight-verse section begins with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet (they are indicated at the beginning of each section – learn the Hebrew alphabet!). But the most significant feature of Psalm 119 is that *every verse* says something about God’s Word. Derek Kidner entitles it ‘The Rich and Precious Jewel of the Word.’

List terms used to refer to Scripture. What do they signify to you?

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Now plug in these truths about Scripture to life. What threats to his spiritual survival did the psalmist face? What benefits of Scripture does he find for these spiritual challenges?

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