

PSALM 119 161 – 176 2024

– Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God!

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LIKE A RIVER GLORIOUS! Frances Havergal - (2:05)

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace. Over all victorious in its bright increase

Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day. Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way

Refrain: Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest. Finding as He promised, Perfect peace and rest (2x)

SHIN The Word of God is a Treasure!

Psa 119:161 Princes persecute me without a cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your word.

- Princes are appointed to protect the innocent and avenge the oppressed, and it is a shame when they themselves become the assailants of the righteous.
- *But my heart stands in awe of Your word.* The more I read the word of God the more my heart stands in awe. I'm amazed at what this Bible teaches. I'm amazed at what you can learn about God and about yourself, about life, from reading the Bible. *My heart stands in awe of the word of God.*

Psa 119:162 I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure.

- Has the word of God ever affected you that when you get so excited you find some scripture that just really lights you up? There are times when a scripture almost jumps out of the page at me. A truth of God just breaks across my heart, and I get so excited I just want to call someone and tell them about it. Wow! It's like finding a great treasure, like finding a diamond. The treasures that are there in the word of God that are just waiting to be discovered and waiting to be found.

Psa 119:163 I hate and abhor lying, But I love Your law.

- A double expression for an inexpressible loathing. He set down all opposition to the God of truth as lying, and then he turned his whole soul against it in the most intense form of indignation. Godly men should detest false doctrine even as they abhor a lie.
- *But I love Your law,* because it is all truth. His love was as fervent as his hate. True men love truth, and hate lying. It is well for us to know which way our hates and loves run, and we may do essential service to others by declaring what are their objects.

Psa 119:164 Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous judgments.

- Do we praise God seven times a day? Do we praise him once in seven days?
- It is a wise thing to set out certain things to praise God for. I'm going to praise God because He's good, I'm going to praise God because He sent His son to die for my sins and things that I want to praise God for. He praises God seven times every day for God's righteous judgments.

Psa 119:165 Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.

- What a charming verse is this! It deals not with those who perfectly keep the law, for where should such men be found? But with those who love it, whose hearts and hands are made to square with its precepts and demands.
- King of peace, loving the law of God, walking in the law of God. You see you have peace with God and peace with God brings you peace with yourself and then it brings you peace with your brother. It's impossible to be at peace with yourself and be at war with God.

Psa 119:166 LORD, I hope for Your salvation, And I do Your commandments.

- Here we have salvation by grace, and the fruits thereof. All David's hope was fixed upon God, he looked to Him alone for salvation; and then he endeavored most earnestly to fulfil the commands of His law. Those who place least reliance upon good works are very frequently those who have the most of them; that same divine teaching which delivers us from confidence in our own doings leads us to abound in every good work to the

glory of God.

- In times of trouble there are two things to be done, the first is to hope in God, and the second is to do that which is right. The first without the second would be mere presumption: the second without the first mere formalism. If we have acted rightly towards God we are sure that He will act kindly with us.

Psa 119:167 My soul keeps Your testimonies, And I love them exceedingly.

- My outward life has kept Your precepts, and my inward life - my soul, has kept Your testimonies. God has borne testimony to many sacred truths, and these we hold fast as for life itself. The gracious man stores up the truth of God within his heart as a treasure exceedingly dear and precious -
- *And I love them exceedingly.* This was why he kept them, and having kept them this was the result of the keeping. He did not merely store up revealed truth by way of duty, but because of a deep, unutterable affection for it. He felt that he could sooner die than give up any part of the revelation of God. The more we store our minds with heavenly truth, the more deeply shall we be in love with it: the more we see the exceeding riches of the Bible the more will our love exceed measure, and exceed expression.

Psa 119:168 I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For all my ways are before You.

- God knows about you completely; *all of my ways are before* the Lord. Everything again is naked and open with Him whom we have to do. God sees everything and God knows everything, there is nothing you can hide from God.
- We are struck with the contrast between this verse, which is the last of this octave, verse 176, which is similarly placed in the next octave. This is a protest of innocence, "*I keep Your precepts,*" and that a confession of sin, "*I have gone astray like a lost sheep.*" Both were sincere, both accurate. Experience makes many a paradox plain, and this is one. Before God we may be clear of open fault and yet at the same time mourn over a thousand heart-wanderings which need His restoring hand.

TAU The Word of God is a Source of Healthy Speech

Psa 119:169 Let my cry COME before You, O LORD; Give me understanding according to Your word.

Psa 119:170 Let my supplication COME before You; Deliver me according to Your word.

- The prayer, first of all, is for *understanding according to Your word.* The second is deliverance *according to Your word.* This is the prayer about which the Psalmist is so exceedingly anxious. With all his getting's he would get understanding, and whatever he misses he is resolved not to miss this priceless boon.
- "*Let my supplication come before You.*" It is the same entreaty with a slight change of words. He humbly calls his cry a supplication, a sort of beggar's petition; and again he asks for audience and for answer.
- "*Deliver me according to Your word.*" Rid me of mine adversaries, clear me of my slanderers, preserve me from my tempters, and bring me up out of all my afflictions even as Your word has led me to expect thou wilt do.

Psa 119:171 My lips shall utter praise, For You teach me Your statutes.

- He will not always be pleading for himself, he will rise above all selfishness, and render thanks for the benefit received. The best possible praise is that which proceeds from men who honor God, not only with their lips, but in their lives.
- He whose life honors the Lord is sure to be a man of praise. David would not only be grateful in silence, but he would express that gratitude in appropriate terms: his lips would utter what his life had practiced. Eminent disciples are wont to speak well of the master who instructed them, and this holy man, when taught the statutes of the Lord, promises to give all the glory to him to whom it is due.

Psa 119:172 My tongue shall speak of Your word, For all Your commandments are righteousness.

- When he had done singing he began preaching. God's tender mercies are such that they may be either said or sung. When the tongue speaks of God's word it has a most fruitful subject; such speaking will be as a tree of life, whose leaves shall be for the healing of the people.

- “For all Your commandments are righteousness.” David appears to have been mainly enamored of the preceptive part of the word of God, and concerning the precept his chief delight lay in its purity and excellence. When a man can speak this from his heart, his heart is indeed a temple of the Holy Spirit.
- Here he declares that they are righteousness itself. When a man has so high an opinion of God's commandments it is little wonder that his lips should be ready to extol the ever-glorious One.

Psa 119:173 Let Your hand become my help, For I have chosen Your precepts.

- Give me practical help. Do not entrust me to my friends or Your friends, but put thine own hand to the work. Your hand has both skill and power, readiness and force: display all these qualities on my behalf. A man may correctly ask help from God's hand when he has dedicated his own hand entirely to the obedience of the faith.
- “I have chosen Your precepts.” His election was made, his mind was made up. In reference to all earthly rules and ways, in preference even to his own will, he had chosen to be obedient to the divine commands.

Psa 119:174 I long for Your salvation, O LORD, And Your law is my delight.

- Again, that panting, that yearning after the work of God in my life. I have longed for Your salvation, O Lord.” He speaks like old Jacob on his deathbed; indeed, all saints, both in prayer and in death, appear as one, in word, and deed, and mind. He knew God's salvation, and yet he longed for it; that is to say, he had experienced a share of it, and he was therefore led to expect something yet higher and more complete.
- The first clause tells us what the saint longs for, and this informs us what is his present satisfaction. God's law, contained in the ten commandments, gives joy to believers. God's law, that is, the entire Bible, is a well-spring of consolation and enjoyment to all who receive it.

Psa 119:175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise You; And let Your judgments help me.

- Fill my soul full of life, preserve it from wandering into the ways of death, give it to enjoy the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, let it live to the fulness of life, to the utmost possibilities of its new-created being. It shall praise You for life, for new life, for thou art the Lord and Giver of Life.
- *And let Your judgments help me.* Let all Your deeds in providence instruct me, and aid me in the struggle to overcome sin and to practice holiness. This is the second time he has asked for help in this portion; he was always in need of it, and so are we.

Psa 119:176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; Seek (pursue after) Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.

- Confession of human weakness, human frailty. The Bible says, “All we like sheep have gone astray”. We turned every one of us to our own way. The psalmist confession of going astray like a lost sheep. Lord, seek after me. When I go astray seek after me Lord.
- *Psa 119:2 Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!*
- *Psa 119:45 And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.*
- *Psa 119:155 Salvation is far from the wicked, For they do not seek Your statutes.*

10,000 REASONS – BLESS THE LORD! - Redman

*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

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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