

May we stand please...

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:97-112

Key Verse: V. 112

Psalm 119:112 (KJV)

¹¹² I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, *even unto the end.*

Psalm 119:112 (NLT2)

¹¹² I am determined to keep your decrees to the very end.

Prayer:

Subject: “Keep Going”

Introduction: “It’s not how you start; It’s how you end!”

Be determined, like the psalmist, to stay faithful to the Lord *to the very end of your life.*

In some ways, your life is like an obstacle race.

There are snares along the path (v.110a).

There is a temptation to stray (v.110b), and there is suffering (v.107).

How are you to avoid stumbling or making a mess of life?

The psalmist’s answer is that, in the darkness of the world around, the **Word of God** provides:

1. **Guidance for Life!**

The word of God sheds light in the darkness: ‘Your word is a *lamp to my feet* and a *light to my path*’ (v.105).

It enables you to see the obstacles in your path, and hopefully to avoid stumbling over them.

‘By your words I can see where I’m going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path’ (v.105).

2. **Sustenance for Life!**

You need spiritual sustenance to keep going and God’s word is ‘sweeter than honey to my mouth’ (v.103).

3. **Wisdom for Life!**

You need wisdom when you face stressful situations and decisions, and God’s word provides ‘understanding’ (v.98 & v.104).

4. **Encouragement for Life!**

It is not easy. He writes, ‘I constantly take my life in my hands’ (v.109).

You need encouragement to keep going and God’s word is your ‘heritage for ever’ and ‘the joy of your heart’ (v.111).

God is faithful and will help you. The psalmist writes, ‘Accept, O Lord, the willing praise of my mouth’ (v.108).

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Closing:

He is determined with God’s help to keep going ‘to the very end’ (v.112b).

Your words are the ‘joy of my heart’ (v.111).

I set my heart on keeping them to the very end.