

THE LORD IS MY PORTION Psalm 119:57-64

INTRODUCTION

- A. On a scale of 1-10, how important to you is the Lord?
 - 1. On what do you base your rating?
 - 2. Words alone are cheap!
- B. The Lord is my portion, Ps. 119:57.
 - 1. The psalmist seeks no other possession, but God.
 - 2. Psalm 16:5, *“The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; ...”*
 - 3. Comfort, peace, refreshment, and happiness is found in God alone.
 - 4. God is truly the psalmist’s “all in all”!
- C. Is He yours?

I. THE LORD IS MY PORTION, HOW DO WE KNOW?

- A. Obedience to God.
 - 1. Verse 57, *“I have promised to keep Thy words.”*
 - a. Confession made.
 - i. He is not just our Savior, but our Lord, Acts 2:36.
 - b. Not done in secret, Matthew 10:32.
 - c. We promised our all.
 - 2. Verse 59, *“I considered [thought] my ways, ...”*
 - a. A word dealing with embroidery.
 - i. The figure must appear the same on the one side as it does on the other.
 - ii. To accomplish this you must turn from side to side, so the stitch is even.
 - b. Pause for reflection in our lives – are we walking with the Lord, 2 Cor. 13:5.
 - c. Example of prodigal son, when he came to his senses, Lk. 15:17.
 - d. *“And turned my feet to Thy testimonies.”*
 - i. Abandoned the evil ways in my life.
 - ii. Set out in the way of life and salvation, based on God’s direction.
 - iii. Psalm 119:105, *“Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.”*
 - 3. Verse 60, *“I hastened and did not delay to keep Thy commandments.”*
 - a. No delay – no excuse.
 - i. With utmost speed.
 - ii. Did not trifle with convictions, did not debate.
 - iii. Nor seek to drown the voice of conscience.
 - b. What is the true problem in conversion or repentance?
 - c. We know the truth, then should respond at once!
 - i. The Ethiopian, Acts 8:36.
 - ii. The Philippians jailer, Acts 16:33.
- B. Longing for God.
 - 1. Verse 58, *“I entreated Thy favor with all my heart; ...”*
 - a. Sincere, undivided affections.
 - b. Much time spent in prayer.
 - i. Ephesians 6:18, *“Praying always...”*
 - ii. Colossians 4:2, *“Continue in prayer, ...”*
 - iii. 1 Thess. 5:17, *“Pray without ceasing.”*

- b. Psalm 9:1, *“I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; ...”*
 - 2. Verse 62, *“At midnight I shall rise to give thanks to Thee because of Thy righteous ordinances.”*
 - a. A great love for the Word, Deuteronomy 6:6-9.
 - b. Example of Jesus, Mark 1:35, Lk. 6:12.
- C. Choice of Company.
 - 1. Verse 61, *“The cords of the wicked have encircled me, but I have not forgotten Thy law.”*
 - a. Surrounded by the darkness of this world.
 - b. 1 Corinthians 15:33, *“Bad company...”*
 - c. His word is first and foremost in life, Ephesians 6:16-17.
 - 2. Verse 63, *“I am a companion of all those who fear Thee, and of those who keep Thy precepts.”*
 - a. The church [the Lord’s body] will become my desire, Acts 2:44-47
 - b. Together to stimulate and encourage to love and good deeds, Heb. 10:24-25.
 - c. I still don’t understand why people who say they love the Lord, choose to be absent from the assembly.

CLOSING

- A. *“The earth is full of Thy lovingkindness, O Lord; teach me Thy statutes”*, vs. 64.
 - 1. Surrounded by the grace and mercy of our God.
 - 2. This lovingkindness is seen everywhere, when our hearts are in tune with the Lord.
- B. Thou, My Everlasting Portion