

Psalm 119:57-88

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V: 57 God is our portion, our inheritance. Kind of like the priests of old.

Numbers 18:20 “Then the LORD said to Aaron: “You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; I am your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel.”

- We have been called into the priesthood as well - and as such He is our portion.

1 Peter 2:9 “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special / peculiar people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.”

Psalm 16:5-6 “⁵O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. ⁶The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good inheritance.”

“I have said that I would keep Your Words.”

- He’s made a commitment to keep God’s Word, his is not a casual relationship - but a committed relationship that is based on God’s Word, and the keeping of it.

James 1:22 “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

- It’s all too easy to ascent to the truth, that we would even bear witness to the truth as it resonates in our hearts; but the next step often missed is the actual doing of God’s Word.

Romans 2:13 “For not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified.”

- Sometimes people think that because they thought it, they did it - when that is in actuality not the case.

V: 58 The Psalmist has sought God’s favor with his whole heart, with an undivided heart completely given over to the Lord.

“Be merciful to me... according to your Word.”

- The request for mercy implies the need for mercy - an act of humility even in the asking.

- Be merciful to me, not because I deserve it or because I have earned it, but because of who you are, because of your character, according to your Word in fulfillment of Your Word.

V: 59 I considered my ways, the path that I was on - I saw the need for a change - and I turned my feet to Your testimonies - to your Word.

- Luke 15 describes the prodigal son who took his father's inheritance and went out to do the wild thing, wasting his possession in a far country, he ended up envying the pigs he was feeding.

Luke 15:17-18 “¹⁷But when he came to himself, he said, “How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!” ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you...”

- An act of the will, not just drifting - someone was at the helm and altered their course. He reasoned it through.

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the LORD, though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

V: 60 Making haste implies focus, direction, certainly not a lackadaisical application of God's Word.

- No delay, no hesitation - no lack of decisiveness, speaking again to commitment.

V: 61 Even though the enemy has come against me, sought to trip me up, bind me up; like Jesus we can't really be bound, or kept from His law.

“I've not forgotten your Law.”

Psalms 119:11 “Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

- It's hard to forget something that is hidden, or inscribed in your heart:

2 Corinthians 3:3 “For as much as you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.”

V: 62 In the night hours I will give thanks to you.

Psalms 63:6 “When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches.”

V: 63 He's made it a point to be a companion of those like minded souls who fear the Lord, those who keep His Word. Wisdom!

Psalm 1:1 "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way with sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful."

Proverbs 13:20 "He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed."

- We tend to become like who we hang out with, we need to choose our friends carefully - because we'll become like them.

V: 64 The earth is full of His mercy - if it weren't for that we'd all be toast - He should have judged the world long ago!

Lamentations 3:22-23 "22Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. 23They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

"*Teach me Your Statutes*" - Psalm 119 "teach me" is found 10 times, 7 of those 9 times the supplication is specifically "teach me Your statutes", the other 3 times it's "teach me Your Judgments."

Psalm 119:135 "Make Your face shine upon Your servant, and teach me Your statutes."

- God's face shining upon us, His favor, His blessing - His smile upon us - would You give me Your favor and teach me Your Word, Your ways?
- The mark of a true disciple is that of always pursuing after instruction in God's Word.

Psalm 33:5 "He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD."

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V: 65 God has dealt well with us, He has been gracious, longsuffering, and merciful.

Psalm 103:10 "He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities."

- All of which is according to His Word which describes Him as being kind, and patient, and merciful.

V: 66 Teach me good judgment - give me good sense Lord. Common sense isn't all that common as it turns out.

Philippians 1:9-10 “⁹And this I pray, that our love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ.”

“For I believe Your commandments.”

- Do we believe His commandments, His word? I've been asked that. I have found that His Word is much easier to believe than the lies of evolution? The lies of human wisdom. Oh yes, I believe His commandments!

V: 67 When I reaped the consequences of my own “wisdom,” after having gone astray and seeing the fruit of my understanding, having been afflicted because of my own choices, and my rebellion to God's Word - through those experiences I've learned that it's better simply to keep God's Word and experience the fruit that comes from that.

Vv:71 “It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes.”

- Affliction is a great teacher!

V: 68 God is good! Amen!

Psalms 145:17 “The Lord is righteous in all His ways, holy in all His works.”

“Teach me your statutes.” (Again) I want to learn your ways Oh Lord!

V: 69-70 The lies of the enemy will not prevail over the Truth of God - therefore I will keep your precepts, I will keep your Word.

Romans 3:4 “... let God be true but every man a liar, as it is written: That You may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged.”

- Hold on to the Word of God, it is your life!

Proverbs 7:1-2 “¹My son, keep my words, and treasure my commands within you. ²Keep my commands and live, and my law as the apple of your eye.”

- Their heart is fat, they are prospering - but I'll leave that to you O Lord as I continue to delight in your Law.

[Asaph struggled with the same thing:](#)

Psalms 73:3, 7, 16-17 “³For I was envious of the boastful, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.” - “⁷Their eyes bulge with abundance; they have more than heart

could wish.” - “¹⁶When I thought how to understand this, it was too painful for me - ¹⁷Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end.”

V: 71 Affliction is a good teacher. We should be asking our Lord, what we're to be learning as we go through the various trials and afflictions of life.

Hebrews 12:5-11 (Turn to / read)

- God teaching us His statutes through the experiences of life - invaluable!

V: 72 The Law of the Lord is precious to me - it's of great value!

Psalm 19:7-11 “⁷The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the Testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the Statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the Commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the Judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping of them there is great reward.”

- Placing greater value in the Word of God, greater value in eternal things than in worldly things that just disappear.

Jesus asked:

Matthew 16:26 “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul.”

- There is nothing more valuable than that which leads to our salvation - the Word of God!

Yod

V: 73 You made me, you created me. Contrary to evolutionary theory / lies.

- We were created with God's purposes in mind, because of that purpose we have value, we're a part of God's overall plan.
- Evolutionary theory gives no purpose or meaning, or value - live like a hog, and die like a dog.

Psalm 139:13-16 “¹³For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.

And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.”

- You made me, you know how I tic, you know how to communicate to me, please give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

Psalm 119:18 “Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your Law.”

V: 74 Those who fear God will be glad to see the Psalmist, because he fears the Lord also.

John 15:20 “Remember the word that I said to you, a servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word (love me) they will keep yours also.”

V: 75 The affirmation that the judgments of the Lord are right and true.

- It’s the faithfulness of God wherein He allows trials into our lives to strengthen us and help us draw closer to Him.

Hebrews 12:11 “Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

James 1:2-4 “²My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

Hebrews 5:8 “Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.”

V: 76-77 The Psalmist is looking for God’s merciful kindness and His tender mercies - all according to His Word and he delights in His law.

2 Samuel 24: When David sinned by numbering the people and God was about to judge the nation because of it, God gave David three options.

1. Seven years of famine
2. Flee from his enemies for 3 months
3. 3 days of plagues in the land.

2 Samuel 24:14 “And David said to Gad, “I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.”

- God is merciful, it is always best to fall into His merciful hands!

V: 78 Let the proud be ashamed for having treated him wrongfully with lies - as I continue to meditate on Your precepts, Your word.

Proverbs 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before fall.”

V: 79 Let those who fear the Lord, those who are like minded - join with me.

Acts 2:46-47 “⁴⁶So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

V: 80 Let my heart be blameless regarding your statutes - may I be found without fault.

Psalm 119:165 “Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing shall cause them to stumble.”

- Would you do in me, for me that which I cannot do for myself.
- That prayer is answered in the person of Jesus

Jude 24-25 “²⁴Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, ²⁵To God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.”