



MARCH 25

Passage: Psalm 119:17-24

Have you ever read a passage and was immediately filled with conviction because you knew your life really didn't match up what you just read? Like you're in a crowd and everyone is talking about something as if it's the best thing ever and you fake smile and nod your head in agreement. Only problem is that your heart really doesn't get it. That's today for me. It's like I want to be what I read here today but I know my life doesn't really match up with it. There's grace there, but there's also responsibility on our part. So today....we see a heart and life expressing a love for God's Word.

PRAY – Use the ACTS method to begin your study.

Adore God (praise Him) – Confess to God ways/thoughts – Thank God – Supplications (ask God)

READ & DIG. **Read Psalm 119:17-24** (underline every reference to God's Word.)

When's the last time you ask your parents to discipline you? That's what I thought. Can you imagine a child telling their parents to deal with them in whatever way seems right in order for them to be a child that pleases them? HA....NEVER.

That's what David does today. **Read v.17 again.** See it?

But then he gets to these things that bring conviction to my heart.

David says things I want to say and do say, but I'm just not sure they are evident in my life.

Let's work through these statements and then we'll see where you stand.

OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE WONDROUS THINGS FROM YOUR LAW

Let me be honest....sometimes I really don't want to see. I want to see what I WANT TO SEE.

Let's have confidence and faith and trust in God enough to let Him decide what we need to see.

I AM A SOJOURNER ON THE EARTH HIDE NOT YOUR COMMANDMENTS FROM ME

Again, most times I view this world as home. Like, can it get better than this?

Don't believe me....how often do we get so, so, so upset by how things go here?

As if they can really determine how our FOREVER will be. This place AIN'T home.

My SOUL IS CONSUMED WITH LONGING FOR YOUR RULES AT ALL TIMES

Are you kidding me? Have you heard these words? Commandments, Rules?

Those are words we just don't like. But maybe because of our framework.

Our world has made them a negative. THEY ARE NOT! May we too be consumed with longing for them.

There is more here....but those three throat punch me!

I seem to always want to see what I want to see....I view this world as ultimate and my soul is not really consumed with longing for God's rules, aka WORD. It should be, but it often is NOT.

Apply & GO

What brings a sting to you? What brings conviction?

As you observe your life do you see a longing for the Word? Which verse jumps out to you?

GOD'S WORD CAN AND SHOULD BE WHAT CONSUMES OUR THOUGHTS & LIVE.

How then will this truth inform our heart about who God is and how God loves?

How will this move us to action, inwardly and outwardly?