## The Blessedness of Loving God's Word – Psalm 119:97-105 Greg Stiekes

This stanza of Psalm 119 is an interlude to magnify the Psalmist's love for the Word of God. In fact, it is his vast love for God's Word that produces in him *three spiritual blessings* that can be ours also if we will love as he loves.

1. The blessing of spiritual *wisdom* (98-100): *I know the Lord and His way.* 

The psalmist contrasts the wisdom of the Word with the wisdom available from other cultural sources:

- a. Worldly wisdom than my enemies
- b. Educational wisdom than all my teachers
- c. Sagacious wisdom than the ancients
- 2. The blessing of spiritual *strength* (101-102): *I walk with the Lord and in His way.* 
  - a. The strength of self-restraint
  - b. The strength of self-regulation
- 3. The blessing of spiritual fulfillment (103): *I rest in the Lord and in His way.*