

PSALM 119 145-160 2024 Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God!

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PSALM 5! – Terry Clark (4:03)

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning,

O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and will look up. (3x)

QOPH - You are near, O LORD! The word of God reminds me of the nearness of God, in my life in times of trouble!

Psa 119:145 I cry out with my whole heart; Hear me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.

- The next section is a cry unto the Lord. This is a vow he is making to God. Lord, *I cry out with my whole heart*. Now *hear me* and in turn Lord *I will keep Your statutes*. Heart-cries are the essence of prayer. If the whole heart be in them they will find their way to the heart of God.
- He could not expect the Lord to hear him if he did not hear the Lord. Neither would it be true that he prayed with his whole heart unless it was manifest that he labored with all his might to be obedient to the divine will. He will keep God's statutes in his memory, in his affections, and in his actions.

Psa 119:146 I cry out to You; Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies.

- To Him, he cried, “*Save me*” from the dangers which surround me, from the enemies that pursue me, from the temptations which beset me, from the sins which accuse me.
- *And I will keep Your testimonies*. This was his great object in desiring salvation, that he might be able to continue in a blameless life of obedience to God, that he might be able to believe the witness of God, and also to become himself a witness for God.

Psa 119:147 I rise before the dawning of the morning, And cry for help; I hope in Your word.

- *The dawning of the morning* was always a time for prayer in the Hebrew culture. It was beginning the new day with a prayer unto the Lord thanking God for the new day. As you lie there waiting for the dawning, you are waiting for the moment of the morning prayer offering to God the new day in the morning prayer. Then there were those times during the night of just calling upon God that I might meditate in Your word. That meditation in the night hours on the things of God and on the word of God.
- Jet lag is a strange thing that happens to you. I used to always dread jet lag because your mind turns on at the weirdest times. until I started using that time to meditate upon the Lord, and for prayer, for something worthwhile. No longer do I dread jet lag. It is a great time for meditation.

Psa 119:148 My eyes are awake through the night watches, That I may meditate on Your word.

- *My eyes are awake through the night watches*. Before the watchman cried the hour, he was crying to God. He began the day with prayer, and he continued in prayer through the watches of the day, and the watches of the night!
- *That I may meditate on Your word*. This had become meat and drink to him. Meditation was the food of his hope, and the solace of his sorrow: the one theme upon which his thoughts ran was that blessed “word,” which he continually mentions, and in which his heart rejoices.

Psa 119:149 Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness; O LORD, revive me according to Your justice.

- *Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness.* Men find it very helpful to use their voices in prayer. It is difficult long to maintain the intensity of devotion unless we hear ourselves speak; hence David at length broke through his silence, arose from his quiet meditations, and began crying with voice as well as heart unto the Lord his God!
- *O LORD, revive me according to Your justice.* This is another of David's wise and ardent prayers. He first cried, "Save me;" then, "Hear me;" and now, "Revive me." This is often the very best way of delivering us from trouble. To give us more life that we may escape from death; and to add more strength to that life that we may not be overloaded with its burdens.

Psa 119:150 They draw near who follow after wickedness; They are far from Your law.

- *They draw near who follow after wickedness;* He could hear their footsteps close behind him. They are not following him for his benefit, but for his hurt, and therefore the sound of their approach is to be dreaded.
- *They are far from Your law.* David mentions this to the Lord in prayer, feeling some kind of comfort in the fact that those who hated him hated God also, and found it needful to get away from God before they could be free to act their cruel parts towards himself. When we know that our enemies are God's enemies, and ours because they are His, we may well take comfort to ourselves.

Psa 119:151 You are near, O LORD, And all Your commandments are truth.

- Notice my enemies are drawing near but You, Lord are near. It's good to know that the Lord is close by.
- *You are near, O Lord.* Near as the enemy might be, God was nearer: this is one of the choicest comforts of the persecuted child of God.
- *And all Your commandments are truth.* God neither commands a lie, nor lies in his commands. Virtue is truth in action, and this is what God commands. Sin is falsehood in action, and this is what God forbids. If all God's commands are truth, then the true man will be glad to keep near to them, and therein he will find the true God near him. (*Psa 46:1*) *God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.* (*Psa 139:5,10*) *You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. [10] Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.*

Psa 119:152 Concerning Your testimonies, I have known of old that You have founded them forever.

- David found of old that God had founded them of old, and that they would stand firm throughout all ages. It is a very blessed thing to be so early taught of God that we know substantial doctrines even from our youth. Those who think that David was a young man when he wrote this Psalm will find it rather difficult to reconcile this verse with the theory. It is more probable that he had now grown grey and was looking back upon what he had known long before.

RESH – The Word of God reveals to us the way of salvation, for all men, even for the wicked! The way of salvation is revealed to us in His word! Revive me!

Psa 119:153 Consider my affliction and deliver me, For I do not forget Your law.

- His prayer is very practical, for he seeks to be delivered out of the trouble and preserved from sustaining any serious damage by it. This is a good plea when it can be honestly urged, if we are kept faithful to God's law we may be sure that God will remain faithful to His promise. If we do not forget His law the Lord will not forget us. He will not leave for long that man in trouble whose only fear in trouble is lest he should leave the way of right.

Psa 119:154 Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word.

- *Plead my cause, and redeem me.* Stand in my stead, bear my burden, fight my fight, pay my price, and bring me out to liberty. When we feel ourselves unable to speak before the foe, here is a prayer made to our hand. What a comfort that if we sin we have an advocate, and if we do not sin the same pleader is engaged on our side.

- Revive me! We had this prayer in the last section, and we shall have it again and again in this. It is a desire which cannot be too often felt and expressed. As the soul is the center of everything, so to be quickened is the central blessing. It means more love, more grace, more faith, more courage, more strength, and if we get these we can hold up our heads before our adversaries. God alone can give this quickening; but to the Lord and giver of life the work is easy enough, and he delights to perform it. What a mighty plea is this - "according to Your word." No gun in all our arsenals can match it.

Psa 119:155 Salvation is far from the wicked, For they do not seek Your statutes.

- *Salvation is far from the wicked.* By their perseverance in evil they have almost put themselves out of the realm of hope. They talk about being saved, but they cannot have known anything of it or they would not remain wicked. Yet they talk big, as if they either needed no salvation or could save themselves whenever their fancy turned that way.
- *For they do not seek Your statutes.* They do not endeavor to be obedient, but quite the opposite. They seek themselves, they seek evil, and therefore they never find the way of peace and righteousness. When men have broken the statutes of the Lord their wisest course is by repentance to seek forgiveness, and by faith to seek salvation: then salvation is near them, so near them that they shall not miss it; but when the wicked continue to seek after mischief, salvation is set further and further from them.

Psa 119:156 Great are Your tender mercies, O LORD; Revive me according to Your judgments.

- Great are Your tender mercies, O Lord. Here the Psalmist pleads the largeness of God's mercy, the immensity of His tender love. Yes, he speaks of mercies. Mercies many, mercies tender, mercies great; and with the glorious Jehovah he makes this a plea for his one leading prayer, the prayer for revival. Revival is a great and tender mercy; and it is many mercies in one. Shall one so greatly good permit his servant to die? Will not one so tender breathe new life into him? "
- *Revive me according to Your judgments.* A measure of awakening comes with the judgments of God; they are startling and arousing; and hence the believer's revival thereby. We shall never be short of arguments if we draw them from God himself, and urge both his mercies and his judgments as reasons for our revival.

Psa 119:157 Many are my persecutors and my enemies, Yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.

- *Many are my persecutors and my enemies.* Those who actually assail me, or who secretly abhor me, are many. He sets this over against the many tender mercies of God. It seems a strange thing that a truly godly man, as David was, should have many enemies; but it is inevitable. The disciple cannot be loved where his Master is hated. The seed of the serpent must oppose the seed of the woman. It is their nature.
- *Yet do I not turn from Your testimonies.* He did not deviate from the truth of God, but proceeded in the straight way, however many adversaries might try to block up his path. Some men have been led astray by one enemy, but here is a saint who held on his way in the teeth of many persecutors. Faithfulness to the truth is victory over our enemies.

Psa 119:158 I see the treacherous, and am disgusted, Because they do not keep Your word.

- Again, this ties back to the rivers of water running down my eyes because they don't keep thy law, my zeal hath consumed me because my enemies have forgotten thy words. I'm *disgusted* because of man *do not keep the word of God*, I'm grieved because of man's disobedience thinking that he can get by without the word.
- *I see the treacherous!* I saw the traitors. I found no pleasure in them, they were a sad sight to me. I could bear their evil treatment of my words, but not their neglect of Your word, which is so precious to me that those who will not keep it move me to indignation. I cannot keep the company of those who do not keep God's word. That they should have no love for me is a trifle; but to despise the teaching of the Lord is abominable.

Psa 119:159 Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.

- *Consider how I love Your precepts.* A second time he asks for consideration. As he said before, *Consider my affliction*, so now he says it again. He loved the precepts of God - loved them unspeakably - loved them so as to be grieved with those who did not love them. This is a sure test: many there are who have a warm side towards the promises, but as for the precepts, they cannot endure them.
- *Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.* Here he comes back to his former prayer, *Revive me*, (Psa 119:154, 156, 159). He prays again the third time, using the same words. We may understand that David felt like one who was half stunned with the assaults of his foes, ready to faint under their incessant malice. What he wanted was revival, restoration, renewal; therefore he pleaded for more life,

Psa 119:160 The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

- His word is everlasting. It is forever established but also from the beginning it is true. From the beginning on out to the end the word of God is true, it is faithful, and you can rely upon it.
- Isn't it interesting that for the four thousand years from the beginning of the revelation of God through the word of Himself to man that though they did write in many fields like biology, science and so forth, over all this period of time there are no glaring contradictions between the facts of known science and the word of God? Through the years there have been supposed errors in the word by those men of science. They had to revise the science text books but they didn't have to revise the Bible. Your word is true! That's right. Don't trust man's word but you can trust the word of God.
- It's true from the beginning and it's going to *endure forever*. I'm not worried about any new discovery of science that's going to totally discredit the Bible, I have no fear of that at all. The Bible will stand *forever*, the word of God will stand forever that is, because it is the word of God. The theories of men will change and as the scientist say that the reason why it is science is because we can change. It was a theory but now it has been disproved so we can change. That is what makes us scientists, we can change our theory.

“Revive me”! – vs. 149,154, 156, 159

REVIVE US AGAIN! Mark Hayes/William P. Mackay/John J. Husband Gaither (2:06)
We praise Thee, O God! For the Son of Thy love For Jesus Who died And is now gone above
Hallelujah! Thine the glory Hallelujah! Amen Hallelujah! Thine the glory Revive us again

All glory and praise To the Lamb that was slain Who has taken our sins And has cleansed every stain
Hallelujah! Thine the glory Hallelujah! Amen Hallelujah! Thine the glory Revive us again

Revive us again Fill each heart with Thy love May each soul be rekindled With fire from above Hallelujah!
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LEADERS: - Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation!**
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