

PSALM 119 33-48 2023 – Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God!

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

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

TURN YOUR EYES ON JESUS – Helen Lemmel, Michael W. Smith (1:24)

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His Glory and Grace.*

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.

“He”

הורני יהוה דרך חקיך ואצרנה עקב: Psa 119:33

הבינני ואצרה תורתך ואשמרנה בכל-לב: Psa 119:34

הדריכני בנתיב מצותיך כי-יבו הפצתי: Psa 119:35

הטלבי אל-עדותיך ואל אל-בצע: Psa 119:36

העבר עיני מראות שוא בדרכך חיני: Psa 119:37

הקם לעבדך אמרתך אשר ליראתך: Psa 119:38

העבר חרפתי אשר יגרתי כי משפטיך טובים: Psa 119:39

הנה תאבתי לפקדיך בצדקתך חיני: Psa 119:40

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

- Teach me to shy away from confidence in the flesh! 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.
- **“the way”** (Psa 119:1) Blessed *are* the undefiled in the **way**, Who walk in the law of the LORD!
 - ✓ [3] They also do no iniquity; They walk in His **ways**.
 - ✓ [5] Oh, that my **ways** were directed To keep Your statutes!
 - ✓ [9] How can a young man cleanse his **way**? By taking heed according to Your word.
 - ✓ [14] I have rejoiced in the **way** of Your testimonies, As *much as* in all riches.
 - ✓ [15] I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your **ways**.
 - ✓ [26] I have declared my **ways**, and You answered me; Teach me Your statutes.
 - ✓ [27] Make me understand the **way** of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.
 - ✓ [29] Remove from me the **way** of lying, And grant me Your law graciously.
 - ✓ [30] I have chosen the **way** of truth; Your judgments I have laid *before me*.

- **“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. 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. 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 (make understand me), ***and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.***

Psa 119:35 Make me walk (direct me) ***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 (turn heart of me) ***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 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.

- How many times have our eyes are turned away towards these things that only lead to emptiness, to bitterness, to sorrow and to despair, they are empty.
- How often has a man’s eyes turned towards some young girl and “A whorish woman can bring a man to a crust of bread.” How many times there is the forsaking of the wife, the children and the family as the man pursues this fantasy of happiness.?
- Not only that! It is in every area where we think that material things can somehow bring happiness. Material things cannot bring you happiness, they bring emptiness. “Drink of this and you will thirst again!”

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

- Make me sure of Your sure word! Make it sure to me and make me sure of it! To all reverent men!

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

- He feared just reproach, trembling lest he should give entry to the enemy!

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” - a conjunctive

ויבאני חסדך יהוה תשועתך כאמרתך: Psa 119:41

ואענה חרפי דבר כייבטחתי בדברך: Psa 119:42

ואל־תצל מפי דבר־אמת עד־מאד כי למשפטך יחלתי: Psa 119:43

ואשמרה תורתך תמיד לעולם ועד: Psa 119:44

ואתהלכה ברחבה כי פקדיך דרשתי: Psa 119:45

ואדברה בעדתיך נגד מלכים ולא אבוש: Psa 119:46

ואשתעשע במצותיך אשר אהבתי: Psa 119:47

ואשא־כפי אל־מצותיך אשר אהבתי ואשיחה בחקיך: Psa 119:48

Psa 119:41 Let Your mercies come also to me (and may they come to me), O LORD—Your salvation according to Your word.

- Most 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 (then I will 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.

- The word of truth cannot be a joy to our mouths unless we have an experience of it in our lives! It may be better to be silent if we cannot support our testimonies by our consciousness.

Psa 119:44 So shall I keep (and I will obey) Your law continually, Forever and ever.

- Nothing more effectively binds a man to the way of the Lord than an experience of the truth of His word, embodied in the form of mercies and deliverances!

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

- It is 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 is 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!
- 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 is doing to them and yet they do not have the power to stop. That is not liberty that’s not freedom that’s bondage of the worst sort. You cannot say they are really free moral agents when Satan binds them nor are they liberated when they are bound by Satan. It is 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 is real freedom! I do not have to do those things. I have the power not to do them. The sinner has no power not to sin! He is bound by sin; he

cannot help himself. Often he struggles that which he is doing because he knows it is wrong, but he does not have the power not to do it and that is not freedom. (*Joh 8:36*) *Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.*

Psa 119:46 I will speak (and 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 (for I delight) ***myself in Your commandments, Which I love.***

- Next to liberty and courage comes delight! Do you, do I, delight in 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 (and I reach out) ***to Your commandments, Which I love, And I will meditate on Your statutes.***

- Delight in the commandments, loving the commandments and meditating in the statutes. These are all wonderful things!
- Where holy hands and holy hearts go, the whole man will one day follow!

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

I SPEAK JESUS *Here be Lions, Darlene Zschech (4:00)*

I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind

'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the name of Jesus Till every dark addiction starts to break

Declaring there is hope and there is freedom I speak Jesus

'Cause Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life

Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over fear and all anxiety

To every soul held captive by depression I speak Jesus

Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life

Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like the fire

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets Jesus in the darkness

over every enemy Jesus for my family I speak the holy name Jesus (2x)

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