

Psalms 119:33-56 – Thursday, May 9th, 2019

- Before we jump into tonight's study, I would like to mention a couple of things by way of introduction to this amazing Psalm 119.
- First, Psalm 119 is an acrostic Psalm corresponding to the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet with 22 sections of eight verses.
- Also, Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Word of God about the Word of God and what the Word of God is to a believer.

Psalm 119:1-8 - Blessing

Psalm 119:9-16 - Purity

Psalm 119:17-24 - Guidance

Psalm 119:25-32 - Revival

Psalm 119:33-40 - Contentment

Psalm 119:41-48 - Liberty

Psalm 119:49-56 - Hope

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end. 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart. 35 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it. 36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness. 37 Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way. 38 Establish Your word to Your servant, Who is devoted to fearing You. 39 Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments are good. 40 Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me in Your righteousness.

- Here in this section the Psalmist is sort of pleading with the Lord to keep him from covetousness concerning worthless things.
- Specifically as it relates to his devotion to, and love for, the Word of God keeping him content with the righteousness of God.
- The take away from this section is it's only the Word of God and the God of the Word that can satisfy the longing of our souls.

Charles Spurgeon - "He goes at once to him in whom were all his fresh springs. Life is the peculiar sphere of God: he is the Lord and Giver of life. No man ever received spiritual life, or the renewal of it, from any other source but the living God. Beloved, this is worth recollecting, for we are very apt when we feel ourselves declining to look anywhere but to the Lord. We, too, often look within. 'Why seekest thou the living among the dead?'"

41 Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD— Your salvation according to Your word. 42 So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word. 43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I have hoped in Your ordinances. 44 So shall I keep Your law continually, Forever and ever. 45 And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts. 46 I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, And will not be ashamed. 47 And I will delight myself in Your commandments, Which I love. 48 My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, Which I love, And I will meditate on Your statutes.

- This section is interesting for a number of reasons not the least of which is that it speaks to the Word of God bringing liberty.
- I would venture to say most people actually believe the opposite is true, such that the Word of God restricts and binds people.
- I'm reminded of a school that children played freely about because they put in a fence around a busy street to protect them.

49 Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to hope. 50 This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life. 51 The proud have me in great derision, Yet I do not turn aside from Your law. 52 I remembered Your judgments of old, O LORD, And have comforted myself. 53 Indignation has taken hold of me Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law. 54 Your statutes have been my songs In the house of my pilgrimage. 55 I remember Your name in the night, O LORD, And I keep Your law. 56 This has become mine, Because I kept Your precepts.

- I have to confess that I've really been looking forward to this particular section chiefly because of verse 49 concerning our hope.
- The reason being is it's not just the Word of God in general that brings us hope, but it's also the specific Word from God as well.
- There have been so many times in my life over the years that God has given me hope in a very specific Word that was fulfilled.