

PSALM 119 Study: 2 Take-Aways plus Helps

A. Two Take-Aways:

1. What is TRUE GODLINESS? True Godliness; Christ honoring discipleship is pictured here as a life – filled with joys and sorrows, even opposition – but a life of loving, intimate, unbroken **RELATIONSHIP** with God Himself. It alone is life, one that overflows with every manner of God’s grace, favor, goodness, and BLESSING, much of which is lived in promise and in hope to be fully experienced one day in God’s presence.

2. The Height of God’s Mercy in Restoration! Psalm 119 both begins and ends with 2 surprising statements; statements that are hard to process and fit into much of the rest of the Psalm (vv. 8,176). The Psalmist who made God and His law the delight and treasure of his life, yet was led astray and stumbled terribly in his walk with God!

How could this be? Is there a way back? Will God receive him? This Psalm is part of his confession and restoration, sourced in the assurance of God’s loyal, covenant love (v.41; cf. David and Bathsheba; the Prodigal Son). Yes to all 3 questions. Praise God!

B. For Further Study:

1. Hear echos of other Psalms in Psalm 119, especially the Psalms of David (ex. vv.56,57 & Psalm 16:6; v.72 & Psalm 19:10; etc.).

2. Look for traces of Psalm 119 in the words of Jesus and in other NT epistles (ex. v.160 & John 17:17; v.133 & Rom. 6:14; etc.).

Weekly Spiritual Walk Checklist

1. MY weekly WALK with God:

- Personal Bible *Reading*:
- Personal *Meditation* on God’s Word –
(*Journal and share thoughts*)
- Verse *Memorization* – Website verse: _____
- Spontaneous *Prayer*-throughout the day, anytime, everywhere (Eph. 6:18)
- Specific Areas of *Prayer* (Luke 5:16) -
(*Family, Church, Unsaved, Missions, Nation, etc*)

2. MY weekly “Building His Church” (Mtt 16:18)

- Pray for _____’s salvation
- Pray for VVBC – (*Pastor, Ministries, Needs, Outreach, Visitors, Growth and etc*)
- Pray for Missionary: _____
- Select a tract, read it, commit to use it

3. MY weekly obedience to “Love one another” (*Christ’s **New** Command; John 13:34-35!*)

- Pray for the needs listed in VVBC bulletin
- Do a kind/encourage act for another believer

4. MY weekly blessing for being “zealous for **GOOD WORKS**”! (*Titus 2:14; Acts 20:35*)

- Select a person(s) for a deed of kindness!!
- Practice using words of encouragement

A life intentionally lived becomes a life *habitually* lived. (*Each week work to develop these habits!*)