

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

QUICKEN ME

PSALMS 119:153-160

Text: Psalms 119:154, 156, 159

Psalm 119:154

¹⁵⁴ *Plead my cause, and deliver me: **quicken me** according to thy word.*

Psalm 119:156

¹⁵⁶ *Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: **quicken me** according to thy judgments.*

Psalm 119:159

¹⁵⁹ *Consider how I love thy precepts: **quicken me**, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.*

Introduction:

Again in these verses it speaks much about the psalmist's persecution.

It is not all dark, as it reflects the godly conduct and praise of the psalmist.

Note:

Sermon Content:

1. THE PROBLEMS OF THE PSALMIST (VS. 153-157, 159)

These verses begins by the psalmist speaking of his many problems.

In wisdom he brings his problems to the Lord.

Notice:

A. The Presence of Problems (vs. 153)

Psalm 119:153

¹⁵³ Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

Most of the twenty-two divisions of this psalm have afflictions in them.

Understand:

Often when you live for the Lord, you can expect attack from the enemy of your soul.

Psalm 34:19

¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

2 Timothy 3:12

¹² Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Proverbs 29:10

¹⁰ The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

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.

Notice not only “The Presence of Problems but also:

B. The Pain of the Problems (vs. 153)

Psalm 119:153

¹⁵³ Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

Afflictions bring pain or they would not be called afflictions.

Note:

- They Hurt (vs. 153)

Afflictions bring misery, discomfort and pain.

- First, they wound

"Affliction" (Psalm 119:153) means suffering and involves all manner of abuse.

The wounding can be either physical or emotional.

- Second, they weary

"Quicken" is found three times (Psalm 119:154, 156, 159) in these verses.

It means to revive which says the afflictions have taken the life out of the psalmist.

Not only do afflictions "Hurt" but also note:

- They Humble (vs. 157)

Psalm 119:157

¹⁵⁷ Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

This says the psalmist is not popular, but the afflictors are.

Persecutors will often out number supporters by a large margin.

That is humbling.

Notice not only “The Presence and The Pain of Problems but also:

C. The Perpetrators of the Problems (vs. 155, 157)

Psalm 119:155

¹⁵⁵ Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

Psalm 119:157

¹⁵⁷ Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

Those who perpetrate afflictions are not good people. The psalmist details some of the wicked character of the persecutors.

Note:

- Their Rebellion (vs. 155) “They Seek Not Thy Statutes”

Failing to seek and search the Word leads to disobedience to the Word.

They are rebels to righteousness.

- Their Regiment (vs. 157) “Many Are My Persecutors and Mine Enemies”

- Notice not only “The Presence, The Pain and The Perpetrators of Problems but also:

D. The Prayer in the Problems (vs. 153, 154, 156, 159)

Psalm 119:153-154

¹⁵³ Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law. ¹⁵⁴ Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

Psalm 119:156

¹⁵⁶ Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.

Psalm 119:159

¹⁵⁹ Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

- Prayed for Rescuing – “Deliver Me” (153)
- Prayed for Reviving – “Quicken Me” (154, 156, 159)

We note not only the Problems of the Psalmist but also:

2. THE PIETY OF THE PSALMIST (VS. 153, 157, 158, 159)

The conduct of the psalmist amidst his problems reveals his character.

He remained faithful to the Lord and His Word.

Understand:

We can live for God even in difficulties.

Notice:

A. His Loathing of Sin (vs. 158)

Psalm 119:158

¹⁵⁸ I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

The word “grieved” means to loathe.

The psalmist hated sin; he despised the disobedience to the Word of God.

Sadly not many loathe sin but love sin today.

Notice not only his loathing of sin but also:

B. His Love of Scripture (vs. 159)

Psalm 119:159

¹⁵⁹ Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

One will not loathe sin if they don't love the scripture.

We must love the Word and learn the Word and live the Word.

The biblical ignorance and carnality that is prevalent today reflects a lack of love for the Word of God.

Notice not only his loathing of sin and his love of scripture but also:

C. His Loyalty to Scripture (vs. 153, 157)

Psalm 119:153

¹⁵³ Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

Psalm 119:157

¹⁵⁷ Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

His loyalty is demonstrated in two ways:

- His Remembrance – “I do not forget thy law”
- His Resolve – “Yet do I not decline from thy testimonies”

That leads us to the final consideration:

3. THE PRAISE BY THE PSALMIST (VS. 160)

Psalm 119:160

¹⁶⁰ Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

The last verse in this section ends in praise.

Even in the midst of problems the psalmist still praised the Lord.

Like many of the verses in this psalm, they begin with trouble/problems but end in triumph/praise, because the psalmist sought the Lord in his troubles and was faithful to the Word.

The psalmist praised the Lord for:

- The Purity of the Word of God

Psalm 119:160

*¹⁶⁰ **Thy word is true from the beginning**: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.*

- The Perpetuity of the Word

Psalm 119:160

¹⁶⁰ Thy word *is true from* the beginning: and every one of ***thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.***

Close:

What is our reaction to the problems we face?

Our reaction will reveal an element of our character.

Do we try to fix them or do we take them to the Lord?

Do we praise the Lord even in the midst of problems or do we pout and complain?