

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

THOU HAST CAUSED ME TO HOPE

PSALMS 119:49-56

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*⁴⁹ Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which **thou hast caused me to hope.***

Introduction:

The effect of the Word of God upon the believer's life and upon society is very positive. That is the theme of this section of Psalms 119.

We will consider three thoughts from this passage:

- The Comfort From the Word
- The Convincing From the Wicked
- The Commitment of the Wise

Note:

Sermon Content:

1. THE COMFORT FROM THE WORD (VS. 49, 50, 52)

Psalm 119:49-50

⁴⁹ Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. ⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

Psalm 119:52

⁵² I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.

Nothing brings comfort to a person like the Word of God.

It is a great thing when we discover this truth.

The Word is where we find hope or comfort.

Often when I'm called upon to visit the sick or someone who is sorrowing I read from scripture.

Notice:

A. The Petition for Comfort (vs. 49)

Psalm 119:49

⁴⁹ Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

The psalmist prays for God to bring to mind Scripture that will give him comfort ("hope").

If God is going to bring to mind the Word we must have some of God's Word in our heart and mind.

God can't bring to mind what is not in our mind.

Remember Psalms 119:11:

Psalm 119:11

¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Understand:

If you have been diligent in putting the Word in your heart on sunny days, you will find it will come to mind to help in stormy days.

Notice not only the "Petition for Comfort" but also:

B. The Power to Comfort (vs. 50)

Psalm 119:50

⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

Note two things which are stated in this text which enlighten us to the power of the Word of God to comfort.

Note:

- The Moment of Comfort – “In my affliction”

The Word of God has the power to comfort in times of burdens, not just in times of blessings.

Note not only the Moment of Comfort but also:

- The Might for Comfort – “Thy word hath quickened me”

The Word of God will inspire and invigorate and gives great comfort to the tested and tried individual.

It takes real power to quicken an individual when they are in a place of discouragement and despair.

But God's Word is able to quicken all who need quickening.

We have considered “The Comfort From the Word”
note secondly:

2. THE CONVINCING FROM THE WICKED (VS. 51, 53)

Psalm 119:51

⁵¹ The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.

Psalm 119:53

⁵³ Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

The Word of God brings conviction and convinces the hearer.

The more an individual gets into the Word of God the more the individual gains good convictions about the matters of life.

Notice:

A. Scorning for Convictions (vs. 51)

Good convictions will always be despised by some. The psalmist reports here being scorned for his convictions.

Be certain:

- The Sureness of Scorning

This is not a surprise, for Scripture says:

Proverbs 29:27

²⁷ An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

- The Source of Scorning – “The Proud”

Those attacking the psalmist were not men of character but men of pride.

- The Strength of Scorning – “Greatly in Derision”

Those who scorn righteousness can, in fact, become very vicious.

Notice not only the Scorning for Convictions but also:

B. The Steadfastness of Convictions (vs. 51)

Psalms 119:51

*⁵¹ The proud have had me greatly in derision: **yet have I not declined from thy law.***

In spite of the reproach the psalmist was steadfast in his convictions.

Convictions which are founded on Word of God will be strong convictions and can survive great persecutions.

May our convictions be founded on the Word of God.

Notice not only the Scorning for Convictions and the Steadfastness of Convictions but also:

C. The Stirring of Convictions (vs. 53)

Psalm 119:53

⁵³ Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

When one has strong convictions, which have been inspired by the Word of God, he will be upset with wickedness.

The passive attitude of many in our churches and society about the wickedness that goes on tells us that the people in church and society do not get into the Word of God enough to have good convictions.

Toleration may be politically correct but a lack of convictions is behind most toleration and most often is not biblically correct.

We have considered “The Comfort From the Word” and the “Convincing From the Wicked” note lastly:

3. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE WISE (VS. 54-56)

Psalm 119:54-56

⁵⁴ Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. ⁵⁵ I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law. ⁵⁶ This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

Notice:

A. The Consequences of Music (vs. 55)

What is it that become songs in our lives?

Are they based from the statues of God's Word?

B. The Consequences of the Mind (vs. 55)

The mind is in view here and what is in the mind at night.

The world thinks of evil at night.

It is often at night that evil things are pursued.

What is in our mind at night affects the culture of our day.

The character of the mind at night will vastly improve if it meditates on the Word of God.

Notice not only the consequences of music and the mind but also:

C. The Consequences of Manners (vs. 55, 56)

Psalm 119:55-56

⁵⁵ *I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and **have kept thy law.*** ⁵⁶ *This I had, because **I kept thy precepts.***

If you abide by the law and precepts of the Word of God, you will have much better manners.

The Word of God inspires holy living, holy manners, and holy conduct.

Close:

We have considered the comfort, convincing, and the consequences that come from God's Word.