

Evening Sermon Outline – June 25, 2017  
“The Young Man Sermon” Psalm 119:9-16

I. *Note first, the universal application of this passage*

– How can you, “**cleanse**” your “**way**?”

1. *This Psalm starts with a description of the blessed person –*

**ALEPH. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD! (Psalm 119:1 NKJ)**

*However, are ways are not undefiled, rather they are a MESS –  
Destruction and misery are in their ways; (Romans 3:16 NKJ)*

*Our ways need cleansing! Whether we are young or old, male or female, this is our duty, this is our need! Ultimately, we are cleansed by Christ’s blood – and from Jesus Christ, ... To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, (Rev. 1:5 NKJ)*

**...“These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Rev. 7:14 NKJ)**

2. *In the Old Testament Christ’s blood and its saving, redeeming, cleansing power were prefigured in the blood of the Lamb –*

**“Then he shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering, and the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering and put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot. (Lev. 14:25 NKJ)**

*In Leviticus 14:25, we see:*

- A. *The cleansing of hearing, represented by the blood on the ear!*
- B. *The cleansing of the doing, represented by the blood on the thumb!*
- C. *The cleansing of the walk or way, represented by the blood on the big toe, foot!*

*Christ’s blood covers all of this for us, as He was perfect in His hearing, doing and walking in God’s Ways!*

3. *However, Psalm 119:9-16 is speaking to sanctification and it follows justification –*

**QUESTION: BETH. How can a young man cleanse his way?**

**ANSWER: By taking heed according to Your word. (Psalm 119:9 NKJ)**

*This is true for all who are Christ’s, He not only dies for us, He also prays to the father for us –*

**“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. (John 17:17 NKJ)**

II. *Why “young man” “young men” “young” ???*

*Because:*

1. *We tend toward the error of thinking diligent taking heed, according to God’s Word, is not a Young Man / Youth thing!*

- A. *The ungodly, the non-believer, they think, if they think of God and the things of God at all, tend to think this is something they can do LATER, when I am older, or even when I am old; they do not believe –*

**For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2 Cor. 6:2 NKJ)**

- B. *Bad theology, about free will and about God’s will, also messes this up, people are led to believe God is always ready to save and always willing to bend over backward for the unbeliever –*

**... He says: “All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and contrary people.” (Romans 10:21 NKJ)**

*And they think “yes” God is loving (true) God is patient (true) God will wait absolutely FOREVER for me to turn to Him and away from my sins, God will wait forever for my repentance .... (FALSE)*

**Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares.  
<sup>21</sup> She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words: <sup>22</sup> “How long, you simple ones, will you**

love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.<sup>23</sup> Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,<sup>25</sup> Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke,<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,<sup>27</sup> When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.<sup>28</sup> "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD,<sup>30</sup> They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke.<sup>31</sup> Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.<sup>32</sup> For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them; (Proverbs 1:20-32 NKJ)

*Such people will point to the thief on the cross and claim him as the hero, but they forget the other thief! Yes, one thief is in Paradise, but the other is in Hell!*

*The convictions for sin we feel in our youth may leave us in our older age, as it is the Spirit of God Who brings conviction –*  
"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.<sup>8</sup> "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:<sup>9</sup> "of sin, because they do not believe in Me;<sup>10</sup> "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;<sup>11</sup> "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. (Jn. 16:7-11 NKJ)

### *C. Bad "Youth Group" / Church practices –*

*We are told in Psalm 119, the way we cleanse our way is:*

- (1) By taking heed according to Your word.
- (2) *Helped by whole-hearted seeking of God*<sup>-10</sup> With my whole heart I have sought You;
- (3) *Helped by fervent prayers for God's help to stay on the right path* - Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!
- (4) *Helped by Bible Verse Memorization*<sup>-11</sup> Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!
- (5) *Helped by Praise*<sup>12</sup> Blessed are You, O LORD!

- (6) *Helped by being God's Student* - Teach me Your statutes!
- (7) *Helped by talking about, rejoicing in, meditating on, contemplating (which means thinking about) delighting in and not forgetting God's Word and Laws*<sup>13</sup> With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth.<sup>14</sup> I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As *much* as in all riches.<sup>15</sup> I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.<sup>16</sup> I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word. (Ps. 119:9-16 NKJ)

*However the Youth Groups grow by fun and games and later even adult church services emphasize this!*

*God is not against fun, but He does warn us about it –*  
**Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment. (Eccl. 11:9 NKJ)**

2. *The younger we are the more strength and time we have for repentance / sanctification / living a godly life –*

**Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":<sup>2</sup> While the sun and the light, The moon and the stars, Are not darkened, And the clouds do not return after the rain;<sup>3</sup> In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, And the strong men bow down; When the grinders cease because they are few, And those that look through the windows grow dim;<sup>4</sup> When the doors are shut in the streets, And the sound of grinding is low; When one rises up at the sound of a bird, And all the daughters of music are brought low;<sup>5</sup> Also they are afraid of height, And of terrors in the way; When the almond tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a burden, And desire fails. For man goes to his eternal home, And the mourners go about the streets.<sup>6</sup> **Remember your Creator** before the silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl is broken, Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well.<sup>7</sup> Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it. (Eccl. 12:1-7 NKJ)**

**See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,<sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (Eph. 5:15-16 NKJ)**

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