

**"The Word" Psalm 119:1-8**

**Subjective Relationships Emphasised - Selfward Aspect 1-56**

**Sing A Song - The 'Word' Its power for blessing -  
Advantage and Aim.....**

**Bound to the Word by the Chains of Law also**

**By the Cause of Love.....**

**Points us to The Word made flesh.....**

**[I] A HAPPY MAN V 1-3 Word rules in three areas**

**1. In His Way v 1a Affirmation**

**A. A course of conduct - A way of life**

**B. A course of action - Happiness & Holiness connect**

**We tend to connect happiness to**

**[1] pleasure [2] prosperity [3] power**

**[4] popularity [5] position BUT its really a PERSON**

**2. In His Walk v 1b Progress**

**3. In His Will v 2-3 -Our will enslaved by the word**

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**2. In His Desire v 5 - get it under control**

**3. In His Decision v 6 5 & 6 Prayer**

**[III] AN HUMBLE MAN V 7-8**

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**1. Still Learning v 7 Learning His**

**A. Word B. Ways C. Work D. Will E. Worship**

**2. Still Longing v 8 Hoping - longing - wanting**

**Having a Determined Desire for God's Word !!**

**Psalm 119:9-16 Hid in the Heart  
Basis of Blessing  
The Word - Its power for Sanctification**

**[I] THE VIRTUE OF THE WORD V 9-12**

**Sanctification by Ablution 9-11**

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**The purpose of the Word**

**2. A controlling effect v 10**

**God is best discovered by following His Word**

**A. Pursuit of B. Prayer to - & for**

**3. A correcting effect v 11-12**

**[II] THE VALUE OF THE WORD V 13-16**

**Sanctification by Attraction**

**Such a treasure should be shared**

**1. We must proclaim it v 13**

**Employment follows enjoyment**

**God's testimonies are true treasures**

**A. Diligence 13a We must study to.....**

**[a] Takes time [b] Must be Applied**

**We have time for everything else...**

**B. Daring 13b Dare to Declare**

**Dare to speak out against sin**

**Dare to stand up against sin**

**2. We must prize it v 14-15 Because of**

**A. Its priceless worth v 14**

**More precious than all other wealth...**

**B. Its practical worth v 15**

**While pondering the precepts lets also  
pursue the path**

**[a] In times of danger [b] Distress**

**[c] Darkness [d] Defeat [e] Discouragement**

**3. We must prove it**

**Put the principles into practice**

**Proving that it works in our own lives**

**Let others see Jesus in YOU...**

**Psalm 119:17-24 The Word - Its power for Knowledge**

**[I] FINDING GREAT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WORD OF GOD**

Verses 17-20 Prayers and Pleas - Four thoughts

**1. It Bestows Life on the Soul v 17**

A. In O.T. emphasis law came before life

B. In N.T. emphasis life comes before law

**2. It Brings Light into the Soul v 18**

We are told there are 97,921 words in classical the Greek language. In the N.T. God used 5,857 words {so we are informed} This is only about 6 % of the words available - Yet it contains everything man could ever need....

**3. It Banishes Loneliness from the Soul v 19**

**4. It Bares Longing in the Soul v 20**

"fervent desire" Pulls our lives together

**[II] FINDING GREAT OPPOSITION TO THE WORD V 21-24**

Some people despise God's Word and

Some deride it - Some detest it - Many disobey it -

**1. The Antipathy v 21-23**

Opposition from three kinds of people

A. The Domineering man, Cursed of God v 21

[1] Pride is the root

[2] Error is the flower

[3] Cursed is the fruit -[the curse of God]

B. The Disdainful man, Contemptuous of God v 22

Scorned and ridiculed

C. The Dangerous man, so called Controlled of God v 23

The religious one in position of power but really persecuting others...{Saul}

**2. The Antidote v 24**

The cure - Seek the counsel of God -- HIS WORD

**Distress and Desire Psalm 119:25-32 # 4 in Psalm 119**

**The Word - Its Power for Reviving....**

**[I] WHAT THE PSALMIST REALIZED V 25-29**

**He applies God's Word to his life in 5 ways**

**1. God's Word in Conviction v 25**

**In deep depression he is calling on God**

**2. God's Word in Confession v 26**

**An open and honest approach**

**3. God's Word in Consecration v 27**

**God wants to show us how His Precepts work..**

**Request was make me understand the way of thy precepts...**

**A. In the way to a healthy life**

**B. In the way to a holy life**

**C. In the way to a happy life**

**With the confession of my ways - let there be confidence in God's way....**

**4. God's Word in Contrition v 28**

**5. God's Word in Contrast v 29**

**[II] WHAT THE PSALMIST RESOLVED V 30-32**

**1. His decision to live for God v 30**

**A. One way leads to promotion but the other way leads to peril...**

**One to delight -/- other to danger**

**One says 'yes' to the world while**

**The other says 'yes' to The Word**

**2. His determination to live for God v 31**

**3. His desire to live for God v 32**

**Psalm 119:33-40 Heart and Head  
The word - Its power for establishing  
Reasons 33-36 Reminders 37-40**

**[I] SOJOURNER 33-34 Wanderer in this world**

**We must follow God's directions**

**1. Faithfully v 33**

**2. Fully v 34**

**To undertake following God's directions**

**We must first understand His directions.**

**Obedience to God's will & following Him**

**must be [1] Unlimited v 33**

**[2] Unreserved v 34**

**[II] SOLDIER 35-36**

**Life is a battle and a battle-field.**

**1. The discipline needed v 35**

**[Father give me - Father make me]**

**God wants our decisions to correspond with**

**His desires for our lives..**

**2. The desire needed v 36**

**[III] SERVANT 37-38**

**He wanted to be...**

**1. A discerning servant v 37**

**Sinful things - concepts have a great attraction**

**2. A devoted servant v 38**

**A. Some read and forsake**

**B. Some read and forget**

**C. Some read and fear**

**D. Some read and follow**

**[IV] SAINT 39-40**

**He wants God's Word to.....**

**1. Make him good v 39**

**God's Word is good because God is good**

**God's Word is for our good and is designed  
to make us good...**

**2. Make him Godly v 40**

**Longing for Victory**

**Living in Victory - Victory is ours In Jesus.**

**Psalm 119:41-48 Witness and Walk  
The Word - Its Power for Testimony..  
Plea v 41-44 Promise v 45-48  
He wants to....**

**{I} Experience The Protection of God's Word v 41**

- 1. Protection from doubt and despair**
- 2. Protection from sin and sorrow**

**Assurance of our protection rests**

- A. On the word of God**
- B. The work of Christ**
- C. The witness of the Holy Spirit.**

**{II} Exercise The Power of God's Word v 42**

**We have an enemy goal is to insert into  
our minds [a] Doubts [b] Denials**

**[c] Delusions**

**{III} Express The Proof of God's Word v 43**

**God's word gave Abraham both a possession  
and a posterity...There were times of**

**[a] Doubt [b] Delay**

**There was a time element as well as a  
trust element involved**

**{IV} Explain The Permanence of God's Word v 44**

**He had cast his anchor in the rock of God's  
divine word and he would not be moved...**

**{V} Explore The Path of God's Word v -45**

**Legalism versus Liberty in Scriptural way**

**{VI} Expound The Principles of God's Word v 46**

**Allegiance that is not ashamed..**

**{VII} Extract The Pleasures of God's Word v 47**

**Appreciation for God's Word - no matter...**

**{VIII} Examine The Potential of God's Word v 48**

**Reaching forth as God reaches down to us...**

**Psalm 119:49-56 Zest and Zealousness**  
**The Word - Its Power for Comfort**  
**Reaction to Ridicule -/- Reasons for Rejoicing**  
**Indignation against the forsaking of God's Word**  
**is not inconsistent with sorrow for those who**  
**forsake it.....**

**[I] WHAT THE PSALMIST REQUESTED V 49**

**1. The Promises 2. The Principles and**  
**3. The Precepts in God's Word are not just**  
**guaranteed to certain individuals nor just**  
**under certain circumstances**

**[II] WHAT THE PSALMIST RECOGNIZED V 50-51**

**That God's Word is...**

**1. Life to him when he was injured v 50**  
**Afflictions - Injuries come in various forms**  
**A. Physical B. Emotional C. Spiritual**

**2. Law to him when insulted v 51**

**Retaliation - Revenge**

**[III] WHAT THE PSALMIST REMEMBERED V 52-56**

**1. The Lord's Nature v 52-54**

**A. Comforted him v 52**

**God's law is -fixed - firm - final -**

**B. Consoled him v 53-54**

**Horror v 53 - Happiness v 54**

**Triumph in both - testimony in both**

**2. The Lord's Name v 55-56**

**A. It had become precious to him v 55**

**In times of - trouble - terror - tears -**

**- temptation - truth - triumph -**

**B. Become part of him v 56**

**Because he kept God's precepts - he received....**

**Psalm 119:57-64 Portion and Purpose**

**The Word - Its power of satisfaction**

**Discovery in Life ---**

**[I] THE PSALMIST'S FIND V 57-58**

**DISCOVERY IN LIFE**

**1. What he realized v 57a**

**The person comes before the precept**

**2. What he resolved v 57b**

**No matter the circumstances**

**3. What he requested v 58**

**God has promised mercy - The condition -**

**We must seek it- conscious of our deep need**

**We can't plead our innocence - but our guilt.**

**We must plead guilty and ask for mercy.**

**[II] THE PSALMIST'S FEET V 59-60**

**DIRECTION OF LIFE His pathway of**

**1. Perfect obedience [goal] v 59**

**A. Deliberation I Thought**

**B. Destination On My Ways**

**C. Determination And Turned My Feet**

**D. Discrimination Unto Thy Testimonies**

**2. Prompt obedience v 60**

**People think obeying God is going to be**

**burdensome ...But instead its a blessing...**

**[III] THE PSALMIST'S FOES V 61**

**Enemies could not stop them.. One cannot delay**

**God - least of all defeat Him...**

**[IV] THE PSALMIST'S FERVOR V 62**

**[V] THE PSALMIST'S FRIENDS V 63**

**[VI] THE PSALMIST'S FACTS V 64**

**He tells us What He**

**1. Discovered v 64a**

**2. Desired v 64b**

**Grace unstinted must be followed by growth not stunted**



**Psalm 119:65-72 Taught by Trials**  
**The Word - Its power for good**  
**Admission v 67 Affirmation v 68 Arraignment 69-70**

**[I] THE PSALMIST'S WORD OF TESTIMONY V -65**  
**No matter what the situation - Scripture is Sure..**  
**The power for prompt discernment is needed**

**[II] THE PSALMIST'S WISH FOR TEACHING 66-68**  
**There was - & there is so much in God's Word**  
**1. What he expressed v 66 Belief**  
**2. What he experienced v 67 Blessing**  
**A. There was confession**  
**B. There was conversion**  
**C. There follows consecration**  
**God's chastening are parental not punitive**  
**3. What he expected v 68 Benefits**  
**Both the lash and the law correction of**  
**character as well as conduct**

**[III] THE PSALMIST'S WAY IN TESTING 69-71**  
**A two-fold reaction**  
**1. His reaction to those who affronted him**  
**verses 69-70 His reaction**  
**A. To their sneers v 69**  
**B. Smugness v 70 prosperity - pride**  
**2. His reaction to that which afflicted him**  
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**[IV] THE PSALMIST'S WEALTH OF TREASURE 72**  
**God's acts are in full accord with His**  
**attributes - Our actions usually reflect**  
**our attitude.....**

**Psalm 119:73-80 Yearnings and Yieldings**  
**The Word - Its power for accomplishment**  
**God's hand -/- God's heart -/- God's help**

**[I] THE LORD'S HAND V 73-75**

- 1. The Lord's Hand in making him v 73**
  - A. God had a real part in creating him 73a**  
**Handcrafted and handmade**
  - B. God had a real purpose in creating him 73b**  
**I can find acceptance in Him &**  
**I will find afflictions for Him**  
**I will find assurance through Him**
- 2. The Lord's Hand in motivating him v 74**
- 3. The Lord's Hand in molding him v 75**

**[II] THE LORD'S HEART V 76-77**

**He wanted God to.....**

- 1. Show His love to him v 76**  
**Searching for compassion**  
**Searching for consolation**
- 2. Share His love with him v 77**  
**Not just average kindness - but merciful**  
**tender kindness**  
**Not just mercy - but tender mercies**  
**He does not deal in unrelenting cruelty**  
**He does deal in unreserved compassion**

**[III] THE LORD'S HELP V 78-80**

**Specific petitions - He wanted to be**

- 1. Successful in the Fight v 78**  
**Two people viewed here**
  - A. One is ruled by his pride**  
**Has an inflated idea of his own importance**  
**The one ruled by pride deals perversely**
  - B. The other by God's precepts**  
**Has an informed idea of God's importance**  
**This one waits patiently**
- 2. Secure in the fellowship v 79**
- 3. Sound in the faith v 80**

**Psalm 119:81-88 Cry of the Crushed**  
**The Word - Its power under testing...**  
**Acute Affliction 81-84 - Integrity under trial**  
**Arrogant Adversaries 85-88 - Insolence against truth**  
**It is not doubt but delay that often tries the**  
**soul of the Saint...**

**[I] A TROUBLED SOUL 81-83 He needed two things**  
**1. He needed Revival 81-82 He was despairing**  
**A. His soul was fainting - He was longing for**  
**a working of God v 81**  
**B. His sight was failing - He was looking for**  
**a word from God v 82**  
**2. He needed Restoration v 83**  
**Smoke stained - useless for wine -/- water**

**[II] A TRYING SITUATION 84-87 Face to face with**  
**1. Seeming Delay v 84**  
**Why does God delay - Why must we wait??**  
**When will we see consolation -/- vindication**  
**2. Systematic Deceit v 85**  
**God is not out for entrapment of us.**  
**3. Serious Danger 86-87 He tells us**  
**A. What he sought v 86 - Assurance**  
**[1] His prayer was very simple**  
**[2] His prayer was very specific**  
**B. What he survived v 87 - Accusation**  
**"almost" "BUT"**

**[III] A TRUSTING SAINT v 88**  
**1. He had the law -/- Appeal**  
**2. He needed life -/- Avowal**  
**Then when he had life he then needed LOVE...**

**Psalm 119:89-96 Living and Lasting  
The Word - Its power for stability  
Stability of the Word -/- Its Eternal  
Scope of the word -/- Its Endless**

**[I] THE PERMANENCE OF GOD'S WORD V 89-91**

1. Why 89a Because it is God's Word
  2. Where 89b-90 It is settled in
    - A. Settled in glory 89b
    - B. Settled on this globe 90
- God's word is established in this world
- C. When 91 This Day...

**[II] THE PORTRAYAL OF GOD'S WORD V 92**

- Protected from Eternity past  
Portrayed in creation and ever since  
The Days Of Creation
1. First Day The Laws of Light
  2. Second The Forming of Firmament
  3. Third The Laying of Land
  4. Fourth The Service of Sun
  5. Fifth The Fish and Fowl
  6. Sixth Life and Lordship

**[III] THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD V 93-95**

1. Power to save 93-94 The word had
  - A. Quickened his faith v 93
  - B. Quelled his foes v 94
2. Safeguard 95
  - A. Persistence of the persecutors
  - B. Patience of the psalmist

**[IV] THE PERFECTION OF GOD'S WORD V 96**

Ownership has its obligations  
God owns us and He will fulfill every one  
of the obligations - We are His Children..

**Psalm 119:97-104 Meditation and Maturity**

**The Word - Its power of enlightenment**

**Pondering the Precepts should be followed by**

**Practicing the Principles**

**Welcome for the Word - Wisdom from the Word**

**[I] THE SOURCE OF TRUE SCHOLARSHIP 97-100**

**1. The glorious occupation of the psalmist 97**

**Concerning God's word there is**

**A. Its sound and common sense**

**B. Its structure**

**C. Its simplicity**

**2. The glorious outcome for the psalmist 98-100**

**Those whose wits are sharpened by**

**A. Enmity v 98**

**B. Education v 99**

**C. Experience v 100**

**Detection of deceit should lead to Detestation of that deceit...**

**[II] THE SOURCE OF TRUE SANCTITY 101-104**

**God's Word will direct one into**

**1. A separated life 101**

**Salvation leads to separation {from} & {to}**

**2. A steadfast life 102**

**A desire that brings determination**

**3. A satisfied life 103**

**Determination that is surrounded by dedication**

**4. A sterling life 104**

**Achievement in life -**

**Attainment for life WISDOM True Wisdom**

**A. Is the Word with me - in my heart - mind**

**B. Is my meditation - in my thoughts**

**C. That which I have not only hid in my heart**

**But that which I have kept in my heart**

**For that is what will keep me....**

**Psalm 119:105-112 Need in the Night**

**The Word - Its Power for Guidance**

**Illumination 105**

**Intention 106**

**Inheritance 111**

**Purpose Proclaimed - Perpetual Portion**

**The bible says those without Christ are lost**

**Those who have Christ have three credentials.**

**[I] GOD'S WORD GUIDES US 105-108**

**Three areas of this guidance**

**1. In our Walk 105-106 He speaks of**

**A. The way found 105**

**[1] A light unto our path**

**[2] A lamp unto our feet**

**B. The way followed 106**

**A promise is one thing but then**

**Performance is another thing**

**2. In our Weakness 107**

**A. His affliction came from the outside**

**Objective perspective - awareness**

**of weakness is essential**

**B. His depression came from inside**

**Subjective perspective - attitude**

**toward our weakness ?**

**3. In our Worship 108**

**[II] GOD'S WORD GUARDS US 109-110**

**A guard that**

**1. Hushes our fears 109**

**2. Hinders our foes 110**

**[III] GOD'S WORD GLADDENS US 111-112**

**We must not lose sight of**

**1. Our happy heritage 111**

**2. Our heavenly home 112**

**Psalm 119:113-120 Separation From Sinners**

**The Word - Its Power for Holiness**

**Sincerity - Security - Shuddering -**

**Shelter and Shield / Support and Safety**

**We are told**

**[I] WHOM THE PSALMIST TRUSTED V 113-117**

**1. His Vacillation is assessed 113**

**Vain thoughts - Divided thinking**

**"I Hate" "I Love"**

**2. His Victory is assured 114**

**A. First line of defense is God**

**B. Final line of defense is God**

**His hope is not in family -**

**or friends / resolutions nor**

**resources / but in God -& Word**

**3. His Virtue is assailed 115-117**

**A. His need for separation 115**

**B. His need for scripture 116**

**C. His need for support 117**

**Three-fold law of "Life in the Vine"**

**[1] A vine learns to cling**

**[2] A vine learns to climb**

**[3] A vine learns to cluster**

**[II] WHY THE PSALMIST TREMBLED 118-120**

**1. At the justice of God 118-119**

**A. In his dealings with the wayward**

**B. In his dealings with the wicked**

**2. At the judgment of God 120**

**One can readily find God's**

**A. Grace B. Goodness and also**

**C. God's Government**

**Includes wrath as well as mercy**

**Psalm 119:121-128 Appeal for Aid**  
**The Word - Its Power in Prayer**  
**Deliverance from oppression of men**  
**Discernment of opposition of men**  
**A saint's conduct should correspond to God's**  
**character.. God will not fail in**  
**fulfilling His obligations.**

**[I] HIS SERIOUS CONCERN 121-124**

**1. In Government 121**

**"I have done the right thing"**

**"where are you God?"**

**2. As guarantor 122**

**3. With grace 123-124**

**A. By saving him 123**

**God's promise should be enough**

**B. By strengthening him 124**

**[II] HIS SWEET CAPTIVITY 125**

**"bond slave" Pleasant slavery !**

**Preferred slavery !**

**Productive slavery !**

**[III] HIS SOLE COMPLAINT 126**

**1. How daring he was 126a**

**2. How discerning he was 126b**

**God will work - He must - consider**

**The moral apathy and spiritual apostasy**

**God can work in "rapture" in "ruin"**

**or in "revival" God is in control**

**[IV] HIS SIGNIFICANT CLAIM 127-128**

**1. The treasure he loved 127**

**A. His first & foremost love**

**B. His fine & fantastic logic**

**2. The truth he lived 128**

**A. A monetary value 127**

**B. A moral value 128**

**What God says should settle any & all issues**

**Issues about [1] Creation [2] Crime**

**[3] Conduct [4] Conversion**



**Psalm 119:129-136 Prayer for Preservation**

**The Word - Its Power unto Wisdom**

**The Word - Described by the Psalmist**

**Disregarded by the People**

**Longings are either lawful or lustful**

**The depths and difficulties of God's Word**

**do not stumble or stagger devout souls.**

**[I] THE PSALMIST AS TRIUMPHANT 129-131**

**He says he is**

**1. Living by God's Word v 129**

**A. Wonderful in its sufficiency**

**B. Wonderful in its simplicity**

**C. Wonderful in its sagacity**

**No wiser laws ever framed**

**[a] Sternness but also sympathy**

**[b] Punitive but also protective**

**[c] Menacing but also merciful**

**2. Lighted by God's Word v 130**

**A. The chief blessing of God's Word**

**[a] Light reveals dirt**

**[b] Disorder [c] Direction**

**B. The chief beneficiary of God's Word**

**3. Longing for God's Word v 131**

**[II] THE PSALMIST AS TREMBLING 132-136**

**1. Distance is sensed v 132**

**God is able to [a] Save**

**God is [b] anxious to save and**

**God is [c] always the same**

**2. Direction is sought v 133**

**The overcoming life and obedient life**

**always go together**

**3. Deliverance is supplicated v 134**

**4. Darkness is scattered v 135**

**5. Disaster is seen v 136**

**But never forget that God wants to**

**Deliver Souls \*\***

**Psalm 119:137-144 Zenith of Zeal**

**The Word - Its Power unto Righteousness**

**Attributes of the Word**

**Afflictions of the Writer**

**Zeal for the Word - Zeal for Wisdom**

**[I] THE PSALMIST'S DISCERNMENT 137-138**

**1. The Lord's Character v 137**

**God is right in that**

**A. He speaks to instruct us**

**B. He speaks to inhibit us**

**C. He speaks to inspire us**

**2. The Lord's Commandments v 138**

**Magnificent in scope and substance**

**We desire laws that protect our lifestyles**

**[II] THE PSALMIST'S DEVOTION 139**

**Sometimes a stand against the system**

**Sometimes a stand against the syndicate**

**[III] THE PSALMIST'S DELIGHT 140**

**Pure - needs no revising - no rewriting**

**Perfect - no way to improve it**

**[IV] THE PSALMIST'S DISTRESS 141-143**

**In spite of his personal distress an**

**element of peaceful delight comes**

**to his heart**

**1. His correct view of self 141**

**A. I am small**

**B. I am scorned**

**C. I am smart**

**Family - official - enemy critics**

**2. His correct view of scripture 142**

**3. His correct view of suffering 143**

**[V] THE PSALMIST'S DESIRE 144**

**God's Word lives and will live forever**

**Psalm 119:145-152 Quest for Quiet**  
**The Word - Its Power unto Hope**  
**Presence of Danger - Promise of Defender**  
**Waves that ruffle the surface do not reach the depths.**

**Winds that sway the branches do not disturb the roots.**

**Persecutors may be close but Our protector is closer**

**[I] THE PSALMIST'S CRYING 145-148**

**Three things to consider**

**1. How fervent he was 145 He put**

**His passions into prayers**

**2. How frustrated he was 146**

**Basically he says the same thing**

**This was not vain repetition - this was validating repetition.**

**3. How forward he was 147-148**

**Persistent prayer --**

**A. Praying before rising in the morning 147**

**B. Praying before retiring in the evening 148**

**[II] THE PSALMIST'S CALLING 149-151**

**1. His simple plea is described 149**

**He wanted God to respond**

**A. With Love B. With Life**

**2. His sudden plight is described 150**

**3. His safe place is described 151**

**[III] THE PSALMIST'S CONFESSING 152**

**Forever takes us back a very long way**

**Before creation to time past eternal**

**Forever takes us forward a very long way**

**Beyond culmination to time future eternal**

**Psalm 119:153-160 Requests for Revival**  
**The Word - Its power for overcoming**  
**Revive me according to your promise !**  
**Revive me according to your pronouncements !**  
**Revive me according to your pity !**  
**[I] THE PSALMIST'S ASSESSMENT 153-156**  
**1. His Situation 153-155 Made him**  
**A. More thoughtful in prayer 153-154**  
**He opened his life to God's**  
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