



MARCH 27

Passage: Psalm 119:33-40

You may have noticed by now that our sections in Psalms are divided by these weird looking words like “Aleph” and “Beth” and “Gimel.” Today our section is “He.” What are these? These titles are actually the Hebrew alphabet. The Psalmist used them to section this particular chapter. More on that down the road. Just though it’d be good to throw that out there as a “hmmmm” thing.

Today we see a “do this & so that” pattern. The Psalmist ask God to do things but not for some selfish reason. You’ve been there...you ask God for something to feed the flesh. Well today we see the God honoring way to ask God for things. What’s the end goal? What’s the purpose of the request?

PRAY –Use ACTS – Adore/Confess/Thank/Supplications

Confess and be open with God. He knows your heart either way. But confession clears the air!

READ & DIG. Read Psalm 119:33-40 (underline every reference to God’s Word.)

“GOD, give me a cool car so people will look at me and be jealous, admire and want to be me.” We would never pray that prayer but we may actually think that. NO? Just me?

Today the psalmist leads us in how we can ask God for things in a God honoring way.

WHY do I ask for things WHEN I ask for things? That’s a huge question we need to answer.

THE REQUESTS:

Teach me – Give me – Lead me – Incline my heart – Turn my eyes – Confirm – Turn – Behold. Every verse begins with some request.

The Psalmist is asking God for things. BIG POINT: It’s not bad to ask God for things.

BUT...when is it bad or wrong or sinful? What do you think? Write it down below.

IT’S BAD TO ASK GOD FOR THINGS WHEN.....

THE REASON: (The WHY)

The “so that’s” in our lives are huge. I call these the whys. The WHY of your WHAT will show the WHO of your heart. Tell me why you’re doing something and I can get a pretty good feel of who you’re serving.

Take a look at the Psalmists reason for asking for things. In other words. WHY is he asking?

TO KEEP THE LAW – TO NOT BE SELFISH – FOR LIFE – TO HONOR GOD – FOR JOY – FOR FOCUS

No selfishness at all in these requests, but all lead to a life that brings God glory.

SO...is it bad to ask for that car? Depends on the why doesn’t it?

BUT...when was the last time you ask God for something you knew would bring Him glory?

Apply & GO

The Word is still the focus here. This section sounds a bit different though. But it still points us to the importance of the Word and how it can transform our prayers, our longings, our WHY.

Take some time to check your requests. What’s the why of your what?

WHEN OUR LIVES ARE CENTERED ON GOD’S WORD, OUR FOCUS IS HONORING HIM ALWAYS.

EASTER JOURNEY: Luke 22:19-20 & Exodus 12:21-28