

CLINGING TO GOD

Psalm 119:25-32

INTRODUCTION

- A. Distractions in Life.
 - 1. Job
 - 2. Family
 - 3. Pleasure
 - 4. World Issues
- B. Distraction with God's People.
 - 1. Israelites in slavery.
 - 2. Questions of leadership – life pursuits (Solomon, Eccl.).
 - 3. The Apostle Paul to Timothy, 2 Timothy 2:4-6.
- C. The Psalmist – Drawn from God, Ps. 119:25-32.

I. DISTRACTIONS IN LIFE.

- A. My Soul Cleaves to the Dust, vs. 25.
 - 1. Some suggest the idea of death.
 - 2. The language leans to the idea of fastened to or ***glued to*** the affections of this world. So that he could not be separated!
 - a. Solomon's pursuit of riches, Ecclesiastes 2:1-11.
 - i. Laughter and pleasure.
 - ii. Wine.
 - iii. Enlarge my works [houses].
 - iv. Gardens and parks.
 - v. Ponds for irrigation.
 - vi. Slaves and herds.
 - vii. Silver and gold.
 - viii. Greater than any other.
 - ix. All that I desired.
 - b. Warning of pursuit of riches, James 5:1-5.
- B. My Soul Weeps Because of Grief, vs. 28.
 - 1. Lit., my soul melts [or drops] because of grief.
 - a. As rain drips through the roof.
 - b. His soul overflows with tears [continual].
 - 2. The soul wears away with the constant "dripping" of grief.
 - a. Caused by affliction and stress in this world.
 - b. Caused by failures in pursuit of life [this world].
 - c. Physical pains.
 - d. Life shortcomings.
 - 3. Distress is sure to follow, Romans 7:14-15, 24.

II. TURNING TO GOD.

- A. Confessing My Shortcomings.
 - 1. I tell of my ways, vs. 26.
 - a. My cares, troubles, anxieties.
 - b. I hold nothing back.
 - c. When we do – we let the burdens of life go.
 - 2. Recognizing my false ways, vs. 29.
 - a. Every false, deceitful, hypocritical way.
 - i. 2 Corinthians 13:5
 - ii. Being truthful with ourselves.
 - iii. God knows, Psalm 69:5.
 - b. We gloss over our shortcomings:
 - i. Pointing the finger at others.

- ii. “Life is just that way.”
 - iii. It was finally pointed out to David, 2 Sam. 12:7-9a, 13; Ps. 51:3, 14-17.
- B. Crying Out for Strength, vs. 29.
 - 1. Reaching out to the Lord.
 - 2. Cry out for God to give life and strength, Psalm 39:7-12.
 - 3. James 4:7-10.
- C. Knowing God’s Way.
 - 1. According to Thy Word, vs. 25.
 - a. Promises of God to His people.
 - b. Rise to better things.
 - 2. Make me to understand, vs. 27.
 - a. So I will meditate [or talk] of Thy wonders.
 - 3. Grant me knowledge – dependence on God, vs. 29.
 - a. I want to know the ways of God.
 - 4. Choosing God’s faithful way, vss. 30-31.
 - a. Placing God’s ordinances before me.
 - b. Cleaving [vs. 25, stick] to God’s testimonies.
 - c. As the psalmist was “stuck” to the world, His cry is to be “stuck” on God’s testimonies.
 - 5. Walking [Running] in His ways, vs. 32.
 - a. But will “hasten” to keep them.
 - b. Devote all the energies of my life.

III. GOD WILL ENLARGE MY HEART.

- A. Dependence on God, vs. 32.
- B. “Enlarge” is to make free.
 - 1. Sin narrows the soul, Romans 6:6-7; 8:15.
 - a. The yoke of slavery.
 - b. Chains of sin.
 - 2. Religion enlarges it., Romans 8:1-2; Galatians 5:1.
 - a. Set free.