

# “Make Me A Map!”

*“If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.  
I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life.”*

*Psalm 119:92-93*

**M**ost students of the American Civil War are very familiar with the name Stonewall Jackson—that remarkable southern military genius. However, few people studying that war could tell you anything about a man named Jedediah Hotchkiss.

Hotchkiss was singularly responsible for the brilliant efforts of Stonewall Jackson. Jackson would never have succeeded as he did, without the tremendous help of the man Hotchkiss.

What Hotchkiss did to help Jackson so tremendously was make maps of the areas Jackson sought to take for the south. He was a very talented, self-taught topographer. When Jackson enlisted his aid he said, “Make me a map of the Shenandoah Valley from Harper’s Ferry to Lexington.” What Hotchkiss came up with was brilliantly accurate and made the decisions of Jackson most helpful in his successes. But who has heard of Hotchkiss?

way forward if we are going to succeed in life to God’s glory. Psalm 119 is a rich development of God’s provision of the map of life for His people. Reading this Psalm it is very easy to see how much in love the Psalmist was with the Word of God.

We may not be skilled in finding our way around the Bible, but any Christian can vouch for how very helpful Scripture is in the task of finding our way thorough the many dangers of life.

Scripture is likened to a flashlight by the Psalmist and it certainly is that—and more. Many times we have been spared falling into a pit because we have shone the light of God’s Word onto our pathway.

Go back to Scripture again today for teaching on the troubling matter facing you. Ask the Lord for illumination on some doctrine or experience in life and trust Him to help you find good information so your feet do not slip.

living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who will teach you wonderful things from God’s Word. Psalm 119:18 NIV reads: “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.”

The Bible certainly shows us remarkable things but the Lord must open the reader’s eyes if he/she is to profit from reading the Word of God. Treasure the Bible. Read it daily with a submissive heart toward the Lord. Ask him to speak because you are ready to listen. Keep yourself clean from sin and confess sin as soon as it is committed so that you may enter the presence of the Lord.

God is ready and willing to bless you so come to His Word with an expectant heart saying with the young boy Samuel, “Speak Lord for your servant is listening.” You shall indeed hear and also be heard.

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