

Evening Sermon Outline – August 13, 2017

“Remember” Psalm 119:49-56

I. Remember God’s promises –

ZAYIN. Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to hope.⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.⁵¹ The proud have me in great derision, Yet I do not turn aside from Your law. (Psalm 119:49-51 NKJ)

1. Here the Psalmist is praying God’s Word, “promises” back to God, if this is David, think of God’s wonderful promise to him – “... Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house.¹² “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.¹³ “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.¹⁴ “I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.¹⁵ “But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.¹⁶ “And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.”” (2 Samuel 7:11-16 NKJ)

A. This promise is fulfilled partially in the reign and work of Solomon!

B. This promise is fulfilled ultimately in the Kingdom and glory of our lord Jesus Christ –

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us – by me, Silvanus, and Timothy-- was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes.²⁰ For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. (2 Corinthians 1:19-20 NKJ)

All the promises of God are fulfilled in Christ. He is the Son of David, He does build a Kingdom that is established forever –

And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.** (Revelation 19:16 NKJ)

“And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: ‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’ (Acts 13:34 NKJ)

(1) The mercies were “sure” because promised by God!

(2) Of David, because David heard them originally

(3) Promises of an eternal Kingdom, go to Christ Who is David’s Seed

(4) Ultimately, they spill over to us because of our connection to Christ –

And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.” (Revelation 5:9-10 NKJ)

C. There are many promises of God in the Scripture:

(1) Humble yourself and you will be exalted -

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, (1 Peter 5:6 NKJ)

(2) He will deliver us, when we pray, in the day of trouble – Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.” (Psalms 50:15 NKJ) Here is a promise that relates specifically to Psalm 119:49-51

(3) He promises to teach His servants what they shall say – “Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.” (Exodus 4:12 NKJ)

(4) He promises “love” to those who keep His commandments – “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. (John 15:10 NKJ)

As you read them over, one after the other, you say to yourselves, “This is my checkbook. I can take out the promises as I want them, sign them by faith, present them at the great Bank of Grace, and come away enriched with present help in time of need.” That is the way to use God’s promises. C.H. Spurgeon

II. Remember God's judgments –

I remembered Your judgments of old, O LORD, And have comforted myself.⁵³ Indignation has taken hold of me Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.⁵⁴ Your statutes have been my songs In the house of my pilgrimage. (Psalm 119:52-54 NKJ)

1. Here the Psalmist talks again about God's judgments, his law, using three words for them in three verses, they are:
 - A. Judgments B. Law & C. Statutes Notice, the word "Your" is used before each of these, this is a reference to God's judgments, God's law, God's statutes.
2. They are called "of old" because they are eternal, they are timeless. They apply in every age and to every human being and to many different kinds of situations. They are NEVER out-of-date!
3. Those who break these laws of God are "wicked" –

רָשָׁע rasha` {raw-shaw'} **Meaning:** 1) wicked, criminal 1a) guilty one, one guilty of crime (subst) 1b) wicked (hostile to God) 1c) wicked, guilty of sin

They are wicked, guilty, sinful, criminals who break God's Laws, just because a law may be changed my men, does not make sin "legal" in the eyes of God!

4. This law literally did become the Psalmist's Psalm / song – זְמִירָה
zamiyr {zaw-meer'} or זָמִיר zamir {zaw-meer'} and (fem.) זְמִירָה
zemirah {zem-ee-raw'} **Meaning:** 1) song, psalm

Singing anything helps us to remember it!

III. Remember God's Name –

I remember Your name in the night, O LORD, And I keep Your law.⁵⁶ This has become mine, Because I kept Your precepts. (Psalm 119:55-56 NKJ)

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* His name?' what shall I say to them?"¹⁴ And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"¹⁵ Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My memorial to all generations.'" (Exod. 3:13-15 NKJ)

1. "I AM" means He meets our needs –

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. (John 6:35 NKJ)

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (Jn. 8:12 NKJ)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. (John 10:11 NKJ)

2. Being the God of Abraham, Isaac... means He is a God to His people with whom He has a covenant relationship –

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. (Revelation 21:3 NKJ)

A. He knows us by name, we are His people, He is our God –
"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. (John 10:27 NKJ)

B. We call upon His Name in prayer –
... Hallowed be Your name. (Matthew 6:9 NKJ)

Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! (Psalm 105:1 NKJ)

I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD. (Psalm 116:13 NKJ)

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