

Psalm 119

A Verse-by-Verse Study

KOPH (Holy, Set Apart for a Sacred Purpose)

- **As a New Testament Church Believer...**

- We must know what it means to be set apart
- We use the word Sanctification (to be set apart)
 - As an individual, God wants me to know that He has called me to be set apart from the world
 - **John 17:15** I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.
16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
 - **1Thessalonians 5:23** And the very God of peace **sanctify** you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.
- We cannot sanctify ourselves, it is The Work of the Lord
 - So, we cry out to Him to do the Word as we yield to that work
 - We see this in our study in Psalm 119 today

145 I cried with *my* whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.

146 I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

147 I prevented the dawning of the morning and cried: I hoped in thy word.

- Why is our Psalmist crying out?
 - To walk with God is to know who we are
 - Paul shows the sentiment in the NT
 - **Romans 7:24** O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
 - **1 Timothy 1:15** This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.
 - **2 Corinthians 12:7** And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
 - So **we** see that Grace, or the works of the Lord, are the only thing that will deliver us from the wretched flesh that persecutes us
- The Cries for help are vital!
 - **James 4:1** From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: **ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.**

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded.

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

- The Flesh has to get out of God's way

148 Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

- Our Psalmist makes a great choice
 - I will not look on the darkness, I will look to Thy Word
 - **James 1:22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
 - 23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

- Bible Meditation is the key to Sanctification
 - Remember what Jesus said, “**Sanctify** them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”
 - **John 8:32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
 - **Psalm 1:1** Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he **meditate** day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.

- Prayer is our only weapon of offense against the enemy
 - So we must know who the enemy is
 - We must know where victory comes from

150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.

- Let's see what God says about our enemy, the flesh

- **Genesis 6:5** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- **Jeremiah 17:9** The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
- **Romans 3:10** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
 - 11** There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.
 - 12** They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
- Instead, we must Draw Nigh to God! Because...

151 Thou *art* near, O LORD; and all thy commandments *are* truth.

152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them forever.

- Once again we look to what Jesus said!
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- **Psalm 119:89** Forever, O LORD, Thy Word is settled in heaven.