

Thy Settled Word In Heaven

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I'd like you to turn with me to our text this morning and our text will be found in Psalm 119:89.

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Our text one more time, "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."

Let us pray.

Dear heavenly Father, how glorious thou art. Lord, indeed thou art worthy to receive all praise and all glory and all honor that is due unto thy name. Lord, we are insufficient to give that praise unto thee. I pray, O Lord, at this hour and the hour to come, that thou would unite our hearts in thee, that you would bring us to thy feet to be instructed, to give us ears to hear, to take our minds away from the things of this world, that you would settle us, O Lord, in thee. O Lord, give us the comfort this hour to know that thou art with us, that you are our Immanuel and, Lord, may you be glorified. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Our text this morning Psalm 119:89, "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." It is truly a great comfort for the child of God when the Lord brings him to understand, brings him to see, brings him to rest in the settled work of the Lord. What does "settled" mean? It means "established or determined or fixed." So when we think of that, when we come to this passage, we see that the word of the Lord is settled in heaven. It is established in heaven. It is determined, it is fixed. The child of God in this life is given great comfort when he's brought to rest in the finished work of his Lord. Truly, that is where our comfort is, that the Lord's work is untouchable, it's unalterable, it's not something that we can add to, take away from, diminish in any way.

The Lord brought this text to me in the last week as we as a body of believers here have been going through different trials and the Lord impressed this one upon me as a comforting passage in the midst of trials. Sometimes the Lord quickens this to me when I'm in the middle of something or when I'm seeing that things in my eyes, in my perception, can go either way in this life. Well, either it's going to go this way or it's

going to go this way but I have great comfort when the Lord brings me to his throne and he causes me to rest and to lie down.

It truly is finished. The Lord's word is settled in heaven. The settlements that the Lord has done for his children are far beyond the reach of all time things on this earth. Time cannot touch or alter what the Lord has done. He is not a Lord that is bound by time. He is the Lord who changes not. He is the same yesterday, he is the same today, and he is the same forever. I don't know about you this morning, but when the Lord brings those thoughts to me, there is great comfort. There is peace for my soul. When he opens this text to me and he says settled in heaven, I know when the Lord brings me there, that means all the mercies, all the mercies that the Lord has for me that he has told me in this word that will come to me every day that are new, every day, all of those mercies are settled. They are fixed. The mercies that the Lord has for me tomorrow are fixed. The mercies that the Lord has for me in a week or a year are fixed.

There is no varying with the Lord. There is no changing and at times in this life, especially the trials in this life where we see possible outcomes, when we look and our mind is taken to all the possible outcomes, we certainly in our mind travel and if you're like me, I like this phrase called "worst case scenario," when a trial comes into my life, my mind immediately goes to what is the worst case scenario it could be. If I have something come up in my life financial, I think, "Okay, what's the worst that I could be hurt in this? How much will this cost me?" When I have an affliction in me, my mind goes to, "How bad could this be? What could this lead to? What is this?" That's the way our fallen minds are. It is so important and it is so peaceful, our comfort is to be made to lie down in what the Lord has done.

And when I come to a passage like this, when I'm brought to a passage like this, that word "forever" means "eternal." It means "everlasting." It means there is nothing I can do to mess that up. What the Lord has done, what he has written for me, what he has established in his Son for me is fixed. All the mercies, all the storehouse, everything that he has is settled. Those comforts for me are settled. The power of the Lord is settled. Everything that I could possibly think of right now that is pertaining to my Lord is settled in him. His love is settled. We heard that last week. What can separate us from the love of Christ? Do you know why nothing we do can? Because it's settled. It's fixed.

The Lord for his children has a life that has been ordained and decreed and we get so fixated, enamored with what can be in this life. We get swayed by the things that we hear. When I listen for a while at all the rhetoric going on in this world and the rumors of war and we hear somebody, an expert come up and say, "Oh, it's never been like this. We've never been this way with North Korea before. It's going to end this way." Is it? Is the Lord settled in heaven? Is everything that he will bring about and has not brought about, is it settled? For you and I today, that's the question. Everything we have, the crosses that we are to bear that the Lord has ordained for every one in this room, the crosses that he says to take up daily are settled. The providences that will come into our lives are settled.

Now, some people, some religious people, derive no comfort from that at all. None, because it's not placed in their hands. They cannot alter God's decree therefore that causes them to be unsettled. "Lord, I must do more. Lord, I need to do this. If I do this, Lord, you will bless me." Conditional salvation. Conditional blessings. Conditional. Everything is conditioned on the creature but is that our Lord? When the Lord brings me to a passage like this, "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in earth," I think and I say, "Lord, that means nothing on this earth can alter what you have done, what you will bring about, and what you have done in my soul. No man can touch that. No fear. No providential thing that takes place in this world can touch what the Lord has for his children.

It is indeed a great mercy if the Lord strips us from the carnal earthly things, the things that are of this life because if we're not stripped from those things, we become dependent upon the creature, and if left there, if left there, we will surely perish. All of man that has depended upon himself for salvation, all of man that has depended on himself for the things of this life or the things to come in the life to come, if he is the sole one who is to seek that out, if he is the one who is to procure that, if he is the one to do that by works, he will perish because there is none that seeketh after him. There is none righteous, at least that's what the word right here says to me.

So today, I want to talk about what is settled in heaven. This says, "thy word is settled in heaven." I want to look at it twofold, in two aspects. One, the Word. The Word that is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is settled as reigning in heaven. He is settled, he has ascended into heaven, he sitteth at the right hand of the Father. He is reigning for all of his children. Then I want to look at this written word, this word that we have in front of us that is one of the greatest mercies that as we are left here on this earth in this pilgrimage that we have, the Lord has not left us without witness. I don't know how much you value the word of God that's before you today. I think everyone in here has a Bible, everyone in here has it either on an iPad, an iPhone, a physical Bible, whatever it is you have, do you value that word as being settled by Christ? By the Triune Lord?

So the first thing I want to look at today is the living Word. I want to speak about the comfort that the Lord has for his people that he is also settled. So if you'll start with me, we'll start our journey today in John 1 and I think we already know why that is because John 1 begins this way,

"In the beginning was the Word," capitalized. That Word is the Lord Jesus Christ, "and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." That shows us the eternity of Christ but it also shows us in light of our text that he is settled in heaven but he has been settled there in eternity and we can't define that. As I said a while ago, things in this life that are so time fixed, we identify with those things because we're all bound by time. We have to be at places in time. We have to come some place at times. We have to be here at this time and we measure durations by time but our Lord is not measured that way. To him a day is a thousand years, a thousand years is a day. He's not measured by any time sense.

So as the Lord was with God and the Word was God, "The same was in the beginning with God." That establishes his eternity. David said in Psalm 93:2, "Thy throne is

established of old. Thou art from everlasting." Now think about that a minute and may the Holy Spirit take that to your soul right now: the God that we worship, I pray, the God that we know intimately, I pray, is a God who has been established in eternity. He's nothing formed with hands. He's not an idol that we sit and we look at and bow to and hope that it does something for us. This Lord was established before you and I or before any man or before the earth ever was.

Does that bring you any comfort? I know for me it does. When the Lord takes me in the midst, as I said, in the midst of the trials of life, and he takes me to his eternal Son and he says, "You know, this is where you've been chosen. You've been chosen in him before the foundation of the world," and everything that now in my time on this earth, the Lord has provided for. He has made provision for, as we talked about last time, body and soul. The Lord has made provision for us in everything and that, to me, when the Lord takes me out of the trial and he shows me that even the trial is ordained for my good because his word is settled in heaven.

Isaiah said in Isaiah 9:7, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever." So the saints of old, it was revealed to them also the eternity of Christ. We know that Isaiah 9 passage speaks of Christ coming, Christ dying.

"The same was in the beginning with God." Verse 3 says, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life." Do you see that? Do you see? Do you derive comfort from that, to know that in the eternal Christ, life was given to him for all of his people? Do you see that? We don't just get life here. We don't just hope and say, "Oh, maybe life will come to me today." Our life is hid in his life.

He is the life, "and the life was the light of men." He is the light of life for all of us in this room if we be in him. That's settled. You won't sin that away. You can't push away the grace of God and say, "Do you know what? I've sinned this grace away." Although we try. It is settled.

"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." In the eternal decree of God, the Lord came and he shined light into this world that he made. In his eternal decree of salvation for his people, he shined light into this world for just an elect people and they comprehend that light by the power of God himself, the Holy Spirit. But the entire fallen world, the entire outside of Christ, will never comprehend Christ. No matter what you profess in your religion, no matter how many duties you do for God, no matter how much you've tried to fit in in this life, you will never have the light of Christ unless he gives it, unless he is present. From eternity, he has chosen you in him.

Once again I ask you, that's comforting to me. That takes me out of it. It takes me away from choosing. It takes me away from working. It takes me away from what I must do, I have to do, I've got to do. No matter what law says, no matter what man says, no matter

what theology says, man's theology, the Lord has settled it in heaven and it is settled in him. He is eternal.

Now, let's pick back up in 11. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." Well, how true that is. We are dependent. We are dependent. I would never want you to walk out of this room and say, "Okay, Lord, everything is settled and I'm settled in you, therefore I'm going to walk out of here and life is just going to be a bed of roses and everything's done for me and I can just...." Listen, we're dependent every day of our life. We're dependent upon the Lord to reveal to us his salvation, what he's done for us, his mercies, his comforts, his power, his love.

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him." How? How is it you and I receive him? Early in my life I was taught I receive him when I ask him into my life, on my terms. I go to God and I say, "Listen, God, you come and save me today because I'm ready for you to save me. I'm ready to give my life. I'm making a pledge to you, God, so now you can get up off your throne and come save me." That's the power I was told and raised that I had. When you're ready, when you're ready to receive Christ, you tell him and ask him to come at that moment. Who has the power there? What kind of God is that where man has power to move God and to make God subservient to his will?

John tells us in the power of the Holy Spirit, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." The power is from him. The power is to lay down our arms and to fight no more against his will and to no more kick against the pricks. How? It's a power greater than ours.

"To them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." And if you don't understand that, the next verse tells us, "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." You must be born again. Life and what we've heard in John 1 is in this eternal Lord who is settled in heaven, who is reigning, who is the Lord of life, who is the Lord of all things for his children. He is settled.

1 Peter 5:10 says this, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." I read a sermon this week by Francis Kovel and in that sermon he was talking about, he said, "I've been approached by many people in my fellowship and they've come and they've asked me the same question, 'Do I have to suffer in this life? Isn't there a way that the people of God can be brought to heaven without suffering?'" And he said to them, "I don't find it in the word." I make no apologies that the word said in this life you will have tribulation, you will suffer for his name's sake, you will bear the cross of this life in all different kinds of measure.

There are times I'm talking to my children and I know they want to hear that, I know they want to hear that they won't suffer, but isn't there a way not to suffer? Well, not if you're God's child. You will bear your cross that the Lord has ordained for you. You will walk

in the footsteps of the Lord that the power of Christ may rest upon you. He will fight for you. He will bring you through the trial but every child of God will have those trials. That's what Peter says here, "after you have suffered a while." I defy anyone to look into the word and find any saint in here who did not suffer, who had a great cross in their life, and that's just what's on record for us here and there is a reason for that, for there are sufferings in this life that we must go through, must be brought through. This is all part of the Lord's predestinating purpose to show us that life down here is not life.

Life is in his Son and all of the designs of the providences and the afflictions is to wean us from this earth and what we do is we take our talons and we start to go even deeper into the earth. We say, "Oh no, Lord. No, no, no, I like it here. I like it." We need the hand of the Lord to come in these trials, to come in these hardships. I think often of the Apostle Paul's life and I think of all the testimony of him and what he suffered and yet he was caught between two, "I want to go to be with the Lord but I know the Lord has a flock of people here for me to minister to," and it's such a tearing in his soul. "But nevertheless, Lord, thy will be done." But Paul suffered a lot of things. Peter suffered a lot of things. All the saints in here suffered a lot of things. You and I will suffer a lot of things whether they are physical afflictions or whether they're attacks, attacks from the wicked one, attacks from the world pulling us at it, attacks from our own inner fallen nature. These are the afflictions of the body and afflictions of the soul. Peter said we will suffer a while and all in that suffering, he says, he'll make you perfect in Christ, established, strengthened, settled. This is what the Lord has done for his people.

Psalm 89:29 says, "His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven." Not the days of earth, as the days of heaven. The Lord will reign, he is reigning, his kingdom is eternal, it is everlasting. I look at all the regimes and I open my history books and I see all the time in history of nations that seemed to be so strong, seemed to have the world by its tail, was reigning over all the world and the Lord put them down. Every one of them. Every kingdom will be toppled in this life but the kingdom of Christ endureth forever.

Let's go over to Ephesians 1, at the end of Ephesians 1. Let's begin in verse 19. Once again, we are talking about the living Word being settled and reigning in heaven. I spoke about these passage last time in passing.

Verse 19, "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe." What is that power that the Lord gives us who believe? "According to the working of his mighty power." How is it that you and I believe today? It's according to his working of his mighty power.

"Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead." That's the same power, the resurrection power is what makes you and I believe today. That same power. That's what Paul writes right here. It's the same power. It's according to his might. That's how much you and I want to believe a lie. That's how much you and I want to believe the deceiver. That's how powerful our wills are, our fallen nature is, to believe what's in this world. We need a power greater than that fallen nature and here it is, this mighty power.

"When he raised him from the dead, and set him," this is the part I wanted, "set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality." This is the Word who is settled and decreed in heaven.

"Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name." Why is that so important? You and I every day read of names in the news. Names. Presidential names. Dictator names. These people have fear. When we look at these people who are in higher ordained offices than we are and it genders fear in us. "Can you alter my life? Can what you do? Because I know my Lord has ordained you to be in power. Can you alter my life?" No. No. The Lord is settled heaven, far above all principality and power and might.

And that power of the wicked one. Every day, every day we're attacked by the wicked one. I hope she doesn't mind, I asked my oldest daughter today if she was happy. She thought for a while and then she got back to me and she said, "Dad, I'm happy when Satan leaves me alone. When Satan is not attacking, I'm happy." I thought, well, that's a deep thought. That's very true. Happiness and contentment is in the Lord and the Lord is higher than Satan so we will have happiness and joy. This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it because of him.

He is, "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." It's eternal. It's everlasting. He's everlasting.

"And hath put all things under his feet." Do you believe that today? Are you settled in this Lord? That he "hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." He filleth every one of his children in this church. Every one of them. This is my Lord. I hope he's your Lord. I hope he brings you to his throne today to show you and to settle you in him. Contentment is being settled in what the Lord has done. His finished work.

But as I said, the dual meaning of our passage today of 119:89, "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven," it is a great mercy to be revealed a reigning Lord who is settled. He is not moved and swayed like you and I are. He is settled and he is faithful to settle us. But when the Lord reveals to us the preciousness of this gift that he's given us, the written word of God. It too is settled in the heavens. It's unalterable. I think about that a lot when the Lord brings it to me because I read a lot of people, I study the Bible when the Lord brings me there, and many times I think there are many passages that seem to be obscure to me and I'll go looking to see what's been revealed to other men, to those saints of the past, and I think all throughout time, the Lord has always been one Lord, one faith, one baptism. There is one truth. The written word that he has revealed to his people has one interpretation, has one truth in it. And I think about how man argues all the time about how they see things or how they say, but really it will always come down to you and your Lord and your soul and what he reveals to you.

Paul wrote in Romans 15:4, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning." These things that we have read today in the word of God are written for the people of God also here in the year 2017, for our learning, "that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

And it's a living hope. The hope is that this Christ who is revealed in the Scriptures, and that's our next verse, that the Lord said in John 5:39, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life," and he was saying that to the Pharisees but he also says that as a truth, as the absolute truth, as we search the Scriptures, as we're brought to search the Scriptures, what are you looking for? Are you looking for remedies of life? Are you looking for the secret of life? Are you looking for it as to be a help book? Many do. Many come to this and say and it's funny because sometimes when I talk to those I love, they'll tell me, "It's hard for me at times to read the Bible because I either don't understand it or it seems to not be what I'm looking for." That's right. We go there with our thoughts of, "This is what I want this day. This is what I want, how I want the Lord to feed me. I have this problem. This is going on in my life. Lord, comfort me." There is nothing wrong with being brought to the throne that way but what are you looking for? Do you want an answer to a banking problem? Do you want an answer to the world problem? And there are some that come to this book and look at futurism and things like that, "Oh, this means this and this goes..." and they've done it all throughout the ages and they've all been wrong.

This word, Jesus said, "they testify of me." That's what the Scriptures are. They testify of this one that we've been talking about all morning where he is settled in heaven. The word that is left here for his saints and his saints only, is to understand what he has ordained, who he is, what he is to his children. They testify of him. So as we're brought to the word of God, we're not looking for solving of the world's problems but, "What is it, Christ, that you are having revealed about you?" Christ is the remedy to all of the things that ail us. But what is the answer? It's resting in a finished work that Christ has done and being brought to see that.

The Lord must teach his word to his sheep. He said, "They will all be taught of me." We must hear his voice and as I hinted to today, the Scriptures we're told are of no private interpretation. Well, what does that mean? Well, let's go there. The last time we'll go somewhere, I think. Well, no, it's not the last one, but we'll go to 2 Peter 1 and let's begin in verse 12. Peter writing this very close to the end of his life and he says that here, he says,

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth." What? He tells them over and over, "I pray that as I'm teaching, as I'm preaching to you, that I know that these aren't things you don't know but they are things you need to know." Every day of our life we need the eternal Word and the written word. We need the Lord to speak to us through his word and be established in the present truth.

"Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance." That's the thing about the word of God, no man can take the word of God from the child of God. He hides it in our heart and if we don't have the written actual thing in front of us, the Lord hides it in our heart. He puts it in our mind. He brings it. He drops it down from heaven. He has been so faithful in my life to do that, to teach me in his word, to bring it. There are times I have sat in sermons that I heard and hear and I have a thought brought to me during the week. "This is what that passage. This is deeper. This is what was said." The Lord feeds his sheep that way.

"Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables." I know the wicked one says it's a fable, Christ is a fable. All of this, you know, if it was historical, that's fine but all of it isn't truth. That's what the wicked one says to the child of God daily. He's always whispering in his ears unbelief, unbelief.

"When we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." They saw that physically, Peter did. Do you and I, have we been revealed that by faith, that this is the beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased?

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." That is what the child of God is waiting for when he's brought to the word of God. He's waiting for Christ to manifest himself in the pages of the Scriptures. He's waiting for the Holy Spirit to take that which Christ has said, which the Lord said he'd do, and reveal it to his soul. This is what Christ said and he's saying it to you who are his children, who are his sheep, who is one that he has died for, who is one that he has shed his blood for. That is what the child of God yearns for in this life. That is what these pages when the Lord reveals himself in it and what he's done. That's why the Bible says they are salvation. They reveal the salvation of what Christ has done.

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." That's where we were getting to. Peter warns them, "You can't go off in yourself and say, 'Thus saith this person. Thus saith this person.'" The Lord has one truth. One truth and that truth divides and it's always divided. That's why many are called and few are chosen. That's why there's a broad gate that leads to destruction but a very narrow gate that leads to eternal life.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man." That's the whole point. The word of God is not for man to dictate or for man to say, "This is what the Lord means.

This is what the Lord says to you." No. That's what the Holy Spirit does. That's his place. It's God himself.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

The last place I want to go is just turn over to 2 Corinthians 4 real quick. I want to read a short passage here and I pray that this would be our testimony as we leave here today. The value of the Word being settled in heaven. 2 Corinthians 2 beginning in 14.

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." Always. We triumph in the eternal Word. We triumph in the written word as it is revealed by the eternal Word.

"Which causeth us to triumph in Christ and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life." Notice that, that's what the word of God is. That's what Christ is. He is life to his people but outside of him, certain death. That's what he says. And then we sit and we tremble when we hear something like that and Paul asked, "Who is sufficient for these things?" I think he answers that in all of his letters, that Christ is our sufficiency.

"For we," this is what I was saying. I hope this is our testimony today, "we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God." Did you hear that? Even in Paul's time there are so many that corrupt the word of God. They make it their word. They assemble it to fit their fleshly desires.

"For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity." That's freedom from hypocrisy. That's honesty. "But as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ." That's the power of the truth. That is the power of Christ who is the truth. He is the way, he is the truth, he is the life. He is the revealer of secrets. His name is secret. The Lord is the eternal Word.

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." That's the Lord. He is settled, the eternal Word and the written word.

Let's go back to our text now to end. I want to read this section of Scripture here and this stanza, just these eight verses here which begins, "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." I want you to listen now how many times David uses different words to speak of the Word of the Lord, how many times and why is that? Why does the Holy Spirit do that? Because he shows us that in this word, what the meaning of the Word is.

Now watch this, "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth." That's what we said

at the beginning, his settlements are done. His settlements are fixed. He has established himself, he has established his word.

"Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth." And it will abide no other way. "They continue this day according to thine ordinances," there is the first one, "for all are thy servants." They continue this day according to thy word, Lord, for all are thy servants. No one can rise up to the Lord and say, "Why makest thou me this way? Why formest thou me this way? Who can stay the hand of the Lord?"

"Unless thy law had been my delights," that's the word again, "Unless thy word had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction." Why is that? Because the Lord brings us to his word when we're suffering in affliction. He drops down his word that he's with us always; that he is the Healer; that he is the one to take away the affliction. "Unless it had been thy delight." Lord, you must bring me there.

"I will never forget thy precepts," that's thy word again, "for with them thou hast quickened me." How many times have we been ministered to by the word, the eternal and written?

"I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts." I have sought thy word, eternal and written. Have you? This is the testimony of David. "Lord, I found many times I've sought thy word. I need you, Lord, to seek me in thy word."

"The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies." I'll consider thy word, Lord, because it is fixed and it's established and it's settled. That's what I was telling you at the beginning, when the Lord brings me great comfort in the middle of a trial, that he has ordained everything and it is fixed.

"I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment," thy word, "is exceeding broad." Many times throughout this little stanza we get all these different words meaning the word of the Lord. Is it settled for you? Our text says, "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."

Dear heavenly Father, may you settle us today and strengthen us and stablish us in thy eternal Word and, Lord, may you give us a desire and a love and bring us to thy written word that our soul, Lord, may be content and complete in thee. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.