

## **PSALM 119 17-32 2023 – 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*

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*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*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path*

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*And a light unto my path You're the light unto my path*

**PSALM 119:** Vs. 17-24: In this section the trials of the way appear to be manifest to the Psalmist's mind, and he prays accordingly for the help which will meet his case. As in the last eight verses he prayed as a youth newly come into the world, so here he pleads as a servant and a pilgrim, who growingly finds himself to be a stranger in an enemy's country. His appeal is to God alone, and his prayer is especially direct and personal. He speaks with the Lord as a man speaks with his friend.

Vs. 25-32: Here it seems, we have the Psalmist in trouble bewailing the bondage to earthly things in which he finds his mind to be held. His soul cleaves to the dust, melts for heaviness and cries for enlargement from its spiritual prison. In these verses we shall see the influence of the divine word upon a heart which laments its downward tendencies and is filled with mourning because of its deadening surroundings. The word of the Lord evidently arouses prayer (25-29), confirms choice (30), and inspires renewed resolve (32). It is in all tribulation whether of body or mind the surest source of help This portion has "D" for its alphabetical letter. It sings of Depression, in the spirit of Devotion, Determination and Dependence.

### ***Psa 119:17 Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.***

The **Gimel** begins with a prayer.

- The prayer that God would deal bountifully with Your servant. Let my wages be according to Your goodness, and not according to my merit. Reward me according to the largeness of Your liberality, and not according to the scantiness of my service. "That I may live." Without abundant mercy he could not live. "And keep Your word." This should be the rule, the object, and the joy of our life. We may not wish to live and sin; but we may pray to live and keep God's word.

### ***Psa 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.***

- This sort of goes along with the meditating and the precepts. As you meditate the Lord does open your eyes that you behold these wondrous things from His law. It is far better to have the eyes opened than to be placed in the midst of the noblest prospects and remain blind to their beauty.
- "That I may see wondrous things from Your law." Some men can perceive no wonders in the gospel, but David felt sure that there were glorious things in the law! We need not so much that God should give us more benefits, as the ability to see what he has given.

***Psa 119:19 I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me.***

- That is the attitude that we should all have really, a stranger in the earth. Be careful if you find yourself at home in the world. The Bible speaks of Abraham turning from his home (*Heb 11:10*) *for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.* For he said that he was a stranger, he was a pilgrim, he was not at home in the world, and he was looking for God's city and so we. too are strangers on the earth. We are sort of aliens in this planet that is given over to Satan.

***Psa 119:20 My soul breaks with longing For Your judgments at all times.***

- Beautiful isn't it? My soul is just breaking because I long so much for the judgements of God at all times. God's righteous judgement to come forth! How my soul breaks over some of the decisions that are being made that are so adverse to real righteousness, to true judgement.

***Psa 119:21 You rebuke the proud—the cursed, Who stray from Your commandments.*** (*Pro 6:16-17a*) *These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: [17a] A proud look.*

***Psa 119:22 Remove from me reproach and contempt, For I have kept Your testimonies.***

- That would be the reproach of men and the contempt of men. The best way to deal with slander is to pray about it: God will either remove it, or remove the sting from it.

***Psa 119:23 Princes also sit and speak against me, But Your servant meditates on Your statutes.***

- The answer to the things spoken against you is meditation of the statutes of God.
- So "princes also did sit and speak against me" the psalmist said "but I'll just meditate in Your statutes" not trying to defend yourself. I find that if I try to defend myself the Lord will let me but if I let Him, He will defend me, saying, "Lord, You hear what they are saying, take care of it" and trust the Lord to be my defense. There is no reason for me to interfere with the excellent work that He is doing.

***Psa 119:24 Your testimonies also are my delight And my counselors.***

- Two good things that the word of God is not only your *delight* but is your *counselor*. Your life is guided by the word of God.

**Daleth Psa 119:25 My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.**

- *My soul clings* - The idea of "Dust thou art and dust thou shalt return" my soul is about ready to die.
- *Revive me* - The Word of God is alive and powerful. The scripture says. Trying to keep the letter of the law is going to kill you. The Word of God is alive, it is powerful, and it is sharper than a two-edged sword. Make me alive according to Your word. God's word brings life, not death.

***Psa 119:26 I have declared my ways, and You answered me; Teach me Your statutes.***

- You have heard what I think about it, but Lord teach me Your ways.

***Psa 119:27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.***

- God help me to understand. Give me a deep insight into the practical meaning of Your word and I will share. I will talk of Your wonderful works.

***Psa 119:28 My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.***

- Again, we remember he spoke about his soul breaking over the longing that he had to see the righteous judgements at all times. Now his soul melts for heaviness.
- The strength that comes to us through the word of God in the midst of a trial, in the midst of hardship. The Word of God gives such strength in trying times and difficult times when our soul is really being pressed for heaviness. The Word of God is our strength!

***Psa 119:29 Remove from me the WAY of lying, And grant me Your law graciously.***

- Not only be kept from that way of lying, but have it kept from him; he cannot endure to have it near him. He would have it swept away from his sight! Grant me Your law graciously.

***Psa 119:30 I have chosen the WAY of truth; Your judgments I have laid before me.***

- I have chosen to walk Lord, in Your truth. Each of us makes our choice where we are going to walk. I choose to serve the Lord, or I choose not to serve the Lord. I choose to believe in Jesus Christ, or I choose not to believe in Jesus Christ, it is all a matter of choice. I choose to live by God's way, or I choose to walk in my way, it is a matter of choice. It really is not a choice that is based upon an intellectual kind of a basis, it is a choice that is made based on I choose to believe, or I choose not to believe. I make my choice and then all that follows are based upon the position that I have taken.

***Psa 119:31 I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame!***

- I like that idea of sticking, cleaving, holding fast to Your testimonies. Do not put me to shame!

***Psa 119:32 I will run the COURSE of Your commandments, For You shall enlarge my heart.***

- Each one of these is a message in itself. What a change from verse twenty-five to the present., from clinging to the dust to running the course of Your commandments!
- This is the third time an octave closes with, "I will." These "I wills" of the Psalms are worthy of being each one the subject of study and meditation.
- What a change from *verse 25* to the present, from cleaving to the dust to running in the way!

**GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN – Julia Johnson – sung Bob Kauflin (3:08)**

*Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!*

*Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.*

*(Refrain): Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!*

*Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away?*

*Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, brighter than snow you may be today.*

*(Refrain)*

*Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!*

*All who are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive?*

*(Refrain)*

**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!**

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