



MARCH 30

Passage: Psalm 119:41-48

Good morning or evening or night or whenever you're reading this today! This section is marked by the Hebrew letter *wāw*, this letter sounds like our letter V. In Hebrew *wāw* means *hook*! Not really helpful for this today's devotion but it's pretty neat, ha! Now you know 1 millionth of the Hebrew language!

READ & DIG. **Read Psalm 119:41-48 (underline every reference to God's Word.)**

In this Psalm we find the Psalmist, pleading to the Lord. He writes much of the Psalms as he is pursued by his enemies; this Psalm is no different. The Psalmist asks the Lord that he would help him to experience his steadfast love ultimately through the salvation that only He brings. He asks that the Lord not remove his rules from his mouth for that is where his hope is! And in light of the Lord's grace he commits his life to the Lord! So, what can we learn from this passage?

GOD IS THE GOD OF SALVATION. [41] The Psalmist knows on who to call in his time of need, trial, trouble and distress. David knows that salvation belongs to the Lord – salvation from his enemies and ultimate salvation in the sense of his sin. This God that provided great salvation to the Psalmist and those in the Old Testament is the same God that provides salvation to us today, to you... even as you are reading this devotion. He offers salvation from our sin through Jesus! That which separates us, our sin, is paid for by Jesus' work on the cross. His death and resurrection seal the eternity and righteousness for those that trust in him!

GOD'S WORD PROVIDES HOPE. Psalm 119 is a chapter of the Bible that screams the importance of God's words! Here is this passage we find the Psalmist boldly proclaims that his hope is in God's rules. Rules is an odd word. He means God's commands, his words! Those that follow the commands... the rules... the words of the Lord find great hope in them. You see, whether the Lord calls us to or not to something is the best thing for us! Like our parents, sometimes we agree but they do know better. God, like our parents, want what is best for us!

OUR LIVES ARE TO BE COMMITTED TO GOD. The Psalmist paints a great picture of the right response as the Lord gives salvation and great hope! He commits his life to the Lord! Read 44-48 again. The passage transitions from focusing on what the Lord has done to what the Psalmist will do - *keep your law, speak of your testimonies, find my delight in and lift my hands toward your commandments, meditate on your statutes.* Our response should be just the same! As the Lord extends his grace to us, we are to commit our lives to him!

Apply & GO

The salvation & hope God provides us through Jesus should drive us to commit our lives to him!
Trust the Lord in all situations even as we face those who seek to hurt us. Our enemies may kill us but the Lord provides salvation! We should also **find our hope in God's Word.** Daily there are many things and people we can put our hope in.

There is only one thing we can truly hope in that will bring about the best for us – God's Word!
All in all, we are to give all that we are to the Lord – **commit ourselves to him!**