

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

FOREVER O LORD THY WORD IS SETTLED IN HEAVEN PSALMS 119:89-96

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Introduction:

When I was growing up I often heard some interesting sayings like: “you can count on it” or “as sure as day turns to night.” These were interesting ways to say it was a certain thing.

However there is one certainty in life that you can depend on and that is the scripture, God’s Word.

In a day when our world so desperately needs something it can know for sure, the psalmist says “I have that certainty and it is found in God and through God’s Word.”

- This passage of Scripture tells us that the Word of God is “settled forever.”

Notice what we see in this passage:

Sermon Content:

1. THE PERMANENCE OF GOD'S WORD (VS. 89-91)

Psalm 119:89-91

⁸⁹ For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

⁹⁰ Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. ⁹¹ They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

Understand there was never a time when the Word of God did not exist. (John 1:1)

John 1:1

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Before the sun, the moon and the stars were made the Word was. Before anything was brought into existence, there was the eternal Word.

Not only was the Word present before anything was made, but the Word will remain after everything else that was made ceases.

Matthew 24:35

³⁵ Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

After science, philosophy, governments and education; and gold and big houses and the dollar have all passed away, there will be the precious living Word of the living God.

Because God's Word is eternal in heaven, clearly it can be depended upon on earth.

Notice:

A. A Simple Declaration (vs. 89) – The Word Is Settled In Heaven

I may not fully understand nor can I explain all God is, and all His Word declares but I take the stand with many others to proclaim that the Bible, the Holy Word of God, is forever settled in heaven.

The Word of God will not change with interest rates, unemployment, the economy, or the international situation.

It is settled!

Notice not only the Simple Declaration but also:

B. A Strong Demonstration (vss. 90-91)

Psalm 119:90-91

⁹⁰ Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. ⁹¹ They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.

Here the psalmist turns back the pages of the Bible and points out the truth that God created the world.

This world we live in demonstrates the permanence and persistence of the world of God.

It is expressed throughout the world.

For example, on the 1st day, according to the Word of God, God created light, and He set in motion the law of light.

The law of light says that light travels at the speed of 186,000 miles per second.

Its purpose is to dispel darkness, and its speed is constant. That law has never changed.

In this verse the psalmist is saying everything is behaving actually the way God planned.

The world is a testimony of the persistence of God.

We note not only the Permanence of God's Word but also:

2. THE PRESERVATION OF GOD'S WORD (VS. 92)

Psalm 119:92

⁹² Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

As David fled from Saul, he says that the anchor for his soul was the Word and that anchor held fast.

He was saying here, "if it had not been for the settled word of God, I would have lost my sanity.

When you and I run into life's troubles what is the first thing we should do?

We certainly pray; taking your problems to God, and then we should look to the Word of God.

Often the answer to our prayer will come as God reveals truth, direction and understanding through the Word God.

Though the Word of God has been preserved for us today, the Word of God also helps preserves us in times of darkness and need.

We have considered the Permanence and the Preserving of God's Word but also note:

3. THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD (VSS. 93-95)

Psalm 119:93-95

⁹³ I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me. ⁹⁴ I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts. ⁹⁵ The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

God spoke the world into existence.

He spoke to Elijah from a whirlwind. He spoke from heaven at the baptism of His Son.

Some are looking for God to reveal Himself in that same kind of power today, but understand every time we pick up the Word of God the same Authority speaks.

Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Word of God is Powerful.

We see in this passage that the Word of God has the power to:

A. Revive (vs. 93)

Psalm 119:93

⁹³ *I will never forget thy precepts: **for with them thou hast quickened me.***

We tell new believers that those who get into the Word will grow spiritually.

However, what is true of new believers is also true of us who have been saved for a long time.

The Word has the power to breathe new life into your life.

So we should continually seek to be refilled with the truths of God.

Not only does the Word of God have power to Revive but also to:

B. Restore (vs. 94)

Psalm 119:94

⁹⁴ *I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.*

When people get out of fellowship with God one of the first things they do is to get out of fellowship with God's people and remove themselves from the place of hearing the Word taught and preached.

Someone has said "The Word will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from the Word."

It is tragically true that sin keeps many from the Word when they most need it.

David said when his sin overwhelmed him, he sought the Word. That is a lesson for us.

Not only does the Word of God have power to Revive, and Restore but also to:

C. To Restrain (vs.95)

Psalm 119:95

⁹⁵ *The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.*

Understand, you and I have an enemy who is always looking for ways to destroy us. His name is Satan, the

devil. He wants to set snares to destroy our testimony, our family, our joy, our life if possible. The Word reassures us that we have been saved and that God will keep us through all tribulations until the day we see Him face to face.

We have considered the Permanence and the Preserving of God's Word but note lastly:

4. THE PERFECTION OF GOD'S WORD (VS. 96)

Psalm 119:96

⁹⁶ I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

The Word of God is perfect. It is inerrant and infallible.

INERRANT means "containing no error."

INFALLIBLE means "incapable of error."

The Word of God contains no errors because the God of the Word can make no errors.

God is truth.

Every word of the Bible is truth.

Psalm 119:160

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

The sum total of all Scripture is true.

2 Timothy 3:16

¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

All scripture is inspired.

Inspired means “God Breathed”

The psalmist reminds us that God’s Word is perfect.

Only the Bible gives us the total view of life, death, and eternity. It never becomes irrelevant, outdated, old-fashioned or behind times. The settled truth is unchangeable.

Close:

We have looked to day at some wonderful truths about the TRUTH.

The Word tells us that God became man, lived a perfect life, took our sin debt upon Himself at Calvary, died, was buried and rose from the dead, defeating

forever the power of sin and death, to offer salvation to whosoever.

That God for Truth.