

HOW SHALL A YOUNG MAN...?

Psalm 119:9-16

INTRODUCTION

- A. Questions in life:
 - 1. Beginning a new school year, will I be liked by my peers?
 - 2. Teachers, will I have a good class and will the parents be supportive?
 - 3. College, what do I want to do with my life?
 - 4. When will I be able to retire and will my money go far enough?
- B. Israelites leaving Egypt:
 - 1. Where are we going?
 - 2. How will we be treated by the nations around us?
 - 3. What kind of life does God expect us to live?
- C. God gives answer to all these questions [and more!].
 - 1. Exodus 19:4-6
 - 2. Laws which will help them to be “holy” people for God, Lev. 20:26.

I. HOW SHALL A YOUNG MAN...? vs. 9

- A. Answer:
 - 1. A way which seems right...
 - 2. Vss. 9-11, 15
 - a. According to God’s word.
 - b. Seeking God with all our heart.
 - c. God’s word treasured in heart.
 - d. Meditating on God’s ways.
- B. Teaching Others, vs. 13.
 - 1. Moses instructs Israel, Deut. 6:4-9, 24-25.
 - 2. Parents, Ephesians 6:1-4.
 - a. Bring up in discipline and instruction of God.
 - 3. Flee from these things:
 - a. In context, pursuit of money, 1 Timothy 6:11.
 - b. Youthful lusts, 2 Timothy 2:22.
 - c. Pursue after righteousness, faith, love and peace, etc.
 - 4. Timothy instructed as a child, 2 Timothy 3:14-15.
 - 5. Generations to come, Psalm 78:5-8.

II. REJOICE AND DELIGHT IN. vss. 14, 16

- A. Rejoice in God’s Way.
 - 1. As in all riches.
 - 2. His Word becomes our pursuit.
 - a. Hunger and thirst, Matthew 5:6.
 - b. Seek first His kingdom, Matthew 6:33.
- B. Delight in God’s Word.
 - 1. I shall not forget Thy word.
 - 2. Treasure in my heart, vs. 11.
 - 3. As the deer longs for water, Ps. 42:1-2a.

- C. Delight in the Lord.
 - 1. Psalm 16:7-9a
 - 2. Psalm 32:11

IV. BLESSED ART THOU, O LORD... vs. 12

- A. Our Praise to God.
 - 1. Psalm 18:1-2
 - 2. Psalm 68:19, 35
 - 3. Psalm 72:18-19
- B. Blessings from God.
 - 1. Physical: Jas. 1:17; Phil. 4:19; Mt. 6:25-34
 - 2. Spiritual: Eph. 1:3
 - a. Redeemed through the blood of Christ, Colossians 1:14.
 - b. Justified and sanctified, 1 Corinthians 6:11.
- C. God's Word.
 - 1. His love and care for His people [Israel/church].
 - 2. His plan for salvation, beginning in the garden, Genesis 3.
 - a. Revealed a little at a time, 1 Peter 1:10-11.
 - b. Romans 16:25-26 – mystery revealed.
 - 3. Eternal life:
 - a. John 20:30-31 – believe [obey].
 - b. 1 John 5:13 – can know.

CLOSING

- A. The Way of Salvation:
 - 1. Believe, Mark 16:16.
 - 2. Repent, Luke 13:3, 5.
 - 3. Confess, Luke 12:8, 9.
 - 4. Be baptized, John 4:3; Matthew 28:19.
 - a. Sins will be washed away,
 - b. Receive the Holy Spirit, Acts 2:38
 - c. God will add you to His church, Acts 2:47.
 - 5. Faithful until death, Revelation 2:10.