Sermon Notes – 02.18.2024 – The Joyful Response to God's Word

Each Part of Psalm 119 Speaks to God about Our Relationship with Him Formed By His Word

Psalms 119:41-48 **Vav.** **May Your lovingkindnesses also come to me**, O LORD, Your salvation **according to Your word**; 42 So **I will have an answer for him who reproaches me**, For **I trust in Your word**. 43 And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For **I wait** for Your ordinances. 44 So **I will keep** Your law continually, Forever and ever. 45 And **I will walk at liberty,** For **I seek** Your precepts. **46 I will also speak of Your testimonies** before kings And shall not be ashamed. 47 **I shall delight** in Your commandments, Which I love. 48 And **I shall lift up my hands** to Your commandments, Which I love; And **I will meditate** on Your statutes.

- **We Ask God, for His Lovingkindnesses (mercies) and Salvation to Come To Us – "According to Your Word."**
    - **Hope – Focusing on What God Holds Out to Us, Rather than Our Own Inventions.**
    - **God holds out His Mercies and Salvation for us to receive.**

- So **I will have an answer for him who reproaches me**

When people oppose us for our faith in God – God Gives us an Answer in His Mercies / His Salvation

Our Answer - Steadfast Confidence in God's Mercies & Salvation - Show the Evidence in How We Live

I trust in Your word – I will be confident.
I wait for Your ordinances – Patiently Hope
I will keep Your law continually, Forever and ever (I will guard it so I don't lose it)
I will walk at liberty -, For **I seek** Your precepts – I live His Word and am not enslaved by things.
I will also speak of Your testimonies – Woven into the "abundance of Our Heart
I shall delight in Your commandments, Which I love – An odd picture: Smear it all over
I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments – Joyful, perhaps almost dancing
I will meditate on Your statutes – Even when I am alone, I roll your Words over in my mind.

Our answer to those who oppose our faith in God is the Free and Joyful way we Live for Jesus

Psalms 119: 49-56 **Zayin.** **Remember the word to Your servant, In which You have made me hope**. 50 This is my comfort in my affliction, That Your word has revived me. 51 The arrogant utterly deride me, *Yet* I do not turn aside from Your law. 52 **I have remembered** Your ordinances from of old, O LORD, **And comfort myself.** 53 Burning indignation has seized me because of the wicked, Who forsake Your law. 54 **Your statutes are my songs In the house of my pilgrimage**. 55 **O LORD, I remember Your name in the night, And keep Your law**. 56 **This has become mine**, That **I observe Your precepts.**

Remember the word to Your servant, In which You have made me hope.

"Remember," Not a Challenge or Insult to God's Faithfulness – Of Course God Remembers

Matthew 10:29-30 "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And *yet* **not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father**. 30 "But **the very hairs of your head are all numbered**.

Hebrews 6:9-12 But, **beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation**, though we are speaking in this way. 10 For **God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.** 11 And **we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end**, 12 so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those **who through faith and patience inherit the promises**.

The Evidence we have that God will Remember His Promises is that He Makes Us Hope in Them

Have you ever made a promise that you regretted? You don't bring it up – You hope they forget

But, God asks us to Remember and Hope in His Promises.

"This is my comfort in my affliction, That Your word has revived me." (vs. 50)

Comforting Ourselves with What We Remember – " **I have remembered** Your ordinances from of old, O LORD, **And comfort myself**."

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction **so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God**. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

Our Part: I Do Not Turn Aside, I remember and Keep Your Word and Comfort Myself, I sing Your Word as Songs in the Night, (In the house of my pilgrimage).

Laying Ahold of the Promises - "This has become mine, That I observe Your Word" –

Expecting God's Favor because we are walking in faithfulness to God

Expecting God's Favor because We Love God and Are Called According to His Purposes

Romans 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it. 26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of* God. 28 And **we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.**

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;