

## August 16, 2020 - Godly Comfort for Your Soul / Peace in Your Heart

We have had three messages about the extensive problems we have in our country, and how our country is in big trouble. And the root cause of our problems is our sins, and God is judging us because of our sins. **Rom. 1:18**  
- And the only answer to this problem of sin is Jesus Christ, and what He did on the cross to defeat sin, and death, and Satan too. **Col. 2:14-15**

But today and next week I want to talk about our relationship with God, and our relationship with God is the most important relationship we have. Now you know there are these problems in the world, and you have difficulties in your own life, but having this relationship with God will help you be encouraged and comforted, so that you can keep going for the Lord, so you can keep loving Him and living for Him.  
- And if you see a Christian really struggling in life, it usually comes back to the fact that his relationship with God is hurting, is not doing so good.

To help you grow in your relationship with God, we're going to look at the book of **Psalms**, but I want to start off by looking at a verse from the **New Testament**.  
- **John 17:3**. All believers have eternal life, and having eternal life means you have a relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. And this relationship is personal, permanent and is to be continuous. **John 15:5**  
It is a most amazing and wonderful thing that you can know God and that you can grow in your relationship with them, a relationship that goes on forever.  
- Now this book of **Psalms** describes in great detail the relationship that David had with God, and each of us need to learn from David's example.

**Psalm 23:1**. *"The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want."* We all know that sheep need a shepherd, and in fact, they can't survive without a shepherd. And so too, you need a shepherd, a spiritual shepherd, and this is the Lord. And He is perfect, and He is perfect for you, and He knows you perfectly. And He'll watch over you and protect you and meet all your needs. **Ps. 23:1-5**

**Psalm 23:6**. One of the main things we can say about the Lord is that He loves you. And He loves you personally and perfectly. And He loves you in that He is kind to you, forgives you, is patient with you, is compassionate towards you, and cares about you much more than you could ever realize. Every second, every minute, every hour, every day of your life, you are being loved by the Lord, and He will keep loving you forever and ever.

**Psalm 136** - *“His lovingkindness is everlasting.”*

We see that God loves you through the creation, and this is one of the big ways God shows His love towards you. And you need to thank Him for this. The rest of the chapter focuses on the love that God had for His people, the Israelites. But now you are one of His people, and so this chapter applies to you. And what you learn is that God loves you all the time and in all kinds of ways. He loves you by protecting you, by defeating your enemies, by leading you, by feeding you, by giving you what is good, by helping you when you're discouraged.

This chapter talks about how the Jews were on a journey, and God loved them during their entire journey. And so too, you are on a journey, and God loves you every step of your journey, every day of your journey and for your entire life. Indeed, you are a child of God, and He loves you more than you realize. And for this, you should be very thankful. **Psalm 136:1-3**

**Psalm 63:1-4.** Now to know God's love for you, you need to believe that He loves you, and you need to believe these verses in **Psalms**. But there's something else you need to do, and that's seeking the Lord. You need to go after God and get time with Him, spend time with Him. **Psalm 105:4** - It says we're to earnestly seek God. Sometimes life is dry, hard, and difficult, and you need then to seek Him and seek Him earnestly, and not just for a few minutes. You need to take time to seek the Lord. **Heb. 11:6, Neh. 1:4-6**

And when you seek the Lord, you will see the Lord, and this means spiritually speaking. You sense the presence of the Lord, the closeness of the Lord, the love that He has for you.

And when you seek the Lord, you realize that God's love for you is better than any single thing in life; there is nothing better in this whole wide world than knowing and experiencing the love of God.

- Whenever we start thinking someone or something is better than God, than we're forsaking God and going down the wrong road, and we'll be disappointed and empty. Only God and His love for you can spiritually satisfy you. **Ps. 90:14**  
- And what should you do? How should you respond to this love God has for you? You should bless the Lord, praise the Lord, love the Lord. **Psalm 63:5**

**Psalm 26:3** - *“Your love is ever before Me and I walk continually in your truth.”*

This is one of my favorite verses, for it talks about God's love and God's truth. And every day you need to be encouraged and refreshed by His love.

- But you also need to know God's truth, and not just once in a while, not just on Sunday morning. Every day you need to walk in God's truth, for it is absolutely essential for every aspect of your life.

**Psalm 119:57.** *“The Lord is my portion.”* The Lord is yours. The Lord has given Himself and His life to you. **Col. 1:27.** And so you have this relationship with the Lord, and since you have the Lord, you don't need anything else. He gives you all that you need in this life, and in the ages to come. You may think you need certain possessions, a certain amount of money, or certain relationships, but if you have the Lord, then you have all you need, for God will give you everything that you need. **Paul - Phil. 4:11-13, Spurgeon**

Now **Psalm 119**, more than any other chapter, talks about the truth of God. And I believe it's one of the most important chapters in the Bible. **Psalm 119** talks about every aspect of God's word, and every way you are to think about it. **Psalm 119** instructs you how to receive God's word, how to learn God's word, how you are to apply it to your life, and how you are to obey it.

**Psalm 119:159** - It is God's love that helps to keep you going, and so you need to be revived, to be encouraged and strengthened by God's love. And it is God's word, God's precepts, that tell you exactly how He loves you. - **Psalm 119:154, 156** - Both of these verses say you need to be revived and restored by the truth of God's word. And so when you are discouraged, go to God's word for it will strengthen you and help you get back on your feet.

One of the main ways God loves you is by speaking the truth to you, and the only way you can know God's truth is by His word. That's why it's important to know God's word for it's the main way you can know His love for you. And you are to love God, and one of the primary ways you love Him is by loving His word, by loving the truth that God gives you in His word.

**Psalm 1:2.** You are to delight in God's word which means you are to love His word. And if you are not delighting in His word, then you are not truly loving God's word. And one of the main ways you love His word is by reading it and thinking about it. Love letters from Marsha  
- **Psalm 119:72** - *“The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.”* **Psalm 119:97** - *“O, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.”* **Psalm 119:1, 9, 15, 44, 57, 67, 92, 101, 113, 116, 147, 162, 163**

In all this, we need to remember that it is God who teaches us, who enables us to understand His word and apply it to our life. **Ps. 119:12, 18, 33, 35, 36, 37.** God then is your teacher, and is the One who enables you to learn what He wants you to learn, and then do what He tells you to do in the word.

**Psalm 43:3-4** - *“Send out your light and your truth, let them lead me, let them bring me to your holy hill.”* This is a great prayer. We are to ask God to send out His light, i.e., His Holy Spirit, and His truth, i.e., His word, for it is by these that God can lead us, and we need to be led. We’re but sheep, and we need to be led by our shepherd, by God, by Jesus, and They lead us by the word and the Spirit.

- It says God wants to bring us to His holy hill, which means that God wants to lead us to Himself, so that we can grow in this relationship with Him, so we can have fellowship with Him, so we can know Him more intimately. And so read the word, and ask the Spirit to lead you in your relationship with God. I know for me, it’s when I am taking time alone with God and reading His word that I then get close to the Lord. **Luke 10:40-42**

**Psalm 143:10** - This tells you that you are to ask God to lead you in what He wants you to do, in the plans He has for our life. And you see that He wants to lead you on level ground, on spiritually smooth ground. And you see the role of the Holy Spirit in leading you, for God gives you the Spirit to lead you, and the main way the Spirit leads you is by God’s word.

- **Romans 8:14** - *“All who are being led by the Spirit, these are sons of God.”*

**Psalm 32:8** - *“I will instruct and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.”* Again we see that God wants to lead you. As we go through life, sometimes it is hard to know what God wants us to do, but we have to believe that God wants to lead us and that He will lead us. When you have to make a decision about the direction you should take in life, whether it’s a small or big decision, ask God to lead you and He will do it.

**Psalm 25:4-5. Ps 136:16** - *“To Him who led His people through the wilderness, for His lovingkindness is everlasting.”* **Psalm 136** tells us how God led His people out of Egypt through the wilderness and into the promised land, and that’s because He led them. And this means God leads us because He loves us, and wants what is best for us.

- **Psalm 139:16** - *“All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before One of them came to be.”* Here we see that God ordained your life, which means He has planned out your life and everything He wants you to do.

- And I am really glad that God has done this, that it’s not up to me to figure out what I should do, but God has already figured it out for me. I just need to ask Him to lead me, and He will. **My life**

The book of **Psalms** is filled with valuable truth about your relationship with God. There’s no doubt that the Psalms will help you in your walk with God, your relationship with Him. And next week we will continue to look at the book of Psalms to see what it says about your relationship with God. **Psalm 27:4-8**