



April 10

Passage: Psalm 119:113-120

READ & DIG. Read Psalm 119:113-120

God's Word is important, the Psalmist teaches us that it is our hope. Understatement of the year, right? But take a closer look. Here are some things that jump out to me.

HOPE (vv.113-115)

David loves the law of the Lord. We have seen him say that a lot through Psalm 119 so far. His main goal is to know the Lord and keep the law so that he might live in right relationship with Him. Upon all of this, David sets his hope. He says, "I hope in your word." David is saying that God's word is what he is "banking on" or what he is putting his trust and faith in. What does it look like for our hope to be in the Lord's word?

HOLD ME UP (vv.116-117)

We see David asking the Lord to hold him up because he wants to keep the statutes of the Lord. David knows that true and everlasting life is only found when we are in right-standing before God. He knows that he can't do this alone. He can't muster up enough goodness or obedience on his own, he needs the Lord to hold him up so he can keep his law. How do we have right-standing before God?

HOLINESS (vv.118-120)

David has a real sense of the Lord and his power. He ends this part of Psalm 119 by teaching us that the Lord doesn't deal kindly with those that disregard and disrespect the law of the Lord. This isn't to be taken lightly. David teaches us this to display the holiness of the Lord. That is the reason behind the law and why the Lord spurns those who go astray. It's not because God is spiteful, but because he is holy. Why is the holiness of the Lord so important? Why is David taking it so seriously?

Apply & GO

Hope is only found in relationship with the Lord. He is our protector, our shield, our comfort and so many other things. David knew that he couldn't keep the law of the Lord on his own. That's why he asks the Lord to hold him up. How are we held up? God's Word is David's hope and it should be ours too. He wants to know the Lord more and more. He was regarded as a "man after God's own heart" many times in scripture and this is why.

So, what now? What do we do with this? We have hope because Jesus has gone before us and fulfilled the law. We couldn't do this, but he has done it for us. Remember that on this Good Friday. We have hope before the Lord because of our savior and his sacrifice on the cross. We are held up and pushed forward by the work that Jesus did on our behalf. Remember that, be encouraged and live in light of what Jesus Christ has done for you and me!

What can we learn about God? What can we learn about His Word?

What can we learn about how God ultimately fulfills his promise through Jesus (Romans 3:21-26)