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"I'm Staying In The Right Path" Psalm 119 Sermon Series Pt. 2

(Psalm 119:4-6 ESV)

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Sermon Text:

Psalm 119:4-6 ESV

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. [5] Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! [6] Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

Background:

- This psalm is an alphabetic acrostic with twenty-two sections of eight verses. Each of the eight verses in a section begins with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The topic of every stanza is God's "law," or "instruction." Psalm 119:1-8 is called the: "Aleph: Undefiled AND Unashamed The blessing and results of keeping God's law."
- These first three verses are important, because they set the tone for the rest of the book. In these first three verses, we see the importance of following the word of the Lord, we that it is important of following the word, living the word, studying the word, and when we have the word of God we choose to follow the Lord, and we want to make sure that our lives are pleasing Him! It is important that we see the value of following the Lord, and when we follow the Lord and do what the word says there will always be the importance and value of following the Lord, and to make sure that we are always keeping the word!
- When the word of the Lord is close to you, and when you rely on the word of the Lord you let the Lord direct you, and you also understand that we can't live a whole life without the word of the Lord! The word of the Lord will keep you, the word of

the Lord will sustain you, the word of the Lord will restore, the word of the Lord will not let us forget God, and the word of the Lord will not leave us! As long as I have the Lord, and as long as I walk with the Lord I know that the Lord will make me clean, and I just want to be clean and have a clean life knowing that when I have that clean life, I'm pleasing the Lord and not concerned about anything else, but I do know that the Lord will always keep me!

"The Commitment To God"

- The Lord is the ingredient that makes living better, that makes living have meaning, and that makes me have a fruitful and a more committed life! However, I understand the importance of having the right words in my life, and I see that for my life to have that meaning, for my life to be defining, and for my life to be more important I need to make sure that I have the right words in me! That's where God comes into play, and that's why we need the Lord because I need His words, I need His words daily, I need His words for my heart, I need His words for my mind and heart to be clean and just for me to love I know that I need His word!
- I need the words of the Lord, and once again you see that the words of the Lord will give you meaning and purpose! It comes from God, but watch this..... God can give you the word, but it is not God's job to make you follow Him, that's your choice! You can't ask God for a word but not follow the word, you can't ask God for fulfillment if you won't follow, and you can't ask God for more of God when you don't follow the Lord, but you have to follow the Lord, and when you follow the Lord and really see what I need and what I don't need I know that the Lord is going to make me better!
- We make things difficult because living a Godly life is a sacrifice! There are times we have to make numerous sacrifices, because when we look at the text the importance of the text is following the word of the Lord, and living a Christian life is a sacrifice, because some stuff I can't do, some stuff I shouldn't do, some stuff I don't need to do, some stuff is not good for me, and some stuff isn't appropriate for me because I have my God the key component in my life! Once again is the Lord first in your life, and when the Lord is first in your life and when you know that the Lord is first you will always keep the Lord first, and you will always make God first, and because the Lord is and will be first it pushes and makes me not stop icing for the Lord, but I have made my choice and decision to never turn away from God!
- Don't let people make you feel bad for following the Lord, when you follow the Lord you see what real worth is, when you follow the Lord you see that life is better with God than without God, when you follow the Lord you see that you don't want anything that can hurt you down the line, just because it looks good now doesn't mean it won't affect us later, and when you follow the Lord you see that you need to always give the Lord all of you!

- When you seek the Lord, and when you look to the Lord you do have the best coverage, you have the best life, and you have the greatest friend and Father that you will always have! You will have the right ways, you will have the right guidance, and you will have the right answers to every problem but it is also making the decision to have the right lifestyle, the right attitude, the right mentality, the right speech, the right functions, the right heart, and having the right atmosphere it is all because of the desire of having the word of the Lord in our hearts, in our minds, and in everything that we are and do!
- The power of the text is the relationship between us and God, and our decision to do what the Lord says! Look at what the Lord has done for us, look at how the Lord has provided, look at how the Lord has brought you through, look at how the Lord continues to be with you, and because the Lord continues to be with you, make sure to do what He says!
- We all face some times of challenges, sorrows, burdens, brokenness, and even shifts but through all of that don't allow any of that to shift you, from your love for the Lord and from your commitment to the Lord! No matter what it is, no matter the tough times, and no matter what the changes that we experience because we all have different days and seasons, but I have made my vows to the Lord, and the Lord has told me what to do, and I'm going to do what He says because I know how much He means to me, and what He will do for us which is make us whole, make us clean, make us energized, make us electrified, and make us passionate for the Lord!

"The Right Eyes"

- The eyes are centered on the Lord, they aren't centered on anything else but they are centered on the Lord, and when you see that when the eyes are focused on the Lord and when the eyes have the Lord, you realize and you see that it does make you have the right direction! It is important when you do have the right convictions, it makes your eyes have the right viewpoint, and it makes you see and say that I'm not afraid and I'm not worried but I'm going to trust in the Lord, and you know that once I receive my orders from the Lord, I know that the Lord will indeed take care of me!
- When you look up to the Lord and His word it gives you peace, it gives you grace, it gives you confirmation, it gives you satisfaction, it gives you thankfulness, and it gives you humility! You have to look up to the Lord, and you have to make sure that you keep on looking up to the Lord because when you look up to the Lord you aren't turning down the Lord, you aren't rejecting God, and you aren't going to mistreat the Lord but you know that the Lord is always going to make sure that I'm good!
- You have to make sure that you have the right view! When you have the right view you can have a look of peace, you can have a look of faith, you can have a look of

impact, and you can have a look of security and the reason you have the look is because when you look to the Lord why are you worried or afraid, but you have to look up to the Lord! We go down more things that can cause us damage, when we don't always look up to the Lord, and we have to always look up to the Lord, when the Lord is our first choice and only choice we know that God will make me whole, God will make me stand, and God will make me hold on!

- The real test is do you still up to God, when your convictions are tested! Do you still look up to the Lord when you are tested and when you deal with temptation, there's that reality that comes into play because we get tempted when we walk with the Lord, and if you don't have your eyes on the Lord you can fall into temptation! You can fall into anything if you don't have the right look, you can fall into anything when you don't have the right foundation, and you can fall into anything when you don't have the right conduct!
- What way are we going? That's what happens when we keep on looking up to the Lord, because when I look up to Him I'm confident in myself, I'm happy with myself, I'm not trying to be anything or anybody else but I'm just being me because of the God that's in me! That's what I'm doing, and that's who I am because it is me looking up to the Lord, and when I look up to the Lord I'm not in the wrong direction but I'm in the right direction!
- The Lord will show you what is right, the Lord will show you to stop acting like the Lord isn't good or isn't here, but you have to use those spiritual eyes!
- <u>Use those spiritual eyes and it will make you a better preacher, use those spiritual eyes it will make you a better servant, use those spiritual eyes and it will make you a better Christian, and use those spiritual eyes to stop letting people play you with any note they choose!</u>
- When you use your spiritual eyes you know that you have a vision that isn't blurry, you have a vision that isn't strained, and you have a vision that isn't lost because you know that as long as I look up to the Lord I know that all of my help comes from the Lord. I will always look up to the Lord, because I know that I need the Lord daily, I need the Lord monthly, and I need the Lord yearly because as long as I have the Lord and as long as the Lord is alive I'm looking up to Him and I'm living for Him without any hesitation!

This Week's Goals:

- Read Psalm 119:145-155!
- Pray for God's protection!

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