

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

**I ENTREATED, I THOUGHT,  
I MADE HASTE  
PSALMS 119:57-64**

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Introduction:

As we read these verses we can't help but see the effect of God's Word in the lives of God's people.

Too many today see the bible as a book of do's and don'ts. A book of simple instruction for simple people.

They see it as a cane or a crutch for people who are weak and have trouble walking or standing on their own.

But as Christians we know the bible is the revelation of God to man. We know that it is the inerrant, infallible, inspired Word of God.

In this passage the Psalmist stated that

- He entreated the favor of God with his whole heart.
- He thought on his ways and turned.
- He made haste to keep God's commandments.

Note four facts about what God's Word can do for God's people.

Sermon Content:

First we an individual with a deep:

## 1. CONVICTION

### ***Psalm 119:57***

*<sup>57</sup> Thou art my **portion**, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.*

Notice the word "portion"

#### A. The Portion

In this passage this word is used to describe rest and satisfaction that leave nothing to be desired.

The psalmist says here he has received in the Lord everything to satisfy his heart.

For us as Christians our portion is found in”

## B. The Person

### ***Lamentations 3:24***

*<sup>24</sup> The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.*

### ***Psalms 16:5***

*<sup>5</sup> The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.*

When we discover the Lord as the person and our portion, we discover He is all we need.

Many times we find ourselves in a situation where all we have left is the Lord, and discover He is all we needed anyway.

Next notice

## C. The Prayer

### ***Psalms 119:58***

*<sup>58</sup> I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.*

Note:

A. The “Who” that was entreated.

It was the Lord.

So often we consult with others, and various sources, but the greatest source that we can entreat or seek is the Lord.

Notice the word “entreat.”

Entreat means to ask earnestly ask sincerely.

Notice not only the “Who” that was entreated but also:

B. The “How” the Psalmist entreated.

***Psalm 119:58***

*<sup>58</sup> I intreated thy favour with **my whole heart**: be merciful unto me according to thy word.*

The words “whole heart” are used 13 times in the bible all of which are in the Old Testament.

These words are used nine times in the book of Psalms and 6 of those 9 times are found in this chapter.

Note how these words are used in Psalms:

**Psalm 111:1**

<sup>1</sup> Praise ye the LORD. I will **praise the LORD with my whole heart**, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

**Psalm 119:2**

<sup>2</sup> Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that **seek him with the whole heart**.

**Psalm 119:10**

<sup>10</sup> With my **whole heart have I sought thee**: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

**Psalm 119:34**

<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, **I shall observe it with my whole heart**.

**Psalm 119:58**

<sup>58</sup> **I intreated thy favour with my whole heart**: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

**Psalm 119:69**

<sup>69</sup> The proud have forged a lie against me: but **I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart**.

**Psalm 119:145**

<sup>145</sup> **I cried with my whole heart**: hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.

## **Psalm 138:1**

<sup>1</sup> ***I will praise thee with my whole heart:*** *before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.*

The words “all thine heart” come from the same Greek root word.

The truth is too many today are searching, observing obeying, servicing, half-heartedly, instead of with their whole heart.

These are days that we too should be entreating the Lord with our whole heart.

Note when people are given to the Word of God with their whole heart there will be secondly:

## **2. COMMITMENT**

Commitment is a word that people often struggle with.

People have said the greatest ability is dependability.

Though that is a good quality, I believe the greatest ability is availability.

There are too many that you can depend on them not making themselves available at all.

We live in a world where the lack of commitment is all around us.

People who exchange vows often when they grow tired of the commitment; seek to get a divorce.

When people join churches and the excitement wears off decide the commitment is too much and find another place.

The Christian life requires a commitment.

Notice:

A. His Reflection (vs. 59)

***Psalm 119:59***

<sup>59</sup> ***I thought on my ways***, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

The first step in our commitment is to reflect or to think on our ways.

When we read the Word of God it should compel us to think about the way we are living.

His reflection led to:

## B. His Repentance (vs. 59)

### **Psalm 119:59**

<sup>59</sup> *I thought on my ways, and **turned my feet unto thy testimonies.***

Turn means to change direction.

Notice it was to the testimonies the psalmist turned to.

It would seem to imply that the psalmist did always love the Word of God and didn't always obey the Word of God.

His reflection led to his repentance and we see the:

## C. The Result (vs. 60)

### **Psalm 119:60**

<sup>60</sup> *I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.*

Quote:

Someone once said, "Sound Convictions Sweep Away All Procrastination."

When we really have a commitment, we will do away with excuses and delays.



Illustration:

Matthew was confronted by the Lord who summoned him “Follow me.” The next verse said “He rose up and followed Jesus.”

Zaccheus was sitting in a tree and the Lord said, “Come down, I am going to your house today”. “He made haste and came down.

That is the kind of response we are to give when God calls us.

We ought to hear the Word of God and respond quickly.

That leads us to a third thought:

### **3. COMPANY (VS. 61-62)**

#### ***Psalm 119:61-63***

*<sup>61</sup> The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law. <sup>62</sup> At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.*

*<sup>63</sup> I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.*

Understand the companions one keeps often influences and affects one’s commitments, convictions, and character.

Illustration:

We read of a man in 2 Samuel 13:

**2 Samuel 13:3**

<sup>3</sup> *But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man.*

This friend didn't help Amnon but hurt him.

Those that we associate with can either help draw us closer to the Lord or drive us further away.

Note:

**Amos 3:3**

<sup>3</sup> Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

**Proverbs 13:20**

<sup>20</sup> He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

**Proverbs 28:7**

<sup>7</sup> *Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.*

**Proverbs 29:3**

*<sup>3</sup> Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.*

Understand:

Bad Associations Often:

- Lead to Wrong Desires
- Offer Bad Directions
- Leads to a Lack of Discernment
- Often Results in Defilement
- Causes Divisions among Family and Friends
- Destroys Our Testimony
- Can Even Lead to Death

Close:

As the psalmist stated may we too, entreat the Lord with our whole heart, think on our ways, and make haste to keep the Lord's commandments.

Does our life line up with the Word of God?