

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 119:49 – 56 - *Remember*

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 119:49 - 6

Introduction

We are continuing our examination of the longest Psalm as well as the longest chapter of the Bible. As we discussed last week, this psalm is a Hebrew acrostic where every eight verses are separated into sections where the first letter of each verse begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The first eight verses each begin with “Aleph”, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Verses 9 – 16 all begin with “Beth”; verses 17 – 24 all begin with Gimel; and, so on.

									
Yod (Y)	Tet (T)	Chet (Ch)	Zayin (Z)	Vav (V)	He (H)	Dalet (D)	Gimel (G)	Bet (B/V)	Alef (silent)
									
Ayin (silent)	Samech (S)	Nun (N)	Nun (N)	Mem (M)	Mem (M)	Lamed (L)	Khaf (Kh)	Kaf (K/Kh)	
									
Tav (T)	Shin (Sh/S)	Resh (R)	Qof (Q)	Tsadeh (Ts)	Tsadeh (Ts)	Feh (F)	Peh (P/F)		

We do not know the writer of this psalm, though we think it must have been a “high profile” person, perhaps a king or a priest. Nor do we know the historical context. There is no doubt, however, as to the theme of the psalm. 170 out of the 175 verses in this psalm speak directly regarding the Word of God. The writer to this psalm is expressing his love and devotion to the Word of God, and is encouraging us to do the same.

"ZAIN."

Zain is the seventh letter in the Hebrew alphabet and every verse in this section, which includes vs. 49 – 56 begins with the letter zain.

The theme of this psalm is remembering. God remembers us, and we remember Him by remembering the statutes and the principles contained in the Word of God.

Turn to Deuteronomy 4:1 – 14 – God wants us to remember some things.

I The Psalmist Prays for the Lord to Remember Him (vs 49 – 51)

"Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope." (Psalm 119:49)

"This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me." (Psalm 119:50)

"The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law." (Psalm 119:51)

When the psalmist prayed for the Lord to remember the word, he wasn't stating that God had a problem with his memory. Rather, he was reminding the Lord of the promises contained in the Word, and was asking the Lord to fulfil them. He was praying that the Lord would specifically do for him what God said He would do in His Word.

God doesn't forget His promises or His people:

"And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;" (Genesis 8:1)

"And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt." (Genesis 19:29)

"And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb." (Genesis 30:22)

"And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob." (Exodus 2:24)

"And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her." (1 Samuel 1:19)

The only thing that God chooses to forget is our sin:

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." (Hebrews 10:16-17)

II The Psalmist Promises That He Remembered the Word (vs. 52 – 54)

*"I **remembered** thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself." (Psalm 119:52)*

"Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law." (Psalm 119:53)

"Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage." (Psalm 119:54)

Believers need to be immersed in the principles contained in the Word of God. The Bible needs to become part of our very core.

We need to learn the Word through:

1 Instruction in the Home

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)

2 Instruction in the Church

3 Personal Devotions

4 Private Study

We need to read the Word, study the Word, meditate upon the Word, memorize the Word, and put it into practice.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

(Colossians 3:16)

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

If we are diligent about remembering God's Word, then we won't forget about God's name, or turn our backs on God:

III The Psalmist Professes That He Remembered the Name of God (vs. 55 – 56)

*"I have **remembered** thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law." (Psalm 119:55)*

"This I had, because I kept thy precepts." (Psalm 119:56)

"And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you; (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth."

(Deuteronomy 6:10-15)