

## **PSALM 119 33-48 – Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God!**

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### **THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET!** Amy Grant Michael W. Smith

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (2X)  
When I feel afraid Think I've lost my way Still you're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear As long as you are near Please near me to the end  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path  
I will not forget Your love for me and yet My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide And hold me to your side I will love you to the end  
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near Please near me to the end  
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And a light unto my path You're the light unto my path*

**PSALM 119:** Vs. 33-40: A sense of dependence and a consciousness of extreme need pervade this section, which is all made up of prayer and plea. The former eight verses trembled with a sense of sin, quivering with childlike sense of weakness and folly, which caused the man of God to cry out for the help by which alone his soul could be preserved from falling back into sin.

Vs. 41-48: In these verses holy fear is apparent and prominent. The man of God trembles lest in any way or degree the Lord should remove His favor from him. The eight verses are one continued pleading for the abiding of grace in his soul, and it is supported by such holy arguments as would only suggest themselves to a spirit burning with love to God.

***Psa 119:33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.***

***“He”***

- That is a little confidence in the flesh, which I tend away from. “Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes; and with Your strength I will keep them unto the end”. I could buy that. I am careful of those promises that are dependent upon me. I am too much like Peter when I talk about “Lord I will never”! Then look out because that’s confidence in the flesh. My confidence is in God, His ability to keep me and not in my ability to keep myself.
- **“to the end”** Those who are taught of God never forget their lessons. When divine grace sets a man in the true way he will be true to it. Mere human wit and will have no such enduring influence. There is an end to all perfection of the flesh, but there is no end to heavenly grace except its own end, which is the perfecting of holiness in the fear of the Lord.
- Perseverance to the end is most certainly to be predicted of those whose beginning is in God, and with God, and by God; but those who commence without the Lord's teaching soon forget what they learn, and start aside from the way upon which they professed to have entered. If God keeps us we shall keep His way; and it is a great comfort to know that it is the way with God to keep the feet of His saints. Yet we are to watch as if our

keeping of the way depended wholly on ourselves; for, according to this verse, our perseverance rests not on any force or compulsion, but on the teaching of the Lord, and assuredly teaching; whoever be the teacher, requires learning on the part of the taught one: no one can teach a man who refuses to learn.

- As Christ loves us to the end, so must we serve Him to the end. The end of divine teaching is that we may persevere to the end.

***Psa 119:34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.***

***Psa 119:35 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it.***

- Again, the whole heart and delighting in the commandments of God, the necessity of understanding.

***Psa 119:36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness.***

- Which is saying that my heart is inclined towards covetousness. From a child that is so, “mine” as a child grasps, “that’s mine”. Our hearts are inclined towards covetousness. Let my heart be inclined rather Lord to your testimonies not to covetousness.

***Psa 119:37 Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way.***

- There are so many things in life that have as an allurements to us, that hope of fulfillment, happiness and satisfaction. How many times our eyes are turned away towards these things that only lead to emptiness, to bitterness, to sorrow and to despair, they are empty.
- How many times a man’s eyes have been turned towards some young girl in the office and “A whorish woman can bring a man to a crust of bread”. His eyes turning towards this, he begins to fantasize, she seems to understand him. His wife really doesn’t understand him, she’s always on his case but she, this little cutie, understands how wonderful I really am and how smart I am. She understands me. How many times there is the forsaking of the wife, the children and the family as the man pursues this fantasy of happiness, living happily ever after the interesting way that he discovered that he never really did love his wife and all of this kind of baloney that goes with it?
- It’s not only in that it’s in every area where we think that material things can somehow bring happiness. Material things cannot bring you happiness, they bring emptiness. Make me dead to the things of the flesh! Make me alive to the things of the spirit!

***Psa 119:38 Establish Your word to Your servant, Who is devoted to fearing You.***

***Psa 119:39 Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments are good.***

***Psa 119:40 Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me in Your righteousness.***

- That desire to be alive in the ways of the Lord, alive to the righteousness of God, longing after His precepts.

**“Vau” or “waw”**

***Psa 119:41 Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD—Your salvation according to Your word.***

- Much of this is prayer, “Teach me O Lord the way of Your statutes, turn my eyes away, incline my heart, make me to go, give me understanding, establish Your word and turn away my reproach” all of that is prayer.

***Psa 119:42 So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word.***

- I want God’s mercy and the salvation through the Word of God so that when people come and reproach me I can answer them for I trust in the word of God.

***Psa 119:43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I have hoped in Your ordinances.***

***Psa 119:44 So shall I keep Your law continually, Forever and ever.***

***Psa 119:45 And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.***

- The prayer and then this will be the consequence. LORD, if You will just not take your word of truth out of my mouth because I've hoped in Your judgement, then I will keep Your law continually. I will walk at liberty for I seek your precepts. An interesting thing, he speaks of desiring to keep the law of God that he might walk at liberty. You say, "That sounds like it's totally incongruous. What do mean? I thought the law was bondage". We hear so much today about freedom, you know, free sex and free this and free that. A liberated society, a woman's right to do with her body whatever she wants. This liberated society. There is no one in more bondage than the person who is living in a liberated society!
- There is no one who has more liberty than that one who walks according to the commandments of the LORD! There is true freedom. We talk about free moral agency but that to me is sort of a misnomer. Paul, speaking about those who are in sin said, "That we might take them from the captivity of the enemy who has taken them captive against their will". So, can you say a person who is sin is a really a free moral agent when Satan is holding them captive? No, they are not free at all, they are bond by Satan's power. Paul said, "The God of this world has blinded their eyes that they cannot see the truth".
- They talk a lot about liberation, but they have used their liberty in such a way as to bring themselves into terrible bondage. Can you say that the person who is an alcoholic is a truly liberated person? Can you say that the person who hooked on coke is a liberated person? No, they are not free! They are living in the worst kind of slavery, they are held in that power and in times of rational thought they can see what it's doing to them and yet they don't have the power to stop. That's not liberty that's not freedom that's bondage of the worst sort. You can't say they are really free moral agents when they are bound by Satan nor are they liberated when they are bound by Satan. It's an illusion.
- I have been truly liberated by Jesus Christ for the freedom is not in doing the things but in the capacity not to have to do the things! That's real freedom! I don't have to do those things. I have the power not to do them. The sinner has not the power not to sin. He's bound by sin, he can't help himself. He often times tries to help himself. He often times struggles that which he is doing because he knows it is wrong, but he doesn't have the power not to do it and that isn't freedom. So, the person who lives by the law of God is not a person who is living in bondage, he is living a life of real freedom because he has the power now not to do those things that destroy him!

***Psa 119:46 I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, And will not be ashamed.***

- Paul said, "I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation". He witnessed of it before kings.

***Psa 119:47 And I will delight myself in Your commandments, Which I love.***

- Can you say that of the law of the Lord? "I love Your law O Lord" David said that. The law of the Lord is perfect. You should love Him, converting the soul.

***Psa 119:48 My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, Which I love, And I will meditate on Your statutes. Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.***

- Delight in the commandments, loving the commandments and meditating in the statutes. These are all wonderful things!

**BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC (4:51)**

*1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored, He has loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword. His truth is marching on.  
(Chorus) Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*2 I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps. They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps I have read his righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps. His day is marching on. (Chorus)*

*3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, While God is marching on. (Chorus) (2 x) Amen. Amen.*

**PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE  
OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL:**

**PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD  
LEADERS: - Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation!**