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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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Study for What?

PSALM 119:1-16 NKJV – (1) Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD! (2) Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart! (3) They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways. (4) You have commanded *us* to keep Your precepts diligently. (5) Oh, that my ways were directed to keep Your statutes! (6) Then I would not be ashamed when I look into all Your commandments. (7) I will praise You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments. (8) I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly! (9) How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. (10) With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! (11) Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. (12) Blessed *are* You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes. (13) With my lips I have declared all the judgments of Your mouth. (14) I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As *much as* in all riches. (15) I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways. (16) I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

God's word is treasure worth laying up, and there is no laying it up safe but in our hearts, that we may oppose God's precepts to the dominion of sin, his promises to its allurements, and his threatening's to its violence. Let this be our plea with Him to teach us his statutes, that, being partakers of his holiness, we may also partake of his blessedness. And those whose hearts are fed with the bread of life, should with their lips feed many. In the way of God's commandments there is the unsearchable riches of Christ. But we do not meditate on God's precepts to good purpose, unless our good thoughts produce good works. I will not only think of thy statutes, but do them with delight. And it will be well to try the sincerity of our obedience by tracing the spring of it; the reality of our love by cheerfulness in appointed duties. (**Psalm 119:17-24**)

This psalm may be considered as the statement of a believer's experience. As far as our views, desires, and affections agree with what is here expressed, they come from the influences of the Holy Spirit, and no further. The pardoning mercy of God in Christ, is the only source of a sinner's happiness. And those are most happy, who are preserved most free from the defilement of sin, who simply believe God's testimonies, and depend on his promises.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 34:17

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If you can forgive, you can live