

A Love for God's Word

Psalm 119:97-104

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Introduction

Today, I want to break from our regular series in Matthew to introduce you to a new Psalm of Focus.

- For any of you who don't know, every few weeks we take up a Psalm that corresponds to the part of Matthew that I am preaching from.
- This has been our practice for several years with whatever regular series we are doing.

In our study of Matthew, we have come to the place where Jesus goes up to Jerusalem to be crucified.

- In chapter 22 and the first part of chapter 23, we have seen how Jesus clearly presented Himself as Israel's Messiah.
 - We have seen how this stirred up the High Priests and Scribes to oppose Him all the more.
 - Jesus told several parables to show how their rejection of His authority was in fact a rejection of the authority of God.
 - We sang Psalm 93 which speaks of His superior majesty in the face of all opposition.

As we move further into Matthew 23 now, we will see how the Jewish leaders began to question the Lord Jesus in an effort to trip Him up...

- They come at Him with their questions...
 - But we will see how they were completely unable to resist the wisdom with which He spoke and had to abandon the effort with chagrin.
- Our Lord Jesus answers them with the wisdom that comes from the Scriptures.
 - The Word of God was truly His delight and it is the delight of all His followers.
 - All who meditate on it have a wisdom that far exceeds the wisdom of their enemies and so are kept from stumbling.

In connection with this portion of Matthew, I have selected Psalm 119:97-104 (which I will call Psalm 119-M from now on).

- In this Psalm, we declare our great love for God's Law (or His Torah, His word), and declare how we meditate it on all through the day...
 - We declare how God uses His Word:
 - to give us great wisdom and understanding...

- to keep us from the evil way...
 - to bring true joy to our lives.
- When Jesus was here in this world, we can be certain that He sang this Psalm...
 - It truly expresses the love that He had for God's Word...
 - The words—"Oh, how I love Your Law!" are more suited to Him than to any one else!
 - Understand that in Psalm 119, the words Law, Testimonies, Statutes, Commandments, Judgements, are all synonyms used to refer to Scripture.
 - The Scriptures were Jesus' link to His Father when He was on earth—
 - it was through them that He, as a man, could learn His Father's will...
 - It is true that Jesus, as a prophet, had special direct revelation given to Him on occasion,
 - but His regular spiritual food was the Scripture...
 - He received them without out all the twisting that a sinful mind puts on them because He was without sin.
 - As a sinless man, He was able to see with perfect clarity the truth of God and the calling of God given to us in the Scriptures.
 - They were for Him the principle means by which He heard God's voice and learned His will just as they are the principle means by which we hear God's voice and learn His will.
 - Therefore He loved them with so great a love that He could say, "Oh how I love your Law!"
 - And because He loved them, He meditated on them all the day...
 - as it says in the second part of v. 97!
 - This meditation was not the sort that people do when they isolate themselves and withdraw from their work and from other people...
 - Certainly, Jesus withdrew to pray and to study God's word,
 - but that is not primarily what this mediation "all through the day" is about...
 - This meditation "all through the day" is what you do when you consider how God's word applies to you in all of life...
 - When you consider how you are to worship Him,
 - how you should treat your enemies,
 - how you ought to treat your spouse or your parents,
 - what great things God has promised,

- the warnings He has given you,
 - who He is and how that relates you,
 - how you ought to conduct yourself at work—even when you are tired...
- Meditating on God’s Law means to look at it from this way that way and let it shape your thoughts and your actions.
 - This is how Jesus lived His whole life...
 - All day long He was biblically guided in His speech, His thoughts, and His deeds.
- And as this Psalm expresses His true love for God’s law in verse 97,
 - it then goes on to express how God the Father used the Scripture in His life.
 - As a man, He had to grow in wisdom and was subject to temptation as we are.
 - Therefore, through meditation on the scriptures, He had a wisdom that surpassed the wisdom of His enemies, His teachers, and the elders...
 - This is sung about in verses 98-100
 - And through continual meditation on God’s Law, He was kept from the evil way that continually tried to draw in...
 - This is sung about in verses 101-102
 - and by meditation all the day on God’s word, He was filled with a joy that surpasses understanding.
 - This is sung about in verses 103-104.
 - Jesus loved the law of God and meditated on it the same way that every one of you ought to love it and meditate on it.

Let us remember that as with all the Psalms,

- Psalm 119-M is a song that the Lord has given the whole church to sing as a corporate body...
- It is not just for Jesus as our Head to sing, but it is for us as the members of His body to sing with Him.
 - We are to join with Him in singing because the psalms express what is true of us when we are truly united to Him...and of Him as united to us...
 - Our union with Him makes it proper for us to sing of our righteousness that we through Him,
 - and His union with us made it appropriate for Him to confess the sin that He has because of us...

- If you are joined to Christ with genuine faith,
 - You are a part of that body in Christ that through Him perfectly delights in the Law of God and meditates on it day and night.
 - We are not perfect in ourselves, but in Christ...
 - And not only that, but God has also worked a radical change in you through His Spirit so that you actually do now love God's law and meditate on it all through the day...
 - God has written His law in your heart so that you delight in it in the same way Jesus delighted in it...
 - I know that this is true because the Bible says it is true...
 - It is part of God's Covenant promise to all His people...
 - Hebrews 10:16 quotes the promise to us:
 - Heb 10:16: "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them."
 - This is God's promise to give us a new heart to replace our rebellious hearts...
 - It is His promise to cause us to delight in His law from within so that we will keep it and not depart from it.
 - He causes every one of His elect to love His Law and so to meditate on it all through the day just like Jesus did.
 - Though you do not love God's law as well as Jesus loved it because you are not yet made perfect,
 - You still love it in a way that the unbeliever does not...
 - You can truly say, "Oh how I love your law!"
 - And though you do not meditate on God's as perfectly and consistently as Jesus meditated on it...
 - You still meditate on it all through the day as God uses it to speak into your life...
 - And so you can also say: "It is my meditation all the day."
- And so my brothers and sisters,
 - this song is a song not only for Christ Himself to sing, but for all of you who have come to Him for eternal life.
 - It is the song of all those who have been given new life in Jesus Christ!

- “Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.”
 - This is your Song, child of God!
 - Learn to sing it with all sincerity!
 - See that these words are true of you.
 - See to it that you are receiving the three things that Jesus received from the Scriptures...
 - 1) A wisdom that surpasses the wisdom of your enemies, your teachers, and your elders...
 - 2) Preservation from the evil path...
 - 3) And a joy that fills your life!
- These three benefits are benefits that come to every true child of God who delights in God’s Law and meditates on it...
 - And as the benefits are received, they in turn cause the true child of God delight even more in law of God...
 - It is a blessed self-feeding circle!
 - You delight in God’s law and meditate on it...
 - Then God blesses you with wisdom, preservation from evil, and joy through that meditation...
 - Then you love God’s law even more and meditate on it still more...
 - Then God further blesses you with wisdom, preservation from evil, and joy...
 - and so on...
 - It is a progression that continues to the very end of your life.

Let us then look further at these three benefits that come to you when you love God’s law and meditate it all through the day...

I. First, see how God uses His Law to give you unsurpassed wisdom.

A. The scriptures are a veritable fountain of wisdom!

1. You have the very oracles of God committed to you.
 - The God of heaven has counselled you and has put His very law in your heart.
 - Oh how I wish I could impress on you what a treasure this is!
 - You have wisdom and understanding that surpasses all the wisdom and understanding of this world.

- It is a wisdom that surpasses your enemies, your teachers, and your elders!
- There nothing to compare with it!

2. Do you know what is in this book?

a. It is the very Word of God...

- In 2 Timothy 3:16, Paul explains to Timothy that it is God breathed...
 - That means that it is directly from Him!
 - Yes, He used men with their unique personalities to record it for us, but it is precisely what He wanted to say to us.
 - It is infallible and perfect in every way.

b. Consider what it means to have such a book!

1) It means that you can know precisely what God wants you to do!

- The Bible tells you how He is to be worshipped.
- It tells you how you are to treat you neighbour.
- It even tells you what to think.

2) It answers the important questions of life...

- It tells you where you came from...
- It tells you why the world is here and why you are here
- It tells you how evil came into this world—and just what evil is.
- It tells you what will become of you—what happens after death.

3) But best of all, the Bible tells you the way that God has made for you to be forgiven of your sins and brought to heaven.

- You could not know this without the revelation of the Scripture...

c. And the Bible gives you all this with certainty, exactness, and infallibility so that you can shape your whole life accordingly—

- so that you can have absolute confidence and assurance that it is all true.
- It is the very word of God!
 - Nothing compares with the wisdom that God gives to His people through His word!

B. See how Psalm 119 compares the wisdom you have as a lover of the Bible to that of the world!

1. First, it says that God's commandments make you wiser than your enemies.

- a. Your enemies have a lot of wisdom...
 - 1) Malice makes a man wise...
 - Because he hates, he studies and plots and schemes in order to bring down those he hates.
 - He has bag full of carefully spun tricks and devises to snare you.
 - 2) You may not think you have enemies, but if you belong to Christ, you most certainly do...
 - a) If you are a believer, God has put enmity between you and every unbeliever...
 - The unbeliever, no matter how mild and diplomatic he may be,
 - is not subject to the LORD.
 - He is engaged in an all out battle to keep the Lord from reigning.
 - b) The unbeliever is quite eager for excuses and arguments as to why the God of the Bible should not be served...
 - And as soon as any argument appears that has the least plausibility, he will latch on to it until he can find a better one...
 - Take evolution as an example...
 - There are few theories that have less to commend them than the theory of evolution...
 - Yet, how quickly our society latched on to this theory!
 - It was just what they were waiting for!
 - It was a way for them to account for their existence without God!
 - If only it were true!
 - See how they hold on to it even when they have to admit that the evidence for it is just not there...
 - Leading evolutionists have actually said as much...
 - They have admitted that they hang on to it until something better comes along because it is the best theory they have...
- TRANS> Talk to an unbeliever and see how eager he is to throw up one argument after another.
- c) And because they can't fully satisfy themselves with arguments to oppose the Lord's rule,

- they also try to find a thousand ways to distract themselves so that they don't have to think about him...
 - one will immerse himself in his study...
 - another in his beer...
 - and yet another in his career.

TRANS> Their malice against the LORD makes them untiring in their campaign against the Lord and against His anointed.

- They have a certain kind of wisdom, certain arguments and methods that they have worked very hard to develop...
- b. But consider how the wisdom of the simplest believer excels!
- 1) To put it in the most basic terms,
 - Their wisdom will land them in Hell...
 - The wisdom found in God's word will lead you to heaven.
 - 2) In the end, they will not succeed because they have foolishly set themselves up against the Lord and against His anointed...
 - He will dash them to pieces and their folly will be evident to all.

TRANS> Christian, God has made you far wiser than your enemies!

- v. 98 teaches you to sing about this wisdom—not to praise yourself, but to praise God who has given you His precious word...
2. In verse 99, you are taught to also sing of your understanding that surpasses the understanding of all your teachers...
- a. You may find a person who is an expert in science or philosophy, and he may be brilliant—
 - He may be far more gifted and intelligent than you and know a thousand more facts and be able to understand all sorts of complex matters of nature.
 - He may be able to teach you all sorts of things that you know nothing about—and there may be things he knows that you are not even capable of understanding...
 - b. But such a person doesn't even come close to the understanding you have from even the most basic mediation on the testimonies of God!
 - 1) The scientist may understand the structure of cells better than you do.
 - He may know all about it...

- But if he does not meditate on God's testimonies,
 - he doesn't even know who made them,
 - He doesn't know how to thank and worship the one who made them...
 - He doesn't even know why those cells exist or what they are there for!
- c. Sometimes this difference in understanding shows itself in rather humorous ways...
- For example, you have an expert in child psychology whose children don't love her,
 - and she is standing there telling a Christian mother whose children do love her how that Christian mother's methods are all wrong and will alienate her children!
 - Or you have a marriage counsellor who has been divorced three times explaining to a happily married Christian couple why their marriage won't work...
 - The only reason believers have problems in these areas is because they have not followed the word of God...
 - If they meditated on it so as to implement what God says in their marriages and their parenting, they would find that they have more wisdom than any expert whose advice is not founded on God's word.

TRANS> Christian, God has made you far wiser than both your enemies and your teachers... but that is not all...

3. Verse 100 says that He has given you more understanding than the ancients...
- a. We may see this as referring to those who have experience....
- They have been around more than once and they know what to expect.
 - Take the successful businessman who knows just what needs to be done to turn a profit, to invest, to multiply his wealth a thousand times...
 - I tell you, the 10 year old Christian boy setting up a lemonade stand has far more understanding about business if he keeps God's precepts!
 - The old tycoon is desperately ignorant about the things that really matter.
 - He doesn't even understand the most basic purpose of wealth...
 - to bring about thanksgiving and delight in God!
 - to honour God by using it to bless and serve others...

- No, that tycoon tramples over others to get more of the stuff and he uses it entirely for his own selfish purposes!
 - What wealth will he have on the day of judgement?
 - What wealth will he have for all eternity?
 - What kind of return will he have on his investments them?
- b. Of course experience is a wonderful thing when it is the experience of walking in God's ways—of keeping his precepts...
- 1) The Bible calls us to honour those who are our elders...
 - Their counsel is very valuable when it is the counsel of seasoned obedience to God...
 - But experience itself can make a person hardened in the wrong ways of thinking and acting.
 - That kind of experience is actually destructive.
 - That is why you are to look at their fruit rather than their age.
 - 2) Do not, therefore, be intimidated by the expert in knowledge or experience if that expert is not godly...
 - You have wisdom and understanding from God's word that far surpasses theirs.
 - How thankful you should be for the Scriptures that give you wisdom...
 - most of all, for the Scriptures that give you wisdom unto salvation.
 - If you know that, you know more than all the world!

TRANS> So then, you see how God uses His law to give you unsurpassed wisdom...

II. Secondly, see how God uses His Law to keep you from every evil way.

- This is the subject of verses 101 and 102...
 - Here you are taught to sing:
 - "I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word. I have not departed from Your judgements, for you have taught me."
 - There are two things I want you to notice for these verses...
- A. First, notice here that there is a need for self restraint!
1. Even though you are a believer, it is necessary for you to restrain yourself from every evil way if you are going to keep God's word...
 - a. There is a propensity in every one of us to go after evil!
 - Though you have been born again and given that new heart,

- evil is still present with you—the one who desires to do good!
- There are a thousand temptations that are ready to stir up your sinful passions and draw you in!
 - Let someone wrong you and you ready to either lash out in anger or seethe with resentment...
 - Let some false doctrine present itself to you that is more socially accepted than what God says and your heart is ready to embrace it...
 - Let a charming seductress beckon you and you are ready to follow...
 - Let a cross get in your path and you are ready to take a detour to avoid it rather than suffer for your Lord.
- b. You must restrain yourself from every evil way...
 - 1) You are not sincere if you only restrain yourself from **some** evil ways...
 - If you allow immodesty but not murder...
 - or if you allow unjust anger at home but restrain unjust anger at church...
 - or if you allow false doctrine, but insist upon Sabbath keeping.
 - 2) There is an even greater temptation when there is a general acceptance of some sinful practice...
 - For example, as a Christian, you probably won't be tempted to shoot someone for trespassing on your property because that is totally unacceptable in our society...
 - But you may very well have to restrain yourself from wearing immodest apparel because immodest apparel has become quite acceptable.
 - A Christian can dress immodestly and most people won't even notice.
 - The goal is not just to make a good impression on your neighbour, but to keep God's word!

TRANS> You are to restrain yourself from **every** evil way.

2. And I would point out that the word translated *restrain* shows us that this is a very real battle...
 - a. The word in the Hebrew text means “to restrict the flow or movement of something that is already flowing...”
 - The idea is that in temptation, there is already a motion toward the evil way...
 - It is pulling you and drawing you in.

- Do not think you can just coast along in the Christian life!
 - There is a fierce contest going on and sin must be mortified!
 - It must be put to death!
- b. Furthermore, the Hebrew word is a very strong word—
- It speaks of fettering or imprisoning your feet.
 - Light resistance is not enough.
 - It is an all out desperate war!
 - If you are casual, you will not continue in God’s ways.
- c. Let me ask you,
- With what temptation are dabbling around with?
 - You can’t have your feet on two pathways!
 - The path of God and the path of evil diverge and you will have to choose one or the other.
 - If you do not restrain yourself from every evil,
 - you will eventually depart from God’s way.

TRANS> So you see from these verses that there is a need for self-restraint...

B. Secondly, notice from these verses that the glory goes to God if you have kept to God’s way—if you have indeed restrained yourself from every evil way...

1. Verse 102 gives the reason to be that God Himself has taught you...

- a. It says, “I have not departed from Your judgements, for You Yourself have taught me.”
- 1) This is an emphatic statement that God Himself has been your teacher,
 - **“You yourself** have taught me...”
 - This is what has preserved you.
 - 2) He has brought His judgements to bear upon you in a convincing way...
 - You have seen things from **His** perspective rather than from the perspective of your own flesh...
 - You have seen things according to **His** judgements rather than according to the judgement of the world... and even the judgement of the church when the church has erred!

TRANS> God Himself as been your teacher!

- b. Jeremiah speaks of this as one of the great blessings of the New Covenant—that they shall all be taught of God, from the least to the greatest of them.
 - He says that this is what makes the difference...
 - Jer 31:33-34: But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD.
 - God's teaching is like no other.
 - He not only gives you information,
 - but when He teaches you, He illumines you so that you understand, and He renews your will so that you welcome the instruction!
 - It is a marvellous thing—
 - He inscribes His word on your heart so that you will not depart from it!
 - But don't misunderstand...
 - This does not mean that you will have no more need to restrain yourself from every evil way!
 - It rather means that God will bring you to the place where you will begin to restrain yourself...
 - You may start out on the evil path, but you will not remain on it because God will not allow the true seed of the word to perish from your heart...
 - That is the difference between a true believer and a mere professing believer...
 - The true believer will persevere in grace...
 - He will not utterly depart from God's judgements...
2. But let me go a step farther and show you **how** God's judgements will keep you on the right path...
 - a. First, His judgements will show you and convince you of the **folly** of sin...
 - They will show you that it is a fool's way because it leads to destruction.
 - When you belong to Christ, He will drive this home to you when you start to go down the evil way and you will say,
 - "How foolish it is to consider this way!"
 - "It is the way that leads to destruction."

- b. Secondly, His judgements will show you how **unjust** the evil way is...
 - He will enable you to see clearly that the evil way is in fact evil.
 - When drawn away by temptation, sinners are often deceived...
 - They don't see how they are rejecting the God who made them and who pours out His blessing on them...
 - To them, sin does not look very sinful—in fact it can look quite lovely!
 - But when God opens your eyes, you see what a wretch you have been and you repent.

- c. And I say, when God Himself has taught you,
 - you will see no need to go somewhere else to get a second opinion!
 - When His word is brought home to you, you know that God has spoken and that there is no question about the matter!

 - There is a certain clarity that is given to all those He Himself teaches by His Spirit...
 - His Word comes alive in them, persuades them, convinces them, and renews their hearts and minds...
 - It causes them to restrain themselves from the evil way!
 - What a blessing it is to be taught of God!

TRANS> So now I have shown you how God's word gives you great wisdom and how God's Word keeps you from evil...

III. Thirdly, see how God uses His Law to bring true joy to your life.

A. In verse 103 you sing of how delicious God's Word is to you!

- v. 103: "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth."

- 1. His word is something that brings great joy to you if you are a believer...
 - a. Surely the Bible is full of sweet words!
 - I will guide you with my counsel and afterward receive you to glory!
 - I will write my law on your heart and you will not depart from me!
 - I will never leave you or forsake you!
 - John 14:1-3: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I

will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

- John 14:27: Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
- I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more.
- I have loved you with an everlasting love...

TRANS> What comfort, what joy—how delicious are these words to all of you who believe!

b. But if you have really believed these words,

- The words of warning and judgement will also be sweet to your taste...
- The words of warning will be sweet because you will see them as the words that keep you safe...
 - When you are told to take heed lest there be in you an evil heart of unbelief...
 - or when you are told that your heart is desperately wicked...
 - You will not recoil, but you will rejoice that your heavenly Father is bringing His truth to you to preserve you in His way.
 - You will be glad for His counsel.

c. Perhaps you should ask yourself the question—What word would you use to describe the taste of God's word?

- You can learn a lot about the state of your heart...
 - Would you say the word is bitter? frivolous? confusing? sweet? perhaps bittersweet?
 - You see, there is room for growth!

TRANS> Here is another test given in v. 104...

- It speaks of hating every false way...
 - Do you?
2. When you have tasted the sweetness of God's Word, then you will hate every false way...
- a. You will hate the way of self will, self righteousness, worldliness, pride, unbelief, hypocrisy because you will understand the evil of these ways!
- Hatred is a murdering affection—it strangles and stabs and shoots and kills...

- And that is what you will do with these evil ways if you have tasted the sweetness of God's way...
 - You will not be able to tolerate them.
 - b. You cannot really claim that you love God's Law until there is this hatred for what is contrary to His Law...
 - 1) You must come to the place that you not only choose to do the will of God, but that you also delight and rejoice to do it!
 - This is the ultimate goal of godliness.
 - 2) I do not say that any of us have arrived to this perfection in this...
 - But if you are a child of God, you are moving in this direction!
 - Those who live in the sewer are used to the bad smell,
 - but when God brings you out and gives you His food, the smell starts to bother you...
 - If you are a real believer,
 - there is nothing that makes you more displeased with yourself than when through carelessness and neglect you find that sin has taken hold of you...
 - When you find sin is present with you, you will say cry out to God as Paul did, saying,
 - "Who will deliver me from this body of death?"
- B. Now I want you to think about what a difference it will make in your life when you have an appetite for God's Word and hate every false way.
1. Obviously, it will make a huge difference in what you feed upon...
 - a. You will come to God's word with eagerness and fervent prayer, looking to be renewed by it...
 - b. It will not be a burden to you, but a joy to have His counsel and to continue in it.
 2. Parents, how you need to have this delight in God's ways to train up your children in the Lord!
 - a. This delight in truth and this hatred of evil is what you are to put before them all the time when you teach them to love God and His ways.
 - 1) You are to show them how much better God's ways are.
 - 2) When you correct them, you are saying,
 - "Do you really want to live like that?"

- “Look at how much better God’s ways are.”
- b. One of the reasons parents often have trouble getting their children to follow them in their faith is because the parents themselves,
- although keeping God’s ways,
 - have not learned to delight in His ways and to hate every false way.
- 1) Their whole life is about deprivation—about holding themselves back from the things they really love!
- They are still twisted and distorted in what they love—the sewer is still attractive to them!
 - Their children have enough of it after a while!
 - They see walking with God as burdensome and heavy instead sweet and pleasant.
- 2) Now I don’t mean that you shouldn’t hold yourself back—you should—
- We saw that in verse 101—there is a restraint that will be there when you love God’s law—a battle you will wage continually against your evil desires...
 - This battle will continue until you die because you are not yet perfected...
- 3) But there ought to be a movement in your life toward loving God’s ways and hating the evil ways.
- This will happen as you grow in understanding.
 - And when it is there, it will be contagious.
3. This also, I believe, affects our evangelism.
- a. Do you know why some cult leaders or promoters of worldly philosophy are so successful?
- It’s because they love the evil way they have chosen more than you love the way of the Lord...
 - They have a greater impact in their community because they love the attention or the suppression of truth more than you love God’s ways.
- b. This is where it gets tricky!
- I don’t mean by this that you should pretend to love what you don’t love.
 - Rather I mean that you should identify the problem and begin to seek God to bring about the change.

- You should ask God to make you like Jesus who loved righteousness and hated lawlessness!

Conclusion:

You see, how Psalm 119-M brings us full circle!

- It begins with love for God's law,
 - and it ends with love for God's law...
- When that love is there, it will lead to an even greater love...
 - His word, when it is loved, will give you great wisdom, it will preserve you from all evil, and at last it will give you joy and delight!

And so the great question is,

- Do you love God's law?
- Do you delight in His ways?

If you don't, you need to start now!

- You need to change and you need God to change you.
 - You need to look to Christ to do that change.
 - Your perception is distorted, but He can make it right.
 - Let us call upon Him now!