

God's Word Brings Hope

Psalm 119:49-56

Hope shines brightest in the darkness

A. Remember God's Promises (119:49-51)

1. They bring confidence from God (119:49)

Nehemiah 9:32

2. They create confidence in God (119:49)

Psalm 130:5

3. They bring comfort in affliction (119:50)

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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B. Remember God's Actions (119:52-54)

1. Encourages us (119:52)

Psalm 103:2, 1 Chronicles 16:15

2. Emboldens us (119:53)

a. To stand for what is right -

Psalm 119:139

b. To do what is right

Galatians 4:18

c. To teach what is right

Psalm 51:13

3. Establishes us (119:54)

Colossians 3:15-16

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C. Remember God's Character (119:55-56)

1. In His name (119:55)

2. In the night

Psalm 119:148

3. In my life

The Sufficiency Of God's Word
Psalm 119:57-64

We need to rely on the Word of God

Psalm 119:9

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

2 Samuel 22:30-32

30 For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

31 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

32 For who is God, save the LORD? and who is a rock, save our God?

Psalm 119:57-64

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

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

59 I thought (communed/considered) on my ways, and turned (toward) my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

Psalm 119:57-64 - continued

61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

I. Brings Commitment (119:57-60)

A. In possession (119:57)

Portion = possession

1. When all is gone, there is God

Psalm 73:26

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

2. When hope is lost, there is God

Lamentations 3:24

The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

3. When you think you cannot go on there is God

Psalm 16:5

The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

I. Brings Commitment (119:57-60)

B. In performance (119:57)

Keep = Keep covenant

Psalm 18:22

For all his judgments *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

John 6:68

Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

I. Brings Commitment (119:57-60)

C. In personality (119:58)

1. Be pleasant

1 Kings 13:6

And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

2. Be penitent

Psalm 25:16

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

I. Brings Commitment (119:57-60)

D. In perspective (119:59)

1. We must consider our walk

Haggai 1:5

Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

1 John 2:6

He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Psalms 77:6

I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

I. Brings Commitment (119:57-60)

D. In perspective (119:59) - continued

2. We must consecrate our walk

Psalm 93:5

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever.

Psalm 5:8

Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

I. Brings Commitment (119:57-60)

E. In priority (119:60)

Luke 14:17-20

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse.

The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

II. Brings Contentment (119:61-64)

A. When opposed by evil (119:61)

Bands = Ropes

Robbed = Surround (keep taking)

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Psalm 78:7

That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

II. Brings Contentment (119:61-64)

B. Whenever opportunity is made (119:62)

Acts 16:25

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

1 Thessalonians 5:6

Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

II. Brings Contentment (119:61-64)

C. With others that follow God (119:63)

2 Corinthians 6:14

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

1 Peter 4:4

Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

Philippians 3:17

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

II. Brings Contentment (119:61-64)

D. With the reality of God's mercy (119:64)

Psalm 107:1-2

1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

**Is The Lord Your
Portion?**