

Evening Sermon Outline – September 17, 2017

“Salvation to Revival” Psalm 119:81-88

I. *What the Psalmist is longing for –*

KAPH. My soul faints for Your salvation (Psalm 119:81A NKJ)

1. *Wrong / simplistic ideas about salvation*

We live in a day and age which has simplistic or even wrong ideas about salvation, we go forward in some churches or we say certain words and we are “saved.” This militates against the full biblical idea of salvation, for instance:

A. *Salvation is to be worked out -*

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; (Phil. 2:12 NKJ)

B. *Salvation is said to be nearer, but not already here -*

And do this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. (Rom. 13:11 NKJ)

C. *Our call and election are things we are to be diligent about -*

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; (2 Peter 1:10 NKJ)

The things we were / are to do to make our call and election SURE, were listed in the previous verses:

⁵ ... giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. (2 Peter 1:5-9 NKJ)

2. *Even if we are in one sense, saved, even now, if we are still on earth, our salvation has a future aspect to it –*

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; (Philippians 1:6 NKJ)

II. *Complete relief from pain, trial and tears is an aspect of our salvation we do not have yet –*

But I hope in Your word. (Psalm 119:81B NKJ)

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." (Revelation 21:4-5 NKJ)

1. *There are precious promises in God's Word, and they were there even in the Old Testament –*

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11 NKJ)

2. *The Psalmist is yearning for that salvation only God can give, including comfort –*

My eyes fail *from searching* Your word, Saying, "When will You comfort me?" (Psalms 119:82 NKJ)

Verse 82.—“When wilt THOU comfort me?” Let us complain not of God, but to God. Complaints of God give a vent to murmuring; but complaints to God, to faith, hope, and patience.—Thomas Manton.

3. *Remember he knew of the profitable nature of the afflictions God allows - I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right, And *that* in faithfulness You have afflicted me. (Psalm 119:75 NKJ)*

4. *Note what a vivid picture he paints of his pain –*

For I have become like a wineskin in smoke, Yet I do not forget Your statutes. (Psalm 119:83 NKJ)

A wineskin, when not filled with wine was hung over a fire to dry: it would be covered with ash and dust from the smoke, and as it dried it would wrinkle, so do we --- but let us **not forget God's statutes.** (Psalm 119:83 NKJ)

5. *He is counting his days, wondering how long?*

⁸⁴How many are the days of Your servant? When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me? (Psalm 119:84 NKJ)

III. *He has persecutors, tempters ...*

How many are the days of Your servant? When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me? ⁸⁵The proud have dug pits for me, which is not according to Your law. (Psalm 119:84-85 NKJ)

1. *Pits, are not according to God's law, they have their own pitfalls:*

He made a pit and dug it out, and has fallen into the ditch which he made. (Psalm 7:15 NKJ)

The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught. (Psalm 9:15 NKJ)

2. *The same is true of every kind of ungodly plot and snare -*

The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised. (Psalm 10:2 NKJ)

Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly, And let his net that he has hidden catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall. (Psalm 35:8 NKJ)

Let the wicked fall into their own nets, While I escape safely. (Psalm 141:10 NKJ)

3. *The psalmist knew his persecutors would be judged, yet this persecution wears on us -*

All Your commandments are faithful; They persecute me wrongfully; Help me! ⁸⁷They almost made an end of me on earth, But I did not forsake Your precepts. (Psalm 119:86-87 NKJ)

4. *This digging of pits (setting traps) was what the wicked were constantly doing with Christ -*

lying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him. (Luke 11:54 NKJ)

But they could not catch Him in His words in the presence of the people. And they marveled at His answer and kept silent. (Luke 20:26 NKJ)

Seek Christ for help with these things!

IV. *God brings revival -*

Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth. (Psalm 119:88 NKJ)

What is the difference between salvation and revival?

1. *Salvation ultimately means Heaven, comfort, ease, pleasure!*
2. *Revival is strength under pressure, energy while under persecution, revival means we are praying from the midst of battle -*

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- ¹⁹and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. (Ephesians 6:10-20 NKJ)

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