

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*The Bible is a web of narratives which proclaim the gospel of God's activity and presence with people in real life.... The Psalms are powerful, vibrant, living texts speaking the gospel to human hearts.*

William H. Bellinger, Jr.

*When we read the Psalms, we are meant to learn things about God and about human nature and about how life is to be lived. Some poetry makes no claim to instruct the mind. The Psalms do. They are meant to be instructive about God and man and life.*

John Piper

*When God declares a man righteous  
He instantly sets about to make him righteous.*

A.W. Tozer

*We're called to love Him even when we feel abandoned.  
We're called to look for Him even in the midst of the darkness.  
We're called to worship Him even through our tears.*

Pete Wilson

*As you read Psalm 119 don't just read into it the Old Testament law. That is not, primarily, what the author has in mind. He has in mind the higher Law of God that the Old Testament Law reflects. Christ Himself is that Law. In Him the testimonies, the precepts, the ordinances of the Lord come alive. When you read this let your heart fly toward the Law of Christ  
Jesus our Savior.*

Anonymous

*The Psalms are ultimately the prayers of Jesus Christ, Son of God. He alone is worthy to pray the ideal vision of a king suffering for righteousness and emerging victorious over the hosts of evil.*

Bruce Waltke

*We should not be seduced into thinking that the Psalms can speak from and of themselves to us. If they speak to us of God, they must speak to us of the God who has finally revealed Himself in Jesus Christ. If they speak to us of sinners, they speak to us of those who are outside of Christ. If they speak of the judgment of God, they speak to us of the curse of the law that Christ suffered for His people on the cross. If they speak to us of the faithful, the godly, or the righteous, they speak to us first of Christ, and only then of those who are redeemed in Christ.*

Graeme Goldsworthy



Message #14

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-  
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. Do you believe the Bible, Old and New Testament, are about Jesus?  
Explain your answer.

3. For each statement below, find Scriptures, from Psalm 119 and the  
New Testament to prove them.  
Jesus kept God's testimonies —

Jesus did no wrong —

Jesus kept God's Word diligently —

Jesus kept His way pure —

Jesus never wandered from the commandments —

Jesus had God's Word stored in His heart —

Jesus declared God's Word —

Jesus delighted in God's Word —

Jesus was a sojourner on earth —

Though man plotted against Him, Jesus meditated on God's Word —

4. Why is our hope as Christians found in the fact that Jesus was the only  
man who could ever pray the Psalms perfectly (confessions of sin  
aside)?

What does the perfect righteousness and sacrifice of Jesus have to do  
with our salvation? Do you have Scriptures to back this up?

5. Read through Psalm 119 noting the phrases that Jesus could say com-  
pletely truthfully.

6. Read through Psalm 1 and Psalm 119. In these psalms we find two ways  
to live: the way of the righteous man who delights in and loves God's  
Law, and the way of the wicked who scoff at God's law and afflict His  
people. The consequences of each path are plain. One will inherit life,  
the other will be destroyed. But as Christians who believe in justifica-  
tion by faith, what does this mean?

How do we understand the instruction and warnings of these psalms  
in light of our Christian faith?

Do these two paths and their consequences not apply to us? Explain.

**Reflection Questions:** Have I experienced and acknowledged my own  
sinfulness? Do I try to find favor with God through my good works?  
What does the Bible say the only way to be right with God is? Have I  
done this?