

PSALM 119 113 - 128 – Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God!

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Psa 119:116 Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

Psa 119:117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually.

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS Hoffman/Showalter - T4G Live IV (2:54)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

O how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! (Refrain)

*What have I to dread, what have I to **fear**, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!*

I have peace complete with my Lord so near, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! (Refrain)

SAMEK - The Word of God produces a healthy fear of God inside of us! A deep, deep, reverence for God!

Psa 119:113 I hate the double-minded (divided in heart or mind), But I love Your law.

- Just as he began the octave, (***Psa 119:97***) “*O how I love Your law!*” So here he begins with a declaration of hatred against that which breaks the law. The opposite of the fixed and infallible law of God is the wavering, changing opinion of men. David had an utter contempt and abhorrence for this; all his reverence and regard went to the sure word of testimony.
- ***But I love Your law.*** When we love the law it becomes a law of love, and we cling to it with our whole heart.

Psa 119:114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.

- Happy is he who can truly say to the triune God, “You are my hiding-place and my shield!”
- Observe that he does not speak of God's word as being his double defense, but he speaks that to God Himself.
- “*I hope in Your word.*” And well he might, since he had tried and proved it. He looked for protection from all danger, and preservation from all temptation to Him, who had been the tower of his defense on former occasions. It is easy to exercise hope where we have experienced help.

Psa 119:115 Depart from me, you evildoers, For I will keep the commandments of my God (the only place, “God” is used in Psalm 119!)

- “*Depart from me, you evildoers.*” There are always those that would seek to turn you aside from God's path, to seek to lead you into evil. There is tremendous pressure to go after the realm of the flesh and the ways of the flesh. There is tremendous pressures to try drugs, to try this and to try that and the other. People say, “Ah go ahead, you're just chicken. It won't hurt you” and those pressures. He says, get away, ***depart from me, you evil doers.*** I hate your vain thoughts! I love the law of God. I am going to keep the commandments of my God.

- “For I will keep the commandments of my God.” Since he found it hard to keep the commandments in the company of the ungodly, he gave them their marching orders. He must keep the commandments, but he did not need to keep their company.
- What a beautiful title for the Lord this verse contains! **The word God occurs only in this one place** in all this lengthened Psalm, and then it is attended by the personal word “my” - “my God.”

Psa 119:116 Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

- Now his prayer having made that resolve; Let your word Lord, just hold me up. Give me strength! There are the pressures that are coming around me. Lord I need You! Let Your word just hold me up! Give me strength. Hold me up.
- Help to stand up for what is right. Don’t let me be ashamed. When all of this pressure comes to do evil and they are making fun of me, help me not to be ashamed of my hope.

Psa 119:117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually.

- I love that. Oh, if God is holding me up then I don’t need to worry. I know I’m safe. I love that verse that says, “And underneath are the everlasting arms” holding me up. What’s holding me up? God’s everlasting arms!
- Now if the heavens are the work of His fingers, I need never worry about falling, if underneath me are the everlasting arms. If He can create the heavens with His fingers, He can hold me up with His arms for sure.
- You bet I’m safe when God’s holding me up! And God will hold me up!

Psa 119:118 You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, For their deceit is falsehood.

- You can get that in the testimonies of God as He has trodden down the enemies, those that have turned their hearts and backs against God. Even Israel when they *strayed from* God, were trodden down. They were trodden down and overcome by their enemies.
- “For their deceit is falsehood.” Ordinary men call it far-seeing policy, but it is absolute falsehood. But the man of God declares it to be falsehood, and nothing less, for he knows that it is so in the sight of God. God treads down falsehoods! They are only fit to be spurned by His feet and crushed into the dust.

Psa 119:119 You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross; Therefore I love Your testimonies.

- God sets aside the wicked and the evil ways of people. He does not trifle with them, or handle them with kid gloves. No, He judges them to be the dross, the scum, of the earth. He treats them accordingly by putting them away. He puts them away from His church, away from their honors, away from the earth, and at last away from Himself.
- “Therefore I love Your testimonies.” Even the severities of the Lord excite the love of His people. We may regard as a mark of the true man of God that he loves the Lord, None the less, but a great deal more, because of His deserved and fitting judgment of the ungodly.

Psa 119:120 My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments.

- “My flesh trembles for fear of you..” Such was his awe in the presence of the Judge of all the earth, whose judgment he had just now been considering, that he did exceedingly fear and quake.
- *And I am afraid of Your judgments.*” God’s words of judgment are solemn, and His deeds of judgment are awesome. They may well make us afraid.

AYIN - The Word of God makes a person rich in a way that money can never make a person rich! (Mar 8:36) For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

Psa 119:121 I have done justice and righteousness; Do not leave me to my oppressors.

- “*I have done justice and righteousness.*” Some rulers gave neither judgment nor justice, others gave judgment without justice, but David gave *justice and righteousness*. He saw that his sentences were carried out. He could claim before the Lord that he had dealt out even-handed *justice*, and was doing so still. On this fact he founded a plea with which he backed the prayer –
- *Do not leave me to my oppressors.* He who, as far as his power goes, has been doing right, may hope to be delivered from those over him, when attempts are made by them to do him wrong. If I will not oppress others, I may hopefully pray that others may not oppress me. A course of upright conduct is one which gives us boldness in appealing to the Great Judge for deliverance from the injustice of others.

Psa 119:122 Be surety for Your servant for good; Do not let the proud oppress me.

- Lord, guarantee my good, is what he is asking God. I want some kind of a guarantee *for good*. Take up my interests and weave them with Your own, and stand for me.
- “*Let not the proud oppress me.*” What a blessing to be able to leave our matters in His hands, knowing that all will be well, since He has an answer for every accuser, a rebuke for everyone proud.

Psa 119:123 My eyes fail from seeking Your salvation And Your righteous word.

- So the prayer of David. He talks about its weariness in waiting to see the salvation of God. He’s asking now of the mercy of God be revealed for he is God’s servant. He wants understanding.
- *And Your righteous word.*, a *word* that would silence the unrighteous words of his oppressors. His eyes as well as his ears waited for the Lord’s *word*. He even watched with eager eyes for the judgment and the deliverance, the *word of righteousness* from God which meant salvation to himself.

Psa 119:124 Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, And teach me Your statutes.

- Here he recollects himself. Although before men he was so clear that he could challenge the word of righteousness, yet before the Lord, as His servant, he felt that he must appeal to mercy. We feel safest here. Our heart has more rest in the cry, “God be merciful to me,” than in appealing to justice.
- *And teach me Your statutes.*” This will be one way of dealing with us in *mercy*. We may expect a master to teach his own servant the meaning of his own orders.

Psa 119:125 I am Your servant; Give me understanding, That I may know Your testimonies.

- *I am Your servant!* This is the third time he has repeated this title, “Your servant,” in this one section. Evidently he is fond of the name, conceiving it to be a very effective plea. We who rejoice that we are sons of God and to be His servants. Did not the firstborn Son assume the servant’s form and fulfil the servant’s work to the full? What higher honor can we desire than to be made like the Heir of all things?
- “*Give me understanding, that I may know Your testimonies.*” In the previous verse he sought teaching; but here he goes much further, and craves for *understanding*. This gift of *understanding* also acts in the form of discernment, and thus the good man is preserved from hoarding up that which is false and dangerous. He knows what are and what are not the testimonies of the Lord.

Psa 119:126 It is time for You to act, O LORD, For they have regarded Your law as void.

- As I look at the situation in our nation and as I see of how they made *void* the law of God through existentialism, situation ethics and the vain philosophies of man. They seek to remove the understanding of God from the public domain! They have openly avowed their intentions of ridding our nation from the thought and the idea of God! You are their enemy because you believe in God! They are going to do their best to destroy your belief in God.
- The psalmist said, work, LORD! We can’t do it! It is beyond us.

Psa 119:127 Therefore I love Your commandments More than gold, yes, than fine gold!

- Lord I value, I treasure Your word. I treasure Your commandments. These people have made void Your law but I treasure it, Lord! I treasure it more than fine gold!
- He judged God's holy commands to be better than the best earthly thing. Yes, better than the best sort of the best earthly thing. This esteem was confirmed and forced into expression by those very oppositions of the world which drive hypocrites to forsake the Lord and His ways.

Psa 119:128 Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way.

- ***Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right;*** Because the ungodly found fault with the precepts of God, therefore David was all the more sure of their being right. The good man's delight in God's law is unreserved. He believes in all God's precepts concerning all things.
- ***I hate*** (3X in Psa 119) ***every false way.*** This godly man was not indifferent to anything, but that which he did not love he hated. His hatred was as unreserved as his affection. He had not a good word for any practice which would not bear the light of truth. The fact that such large multitudes follow the broad road had no influence upon this holy man, except to make him more determined to avoid every form of error and sin. May the Holy Spirit so rule in our hearts that our affections may be in the same decided condition towards the precepts of the word.

10,000 REASONS – BLESS THE LORD! – Redman (5:42)

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me, Let me be singing When the evening comes

Refrain: Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love And You're slow to anger. Your name is great And Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find (Refrain)

And on that day, When my strength is failing, The end draws near And my time has come.

Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years And then forevermore. Forevermore - Refrain (2X)

I'll worship Your Holy name Jesus I will worship Your Holy name, Sing like never before Oh my soul I'll worship your holy name

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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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