



April 6

Passage: Psalm 119:81-88

READ & DIG. Read Psalm 119:81-88 (underline every question the Psalmist asks.)

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.81-82)

The Psalmist eyes are set upon the Lord. He has set his gaze, outlook, hope and future on the Lord's salvation and his word, yet he asks the Lord an honest question, "When will you comfort me?"

Dig in to this a little deeper. Is it okay that the Psalmist is asking the Lord a question? Why is he asking this? Is he questioning the Lord's goodness (Here's a hint: I don't think he is)? What does it mean that he longs for the Lord's salvation? What about longing for the promise?

ENDURANCE (vv.83-85)

I bet you're wondering what in the world a wineskin is. Don't worry, I was too. (Thanks Google!) And what does it mean for it to be left out in the smoke? What the Psalmist is saying is that he is shriveling up or withering under his current circumstances. He feels as if he has been left for dead. He is asking the Lord; how long will he have to endure and when will his enemies get what's coming to them.

LIFE! (vv.86-88)

David ends this section of the Psalm by making several statements about the Lord that he knows are true. It's as if he is replying to his previous questions.

He says:

- Each one of your commandments are sure, they aren't wavering.
- I have not forsaken your precepts, unlike my enemies
- Give me life through your love

Apply & GO

So, what now? What do we do with this? Remember, that our only hope is in the Lord and in his word. God's Word, his law, precepts and commandments are for our good. They are a present help in our trouble, even in COVID-19. We are reminded of the greatest promise of the Lord, the promised Messiah, Jesus. This week as we approach Easter, remember the promise that was fulfilled in and through Jesus' death and resurrection. That is our only hope! It's the promise that was made long ago. Like the Psalmist, we find our life in the steadfast love of the Lord! His precepts, commandments, and ultimately, His Word, are our hope and life. What will you do after hearing this truth?

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 (1 Cor 1:18-31)

THE LORD & HIS SALVATION ARE OUR HOPE EVEN IN THE DARKEST & MOST UNCERTAIN OF DAYS.

EASTER JOURNEY: **Luke 22:66-23:1**