

**OPEN MY EYES, LORD**  
**Psalm 119:17-24; 1 John 2:15-17**

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. Along with the question, “Why do bad things happen to good people?” is the question “Why do good things happen to bad people?”
  - 1. We look around our society and see that sometimes, bad people prosper.
  - 2. And we may consider if it really matters if we live a “holy” life before God.
- B. There is much in the world which draws our attention.
  - 1. Eve was drawn from God’s word – by Satan, Genesis 3:6.
  - 2. Job thought he understood, but then God made clear, Job 42:1-5.
- C. We need to look [*drink*] deeper into the word of God.

**I. PRAYER FOR GOD’S REVELATION. Vss. 17-18**

- A. Deal Bountifully with Me.
  - 1. To do, or show, or cause good to anyone.
  - 2. The psalmist begs the favor and friendship of God.
  - 3. He prays for life, so that he might honor and obey God, 1 John 3:22.
  - 4. Commands of God and prayer are intertwined.
- B. Open My Eyes.
  - 1. To reveal, uncover or disclose.
  - 2. Take away the “blindness” so as to have clear vision.
    - a. To see things which are secret or hidden and wonderful.
    - b. To know the deep, spiritual meaning of God’s Word, 1 Cor. 2:12, 14-15.
    - c. God’s Word is not too difficult, Deuteronomy 30:11.
  - 3. When understood, leads to a greater view of God and His holiness, love, mercy, and grace.
  - 4. This comes through prayer and the Holy Spirit.

**II. I AM A STRANGER HERE. Vss. 19-20**

- A. This World Is Not Our Home.
  - 1. Our permanent home is in heaven with God.
    - a. Hebrews 11:13-16
    - b. Colossians 3:1-2
  - 2. Do Not Hide Thy Commandments.
    - a. Make me know Thy commandments.
    - b. God’s Word guides and comforts through the road of life.
      - i. Hebrews 13:6
      - ii. John 14:27; 16:33
    - c. It is communication with home. I.e., word from family.
- B. My Soul Is Crushed...
  - 1. It is crushed and broken in pieces by scraping and rubbing.
  - 2. The soul is worn away little by little.
  - 3. We are exhausted.
    - a. Not by possession of God’s Word, but the desire to know more.

- b. The psalmist had read enough to excite.
  - c. But longed for more. Psalm 17:15
- 4. The knowledge of eternal life.
  - a. John 14:1-3
  - b. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57
  - c. 1 Thessalonians 3:16-18

### **III. EVIL VS. GOOD. Vss. 21-23**

- A. Thou Dost Rebuke...
  - 1. What is the benefit of God's commandments?
  - 2. We look and see the ways of man – opposite of God.
    - a. God shows His displeasure – consequence of sin.
  - 3. Pursuing God is attended with happiness, Psalm 146:5; Proverbs 16:20b.
- B, Take Away Reproach...
  - 1. Remove from me [show me favor].
  - 2. Let me not suffer on account of my trust in God.
  - 3. He was persecuted for his belief, Matthew 5:10-12.
  - 4. He prays for the accusations to be removed.
  - 5. He “boasts” his obedience to God's commands, Philippians 2:15.
- C. Princes Talk Against Me.
  - 1. Reproach from those of “high” rank [peer pressure].
  - 2. We are challenged to bear up under such “persecution”.
    - a. Daniel, Jeremiah.
    - b. Hebrews 12:2; 13:13
  - 3. We find comfort meditating on God's statutes, Romans 8:6; 15:13.

### **IV. GOD'S WORD – MY FRIEND. Vs. 24**

- A. Thy Testimonies My Delight.
  - 1. Our main happiness is found in God's Word.
  - 2. We seek counsel from God's Word as from a friend.
    - a. There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother, Proverbs 18:24.
    - b. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, ..., Proverbs 27:6.
  - 3. Ps. 119:105