

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

I WILL RUN THE WAY OF THY COMMANDMENTS PSALMS 119:25-32

Text: Psalms 119:32

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Introduction:

Sermon Content:

1. A DECISION TO RUN - (32) "I WILL RUN"

Psalm 119:32

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The Psalmist in deciding to run asks God four things

A. Teach Me (26)

Psalm 119:26

²⁶ *I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me:
teach me thy statutes.*

Not only did the psalmist ask God to teach him His statutes but also:

B. Make Me to Understand (27)

Psalm 119:27

²⁷ **Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:** so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

There is a difference in being taught and understanding.

Teaching gives facts.

Understanding applies the facts that have been taught.

Not only did the psalmist ask God to teach him His statute, and to make him to understand the way of His precepts but also:

C. Strengthen Me (28)

Psalm 119:28

²⁸ *My soul melteth for heaviness: **strengthen thou me according unto thy word.***

As we learn God's statutes and apply those things there will be times of heaviness on we must depend on His strength.

Note: All that the psalmist desires up to this point he finds in God Word:

- Statutes
- Precepts
- Strength

Note one more request the psalmist makes:

D. Remove from Me (29)

Psalm 119:29

²⁹ Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

Illustration:

Have you ever seen a straight river?

Canals are straight, but all rivers seem to be crooked.

Why are rivers crooked?

Because the natural tendency of a river is to take the easiest way around any obstacle.

So rivers are always crooked, and they most always run downhill.

Some people are like rivers.
They are too lazy and immature to put forth much effort into walking with God.

For them it's easier to watch TV than to pray and easier to read their newspaper than their Bible.

Notice not only the psalmist Decision but secondly:

2. A DETERMINED COURSE - (32) "THE WAY OF THY COMMANDMENTS"

Psalm 119:32

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I do believe that for the most part most people have the right desires, however many of those with the right desires don't have the right determination.

Living the Christian life comes down to the determination we have to stay with God regardless.

Day in and day out we have to put our minds attention and heart affections on the Word of God.

Note the psalmist determination:

A. I have chosen (vs. 30) “the way of truth”

Psalm 119:30

³⁰ I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

B. I have laid (vs. 30) “judgments before me”

Psalm 119:30

³⁰ I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

C. I have stuck (vs. 31)

Psalm 119:31

³¹ I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.

Notice not only the psalmist Decision and Determination but lastly:

3. A DECLARED RESULT - (32) ENLARGE MY HEART

Psalm 119:32

³² I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

Hebrews 11:6

⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Psalm 37:4

⁴ Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Close:

Understand:

The goal is not to think about finishing, but rather to start.

To start we need to:

Decide to run

Determine the course

Declare the results