

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 119:49 – 56 - *Remember*

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 119:49 - 6

Introduction

We are continuing our examination of the longest Psalm as well as the longest chapter of the Bible. As we discussed last week, this psalm is a Hebrew acrostic where every eight verses are separated into sections where the first letter of each verse begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The first eight verses each begin with “Aleph”, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Verses 9 – 16 all begin with “Beth”; verses 17 – 24 all begin with Gimel; and, so on.

									
Yod (Y)	Tet (T)	Chet (Ch)	Zayin (Z)	Vav (V)	He (H)	Dalet (D)	Gimel (G)	Bet (B/V)	Alef (silent)
									
Ayin (silent)	Samech (S)	Nun (N)	Nun (N)	Mem (M)	Mem (M)	Lamed (L)	Khaf (Kh)	Kaf (K/Kh)	
									
Tav (T)	Shin (Sh/S)	Resh (R)	Qof (Q)	Tsadeh (Ts)	Tsadeh (Ts)	Feh (F)	Peh (P/F)		

We do not know the writer of this psalm, though we think it must have been a “high profile” person, perhaps a king or a priest. Nor do we know the historical context. There is no doubt, however, as to the theme of the psalm. 170 out of the 175 verses in this psalm speak directly regarding the Word of God. The writer to this psalm is expressing his love and devotion to the Word of God, and is encouraging us to do the same.

“CHETH.”

Every verse of this section of Psalm 119 begins with the Hebrew letter “Cheth”, which is the eighth letter in the Hebrew alphabet.

I The Psalmist Desire (vs. 57 – 58)

“Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.” (Psalm 119:57)

The word “portion” here has to do with an inheritance, or with possessions. The psalmist was stating that he did not need anything, but God. In other words, the psalmist understood that if he had God, he possessed everything; and without God, he really had nothing.

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33)

“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” (Romans 8:16-17)

“I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.” (Psalm 119:58)

The psalmist was only concerned about God’s favor, and wasn’t concerned about approval of men.

II The Psalmist’s Direction (vs. 59 – 60)

“I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.” (Psalm 119:59)

Notice that the psalmist thoughts preceded his actions. It all starts with the heart:

“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.” (Luke 6:45)

“Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:” (Matthew 15:17-19)

“I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.” (Psalm 119:60)

The psalmist first thought about what to do, and then he set out to do it. And, he did it quickly. Once you ponder something and decide it's what God wants you to do, then do it quickly.

III The Psalmist's Devotion (vs. 61 – 62)

"The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law." (Psalm 119:61)

"At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments." (Psalm 119:62)

There are times when you cannot sleep and you may rise to pray for a problem that is troubling you. But, have you ever risen in the night just to praise God for what he has done for you.

IV The Psalmist's Decision (vs. 63 – 64)

"I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts." (Psalm 119:63)

The psalmist tells us who he runs with. Be careful about keeping bad company.

"The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes." (Psalm 119:64)