

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

LET MY HEART BE SOUND IN THY STATUTES

PSALMS 119:73-80

Text: Psalms 119:80

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⁸⁰ *Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.*

Introduction:

There are various subjects addressed in these verses.

Many of these subjects have been addressed before in this psalm.

Note:

Sermon Content:

1. THE CHARACTER OF THE PSALMIST (VSS. 73, 80)

Psalm 119:73

⁷³ *Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.*

Psalm 119:80

⁸⁰ *Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.*

The psalmist desires that both his head and his heart to be sound spiritually.

Notice:

A. A Sound Head (vs. 73)

Psalm 119:73

⁷³ **Thy hands have made me and fashioned me**: *give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.*

It is interesting how this verse address the sound head.

We see in this verse:

- The philosophy of a sound head – “Thy hands have made me and fashioned me”
 - The Producer of Creation – “Thy hands have made me”
 - The Plan of Creation – “Fashioned me

The sound head begins with an understanding of Who are creator is.

Because God is our creator then God has control rights of His creation.

There are two steps here. They are made and mold. God created, then designed. This makes sense; evolution does not.

We see in this verse not only the philosophy of a sound head but also:

- The prayer of a sound head – “Give me understanding that I may learn thy commandments”

Notice:

This prayer request two things:

- The petition of the prayer – “Give me understanding.”

The psalmist doesn't want to be ignorant about God's commandments.

Note also:

- The purpose of the prayer – “That I may learn thy commandments”

This explains this prayer.

The psalmists wants to understanding not for intellectual praise or to satisfy curiosity or to boast of his knowledge, but to learn the Word of God.

Sadly, not many are praying that prayer but the lack of biblical understanding indicates we all should be praying this prayer fervently and frequently.

As we continue to consider the Character of the Psalmist not only did the psalmist desire a “sound head” but also:

B. A Sound Heart (vs. 80)

Psalm 119:80

⁸⁰ ***Let my heart be sound in thy statutes;*** *that I be not ashamed.*

The psalmist wanted a sound heart in addition to a sound head.

Notice:

- The petition for a sound heart – “Let my heart be sound in thy statutes”

The psalmist wants to be sound in the Word of God. The psalmist does not want to be spreading false doctrines or believing error.

He wants to be sound in the Word of God.

Notice not only the psalmist petition for a sound heart but also:

- The purpose of a sound heart – “That I be not ashamed”

This refers to being ashamed before God.

The truth is we take great steps and measures not to be ashamed before people, but to be ashamed when we stand before God is the greatest shame of all.

The lack of shame before God comes through the Word of God.

We have considered the Character of the Psalmist, note secondly:

2. THE COMPANIONS OF THE PSALMIST (VSS. 74, 79)

Psalm 119:74

⁷⁴ They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

Psalm 119:79

⁷⁹ Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.

The subject of companions is a good one for believers. In these verses the psalmist seeks good companions and endeavors to be a good companion.

The truth is – Our companions will affect our character.

Notice:

A. He Delights Them (vs. 74)

Psalm 119:74

⁷⁴ They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

The psalmist wants others to find in him a good companion and good friend by being a delight unto them.

Note:

- The crowd he delights

Those that he is a delight to are those that fear the Lord.

You cannot make everyone happy in this life.

As I said earlier our companions affect our character, therefore we must be careful of the crowd that we are a delight to.

We not only consider the crowd he delights but also:

- The conduct which delights

Psalm 119:74

*⁷⁴ They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because **I have hoped in thy word.***

The word “hoped” tells us the psalmist believes in the word of God.

If you embrace the Word of God in your life, you will excite the best crowd in the world, namely, God's people.

Sadly, the behavior and affections of many so-called believers often sickens and saddens true believers instead of delights them.

We have considered the Character and the Companions of the Psalmist, note lastly:

3. THE COMFORTS OF THE PSALMIST (VSS. 76- 77)

Psalm 119:76-77

⁷⁶ Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant. ⁷⁷ Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

I will only spend a brief amount of time regarding this.

Again we will not enjoy this comfort lacking in character, and keeping the wrong company.

It is important to understand that without God's mercy we cease to live and true comfort comes as we delight in God's law.

Close:

As we think about our character; do we have the right desire for a sound head and heart?

Understanding also our companions affect our character, do we have companions that fear God and who delight in those whose love God's Word?

Lastly understand we will not enjoy the peace and comfort the psalmist speaks of apart from delighting in God's Word, and as we delight in God's Word we will be a person with right character and a companions.