

19-Psalms-66-Transcript

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well greetings brethren and welcome to another wednesday night bible study where we study the word of god lying

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upon line hopefully i'm coming through loudly and clearly we are studying psalm

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119 and we're up to verse 73 this is the the hebrew letter yad

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and uh god willing will cover two stanzas this evening that uh each stands as eight verses so

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that would be 16 verses plus we have some cross references so we'll probably go about half an hour maybe 40 minutes

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this evening um so let me open with the word of prayer i'll look for confirmation that i am coming through

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clearly and then we'll get into this evening study loving father we come before you

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we're ever so thankful father for your word the comfort that we can derive

2:03

from these ancient scriptures which are so relevant to our lives today

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and father that's what we're seeking to do to uncover these truths that you inspired men

2:16

to speak and to write thousands of years ago knowing father that it would benefit us

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who are alive in this end time not only give us wisdom and light

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but give us comfort as well and father truly you are our strengths

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truly you're our fortress truly you are our salvation

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we thank you god specifically now for the psalms and specifically this 119th song

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and the wisdom that we can derive from it in the comfort that we can derive from it we pray lord you'll bless our

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study bless our understanding and that you'll strengthen and comfort us through your word we pray in the holy

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name the mighty name of jesus christ amen so we are thank you pastor murray uh

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audio is good so let's um get into the psalm verse 119 verse 73

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and uh just as a reminder we are eat this an acrostic so each

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psalm begins with the hebrew letter and then every word uh or every verse in that stanza

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will then begin with that letter so we are now up to the hebrew letter yod we're gonna

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cover two yad and kaf tonight so let us get started here

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and i'm going to begin then in verse 73 yad and it's interesting yad is uh the

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derivation of the the letter yacht actually comes from the symbol for a hand and so it's now talking about god's

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hands and he says here thy hands have made me

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and fashioned me so there's just this immediate acknowledgement

4:04

that god is our creator he's the one that fashions us in the womb and uh for me

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i can just i was reading this i just had memories of high school when i just took it for granted that

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everybody believed in god and i mean i wasn't particularly religious as a child but i knew that god was there and we

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shouldn't do bad things because he was always watching and then i was in science class biology class

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when the science teacher was telling all of us as students that there was no such thing as god and that we we evolved and

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he was talking about evolution i remember as a teenager just being quite shocked but as i never quite heard this

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said so blatantly and so emphatically and dogmatically kind of shook me and i

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just remember at 15 thinking this can't be true that i just really didn't believe that

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we evolved and and i came to the very clear understanding that i was created and

5:02

created for a purpose and so that's really what we're seeing here that god has made us

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and he there's a purpose you know god created us in his likeness and his image with a purpose

5:14

and he says your hands have made me and fashioned me and this also speaks to the whole abortion issue that we're having

5:19

here but he says give me that i may learn your commandments so

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there really truly is the this connection between

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the creative act of god the purpose for which he creates

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and then the psalmist having a great desire to fulfill that purpose he says give me understanding that i may learn

5:46

your commandments i i can remember as a young man as a teenager realizing god created me for a purpose

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and not wanting to disappoint him whatever that purpose was i set out on a quest to find out why did god create me so

6:01

that i could fulfill that purpose i just wanted to be whatever god had in mind when he created me i wanted to fulfill

6:07

that and i see the same sentiment here with the psalmist you created me

6:13

please follow through and give me understanding that i can learn your commandments so i have i have the image

6:18

and likeness of god i i now have to develop the character and that's a creator that's still god's creation in

6:25

developing his character within us and i just see a note here from pastor murray let me just uh

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see what he says here he says of note yod is the smallest hebrew letter

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and is what christ refers to in matthew 15 that not one jot or one yod will be

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changed from the torah wonderful thank you so much for that i appreciate that

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so let's just go back here he says uh so now i want you to compare and contrast

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so this this psalmist is going to speak to us about suffering and affliction

7:04

but let's compare and contrast how the psalmist who is faithful processes

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suffering and affliction compared to job so here he's you you created me i know

7:16

you created me for a purpose please fulfill that creative process

7:22

or complete that creative process let's compare now psalm 119 73

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to job 10 and verse 8 where he says your hands have made and fashioned me

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together round about so same acknowledgement you created me and now listen to job yet

7:44

you do destroy me there's a completely different uh disposition

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that job has toward his creator he's angry with god you created me i did nothing wrong and

7:57

you're destroying me whereas the psalmist you created me i pray you will fulfill your purpose in me

8:05

and you'll you'll elevate my understanding so that i can operate according to your purpose for me so both

8:11

acknowledge god as creator there's different attitudes and we're going to see how the psalmist

8:17

processes suffering compared to job uh verse 74 psalm 119 verse 74

8:24

they that fear you will be glad when they see me why

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because i have hoped in your word and again i'm highlighting through here all of the places where god's law is mentioned

8:36

where torah is mentioned or a synonym for torah for instruction so

8:42

he is asking god to fulfill his purpose

8:48

you created me in your likeness in image i look like you

8:53

for a purpose please continue that creative process by developing your character in me

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and then he says when you do that they that fear you will be glad they'll rejoice when they

9:07

see me why because i have hoped in your word so so those who

9:14

trust you when they see the process that i have come through successfully and the faith that has been

9:21

been developed in me as a result of coming through this process there it's going to inspire them

9:28

verse 75 i know oh lord or that your judgments are right

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and that you this is the contrast with job listen to the psalmist both are

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suffering both acknowledge the creator and both acknowledge the affliction at the creator's hands

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listen to the psalmist compared to job i know oh lord that your judgments are right

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so whatever judgment you make you are righteous whereas job

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would condemn god to hold on to his own righteousness here the psalmist was i don't understand

10:07

but what i do understand is that god's judgments are right he's righteous there's nothing in it nothing in his

10:14

judgments that is wrong or or ill-intended i know o lord that your judgments are

10:19

right and that you in faithfulness have afflicted me this is totally

10:26

different than job and then so this is a good uh inspiration for us

10:31

that we are living in difficult times those that hate us

10:38

have risen to power those that hate christ are the elites in our society

10:44

and they hate us because they hate him and they intend to remove every trace

10:50

every jot and tittle of christianity from society and that includes us

10:58

but there's a judgment on this society and we in fact have brought this upon ourselves and so god's judgment is righteous

11:05

on our land and as a result of his judgment on our land and

11:11

his his desire for us to be witnesses martyrs for him

11:16

there is going to be suffering involved in this walk and those those ministers and i don't just speak of church of god but these

11:22

christian ministers who promise riches and prosperity if you follow christ

11:28

blessing upon blessing this is not reality and this is not what the bible teaches this is not what christ taught

11:35

what christ taught was take up your cross and follow me so so especially in the west i think

11:42

christians around the world are perhaps a little bit more mature with in this regard than christians in

11:48

the west because we've had it so good for so long and now our society is collapsing

11:55

these these decisions that the elite are making are not for our benefit we just went through two years of

12:01

pandemic with all of these uh mandates and and now the data is coming out

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that there is a significant increase in non-coded deaths globally all around the world

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so what was this all about all of the lockdowns and the vaccinations and the mandates because we want to save life

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and now there is a significant increase statistically proven fact verified

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there's a significant increase in non-coveted deaths all around the world

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so so what were these decisions all i thought you loved life i thought you loved people i thought you were doing this for our good

12:38

and yet people are dropping dead and that's just one one dimension of

12:43

what they're doing look at what's happening in sri lanka and how the people have to just absolutely revolt they've got nothing to

12:49

lose now and they're just absolutely revolted and so these elite they better be careful

12:56

but they know they they intend to destabilize society and this is this is god's judgment

13:03

upon upon them and upon us but it's also our opportunity to witness for christ

13:10

and so the psalmist faithfully says god's judgments are right and that in faithfulness faithfulness to his word

13:16

god will never go against his word in faithfulness there's this process of affliction

13:22

he says let i pray you your merciful kindness your hasset

13:28

your covenant love be for my comfort i just understand i understand covenant

13:35

love and no matter what i'm not going to let go of that i am in covenant you are in

13:41

covenant we are in covenant the this israelite covenant

13:47

we're in covenant with god and therefore in the end he is going to act according to covenant

13:53

let i beg you your cassette be might be for my comfort

13:58

according to your word unto your unto your servant we we hold on to god's word the way

14:04

abraham did because we understand it is impossible for god to lie now today the word that

14:11

we are holding on to should be is what he says to us in in the book of revelation

14:16

as he introduces the book john says blessed is he that reads and they that hear

14:24

the words of this prophecy so we're studying the book of revelation we're reading it over and over again

14:30

making sure we're up to speed on what it's saying so that we can understand what's happening in the world around us

14:35

and we're not just reading it for academic purposes we're going to read it we're going to

14:41

preach it we're going to listen to it and we're gonna keep those things which are written therein

14:47

for the time is at hand so our hope today is really the the the buckle on the belt

14:54

which is the book of revelation the book of revelation brings everything together and locks it in and now from reading revelation we

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understand the whole text from genesis 2 revelation and we're that's what we're holding on to

15:06

so he says that this cassette this covenant love will be his comfort and it will be our

15:12

comfort according to his promise to us which is that if we keep the

15:17

things that are written in this instruction manual we're going to be in great shape in the end even though the

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instruction manual tells us how difficult the time is going to be he says that the time is at hand and i

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think we feel it everything is unraveling destabilizing reconfiguring so that it

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can fulfill what is written in god's word he says

15:43

in john 16 verse 6 listen to what he says to us in terms of

15:48

the understanding the faithfulness of his word he says speaking to his disciples

15:54

because i have said these things unto you sorrow has filled your heart he was informing

15:59

them affliction is coming and because he informed them of this sorrow filled their heart nevertheless i tell you the

16:05

truth it is expedient for you that i go away for if i go not away the comforter will

16:12

not come unto you but if i depart i will send it unto you

16:17

so the holy spirit is part of this comfort that the psalmist is praying

16:23

here let your husset be my comfort according to your word unto your servant

16:28

and here today we are supernaturally comforted by the power of god's holy spirit to

16:36

face anything whatever it is we have to face we will we will be comforted to face that

16:42

back to psalm 119 verse 77 let your tender mercies come unto me

16:47

that i may live that i may live so whatever this affliction is

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it is life-threatening and the psalmist is turning to god

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not to man he's not running to man oh my life is at stake please help me man

17:05

no man is full of mischief and untrustworthy place our trust in god

17:12

and we're asking that whatever this life-threatening situation we're facing is that god would be merciful to us and

17:19

and that we may live we may die physically but we want to live eternally that's that's the life

17:25

we're looking for for your law is my delight so i'm conforming my mind

17:30

to torah and therefore i can fit in the new world

17:37

because our minds are christ-compliant and christ-centric

17:42

when this world perishes and the new world comes we will fit right in

17:48

and that's how we will fit in the eternal scheme of things

17:54

he says in contrast let the proud be ashamed

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they're proud they're doing well now they're the elites they're they're in glory like a flower

18:07

but the psalmist's prayer and again his life is being threatened is that ultimately they will be ashamed

18:14

for they dealt perversely with me without a cause and they will deal perversely with us

18:20

without a cause we just want a quiet life we want to look we want to love our families look after our loved ones our

18:27

friends and brethren and we want to worship our god in peace

18:33

but they won't leave us alone and now we're going to be facing false accusations we're going to face

18:38

persecution we're going to have a very difficult time and and and somehow their brain is going

18:44

to be wired that they will not be satisfied unless we are destroyed that's that's i'm just telling you what the

18:50

scripture reveals and his prayer is that the proud would be ashamed that he would live by being

18:57

torah compliant but the proud would be ashamed for they dealt perversely with

19:02

me without a cause i had no right to do this i i did not provoke it

19:07

but as they do what they do i will meditate in your precepts

19:14

and this he's repeating what he has already said earlier in the psalm in verse 15 he says i will meditate in your

19:20

precepts and have respect unto your ways so this is just what the song this psalm is

19:26

really showing me hopefully for you as well is is how deep

19:32

the respect for torah is for this worshiper of god

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it is like right deep into his spiritual dna and because of that he has true hope

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regardless of what he's facing verse 79

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let those that fear you in contrast to the proud let those that fear you turn unto me

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and those that have known your testimony so now as a result of his experience there's a there's an experiential

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component to this walk and as a result of that experience he's in a teaching position

20:10

and he's saying to god you can trust me with this teaching position

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let those who fear you turn to me and i will encourage them and i will speak

20:21

very graciously and very highly of torah and give them proper instruction

20:28

but those that fear you turn unto me as opposed to turning to the deceivers and those that have known your

20:34

testimonies listen to what paul says how similar it is

20:40

of the comfort that comes from god in second corinthians 2 corinthians 1 and verse 3 blessed be god even the

20:48

father of our lord jesus christ and the father of mercies and the god

20:54

of all comfort we can turn to him and and times ahead are going to be very difficult people in sri lanka right now

21:01

they can't even find food i was listening to one woman saying she's just got enough kerosene oil to cook one last meal

21:08

and then she didn't know what she was going to eat after that this this is this is what these elite

21:14

are configuring for us but god is the god of all comfort

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as these uh oh we must have green energy it's so important even if it destroys every human being

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this is the love that they have we're so righteous let's have green energy

21:35

and even if it empowers china who's a rival who wants to have be a

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global power who wants to surpass the united states as the global superpower yeah let's let's destroy

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our energy dependence and let's make ourselves dependent upon a clear enemy and rival

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who has totally different value system and is known to have no respect for

22:00

human life this is where we're headed and we need to turn to the god of all

22:06

comfort who comforts us in all our tribulation and we know that those who

22:13

want to live godly in christ will face tribulation it's it's through much tribulation that we enter

22:19

the kingdom of god he says with who comforts us and he proactively

22:24

comforts us in all our tribulation through the holy spirit and through the fellowship of the brethren

22:30

that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble so the same way the psalmist says you know let those who

22:37

fear you turn unto me why because i've learned something very deeply about you

22:43

as the god of all comfort and if you have those who fear you turn to me i will comfort them

22:49

and paul is saying here god comforts us in all our tribulation why that we may

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be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves

23:00

are comforted of god it's experiential we we've been through it we know we were

23:06

we were torah compliant we were faithful we suffered god was there

23:11

and now those who fear god who are troubled on every side who turn to us we can give them a depth of counsel and a

23:18

conviction that is going to keep them on the straight path

23:24

he says for as the sufferings of christ abound in us so this is being faithful to god

23:30

and facing these afflictions and as these sufferings abounded in the apostle and those who are following christ with

23:37

him so our consolation also abounds by christ what a beautiful

23:43

verse as the sufferings of christ abound in us

23:48

so our comfort to others also abounds by christ

23:54

and by the power of his holy spirit and whether we be afflicted it is for your consolation and salvation

24:03

the psalmist says let those who fear you turn unto me paul says whether we be afflicted

24:11

it is for your consolation who fear god and your salvation which is effectual in the enduring of

24:19

the same sufferings which we also suffer so he's able to strengthen the brethren

24:25

to face the afflictions in christ that he himself has faced and successfully

24:32

come through it and endured or whether we be comforted it is for your consolation

24:38

and salvation so just a beautiful modern so to speak

24:46

expression of what was written in the psalms by the faithful worshipper

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and we are no exception we need to follow this same pattern back to psalm 119

24:59

let my heart be sound in your statutes that i be not ashamed there is judgment

25:06

judgment is coming and we as we are going to be tested

25:14

let me say it this way unfortunately because christians have not been

25:20

properly educated many are going to be caught off guard as

25:25

the world is destabilized around us and hostility is increased against

25:31

christ and those who follow christ many are going to be caught off guard christ tells us in matthew 24 that many

25:39

shall be offended and brother shall betray brother it's going to be it's going to be that vicious it's going to be that terrifying

25:46

that brethren will turn from christ because they really did not understand the level of commitment that christ is

25:53

asking this psalmist seems to understand the power of affliction

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to cause worshipers of jehovah to deviate and what he's saying is

26:07

i i know in me is no good thing i need you god to empower me to get

26:14

through any affliction faithfully so let my heart be sound in your

26:19

statutes that i be not ashamed that some will be ashamed

26:25

that's the judgment of god now in timothy paul writes to timothy for us today

26:33

yes and all that will live godly in christ jesus shall suffer persecution

26:40

that's all that's the time we're living in there's no escaping this

26:46

so you know hey i'm gonna pack up and leave this country and go to another country okay maybe

26:53

but how do you know the persecutions that the situation in that country won't change overnight i'm going to leave here

26:58

and i'm going to go to sri lanka maybe i'm from sri lanka and overnight the whole situation over

27:03

there changes so the real comfort for us is in christ wherever we are

27:11

yes and all that will live godly in christ jesus shall suffer persecution but evil men and seducers

27:19

shall wax worse and worse evil men and seducers

27:26

shall wax worse and worse saying to us we can't get caught up in human affairs

27:34

we can't get caught up in human beings and in human institutions

27:41

and endeavors because the people behind them and the people behind these initiatives

27:48

are untrustworthy they are many of them are seducers they say the right things it sounds so loving

27:55

and kind and then it sounds kind of christian as well and then we adopt it and try to make it

28:02

sound like it's coming from christ when it is seduction and and the heart behind these things is

28:08

wicked and and they mean only to destroy to bite to steal to devour that's what's in

28:15

their heart so this is the world we're living in that i i didn't write the bible i'm just

28:21

reading it this is the world we live in that as we get closer and closer to the return of

28:26

our lord evil men and seducers are going to wax worse and worse

28:33

deceiving and being deceived they're useful idiots

28:39

they themselves are deceived and they're trying to deceive us and we cannot follow

28:44

by their fruits you shall know them but you listen continue in torah

28:51

but continue you in the things which you have learned follow the instructions

28:57

that you have learned and you've been assured of we know we've been assured we we see

29:04

the power of the prophetic word we see the wisdom of the torah we see

29:09

the the uh just the beautiful synchronization of the historical record

29:16

with the prophetic word with the wisdom instruction it's just so beautifully configured and we are assured

29:24

this is the word of god and so continue in these things which you've learned and been assured of regardless of the

29:31

affliction the persecution the the deception all around stay on the right

29:36

track knowing of whom you have learned them for the time has come listen

29:43

that judgment must begin at the house of god

29:48

and if it first begin at us what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of god

29:55

and if the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear

30:01

wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of god again the

30:07

psalmist said that your judgments are right and i know that i have suffered but you're you're faithful

30:14

so we need this is the attitude that we need to have that let those that suffer we

30:21

we may have to make certain decisions that will cause us to be excluded or will cause us to be demonized

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and yet we're just making decisions that we want to worship god but this is this is the history of god's

30:34

people and this can happen overnight wherefore let them that suffer according

30:40

to the will of god commit the keeping of their souls to him in well-doing as unto

30:46

a faithful creator that's really what psalm 119 this yard stanza is capturing

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for us that the psalmist is just committing himself to god's word

30:59

knowing that god is righteous in all his judgments and now

31:04

this the suffering the affliction that comes with that it comes with this just i'm committing my soul the keeping of my

31:10

soul to my lord because i know he's faithful that's what the psalmist is saying so this is just a

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beautiful again the synchronization of god's word is just absolutely amazing here in psalm

31:23

oh sorry first corinthians 9 and verse 27 again i just want to go back to what the

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psalmist said uh in yes and so in 119 verse 80 uh let my

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heart be sound in your statutes that we need god's help um people may not be

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sound they're in the fellowship but they're not sound

31:46

and they can be easily deceived and uprooted and they can deviate from god's word because they're not sound

31:53

his prayer is that he would be sound in god's statutes so that he will not be ashamed

31:58

meaning you can be in god's statutes but you're not sound or i'm not sound and therefore we end up ashamed what does it

32:05

the apostle paul said again facing all of this affliction he says in first corinthians 9

32:12

27 but i keep my body and bring it into subjection subjection to what subjection to his own

32:21

fancy i have this image of what it means to be a man and so i have this sort of

32:27

self-discipline so i can conform to my image of what i think a man is

32:32

no subjection to torah subjection to god's will that that i i am conforming myself to

32:40

the mind of christ through the power of the holy spirit and i'm keeping my body and bringing it

32:46

under subjection lest that by any means when i have preached to others i end up

32:52

ashamed because i haven't been sound and sound in the statutes isn't clearly it is not

32:59

conceptual it is not purely academic it has to be conceptual in a way

33:05

in order for us to make sure our understanding is sound but it can't end there it has to go from

33:10

a sound understanding to sound behavior that's what it means to be sound in his statutes

33:18

the next stanza my soul faints for your salvation

33:25

but i hope in your word it's just so beautiful so he's in whatever situation he's in

33:33

it's dire it's it's really um he's in trouble and it sounds

33:38

life-threatening so he's in trouble it sounds life-threatening and yet he has not lost hope

33:45

in torah in the instruction of god that this is amazing and you know these psalms are going to

33:52

come to life here we are just for the sake of the archive it's july 2022

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and this is still somewhat academic to us but in the very near future

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as we face destabilization and societal collapse

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this is going to be so experiential and meaningful that our soul is going to

34:18

faint for god's sake it's like we've lost everything but we're just hanging on by a thread

34:24

for god's salvation to come and we're continuing to hope maybe by this time we've memorized

34:31

what's in the book of revelation and they take the scriptures away from us it's illegal to have the scriptures but we've memorized them and we comfort each

34:38

other and we have hope in his word in in revelation 22 he says this is his word

34:44

behold i come quickly god we're fainting here we can barely hang on he says behold i

34:50

come quickly hang in there and my reward is with me that's his word that's the hope

34:56

to give every man according as his work shall be okay let's continue to work let's continue to

35:03

edify one another so we can get through this and it's just around the corner just hang on oh another one dropped out

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another one dropped out and it's like if they could have held on one more day but the psalmist is saying he absolutely

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if it's a hundred days he's holding on if it's a thousand days he's holding on and the scripture tells us three and a

35:21

half years of intense tribulation psalm 119 verse 82

35:27

my eyes fail for your word saying when will you comfort me

35:34

you know in revelation you had those martyrs that that suffered and and they say how much longer o lord and white

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robes were given to them and they were told to hold on until more of their brethren should be added to their number

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this is a very very difficult period the scripture says that the beast

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will be given power over the saints very difficult period and yet the

35:59

psalmist the worshiper of jehovah is still seeking the fulfillment of god's word we're going to get through this but

36:06

how much longer how long o lord he says and again listen to this and we'll

36:12

compare it to joe for i have become like a bottle in the smoke now bottle more

36:18

the translation excuse me is really like a wine skin

36:23

so a wine skin might be hanging up in a smoky room and it's all dried out and

36:28

it's now full it's become very black and shriveled and it's no longer really useful it's lost its elasticity

36:35

and this is what he's this this is an image that he sees this thing is now useless

36:40

he feels that's him whatever he's going through this is what's happened to him

36:46

yet he says i don't forget your statutes doesn't matter what i'm going through i know

36:52

your word is true and that's what i'm clinging to listen to job

36:57

same thing my skin is black upon me and bones are burned with heat

37:04

and yet he did not acknowledge god's faithfulness

37:09

he as far as he was concerned he's faithful and god is the one who's unfaithful

37:14

but but he but this suffering that the psalmist went through very similar to job he did not he did not

37:21

accuse god of being unfaithful in fact quite the opposite he went through all this suffering and

37:27

acknowledged and held on to the fact like abraham that god is faithful to his word

37:35

in um psalm 22 and verse 15 again similar to this this the state of the worshipper

37:42

who is in deep affliction my strength is dried up like a pot shirt

37:47

and my tongue cleaves to my jaws and you have brought me into the dust of death

37:53

so sometimes according to god's will the true worshiper has to suffer

37:58

affliction and this is the comfort that we can derive from a careful reading of the

38:04

psalms verse 84 how many are the days of your servant again he's in some sort of situation

38:11

that is life-threatening and now he's wondering how much time do i have left how many are the days of thy servant

38:18

when will you execute judgment on them that persecute me are they i know they

38:23

can't get away with this your judgments are right i'm gonna hold on to your word but boy oh boy it's taking a long time

38:30

and they seem to be they they think they're getting away with this when will you execute judgment on them

38:36

that persecute me and again it has a similarity to the the worshipers in

38:42

the martyrs in revelation 6 how long o lord before you execute judgment

38:48

god is god is patient and and we have to learn the patience of the saints

38:55

jeremiah says in verse 15 similar situation oh lord you doll

39:00

remember me and visit me and revenge me of my persecutors

39:05

take me not away in thy long suffering know that for your sake i have suffered rebuke

39:12

this is this is going to be our prayer god for your sake we we are treated like the scum of the

39:17

earth we have been dispossessed of everything we have for your sake because we will not deny

39:23

the name of christ but when will you revenge me of my persecutors

39:30

psalm 119 verse 85 he says the proud have dug pits for me

39:35

which are not after your law they they don't care about torah they they have chose the psalmist

39:42

earlier last week we saw that he says that he he regards

39:48

the torah far more than all the silver and gold

39:53

that silver and gold mean nothing to him compared to the wealth of the torah well the proud are the exact opposite

40:00

torah means nothing to them and they will stop at nothing for wealth

40:05

they have billions and billions maybe they have even trillions it's not enough it's not enough they want more

40:12

and they will they will trample over every human life born unborn

40:17

doesn't matter and yet they'll speak such loving words and the simple simple-minded will fall

40:24

for it but those that are shrewd who are prudent

40:30

will understand what's in their heart and will understand their intentions they're digging pits for us

40:37

oh conspiracy theory well i'm telling you i'm just reading the scripture they're digging pits for us

40:42

which are not after your law here in first peter peter writes 3 13

40:49

who is he that will harm you if you be followers of that which is good like the psalmist

40:56

if we cling to torah if we comply to christ and and declare his statutes faithful

41:03

and stick to them who can harm us but then he says in verse 14 but

41:08

and if you suffer for righteousness sake so first of all nobody can harm you eternally but and if you suffer for righteousness

41:15

sake you're blessed and be not afraid of their terror

41:20

neither be troubled but sanctify the lord god in your hearts the way we're reading in psalm 119

41:27

sanctify the lord god in your hearts and be ready always to give an answer to every man including your persecutor

41:34

that asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear and we're seeing that hope

41:41

in psalm 119. whatever he's going through excuse me

41:46

it's life-threatening it is intense and severe persecution and affliction

41:51

and yet he has hope and so if we were around him god he actually prays like those that

41:58

fear you to turn them to me so we would be turned to him to say

42:04

how is it that you have this hope and then he would share with us and inspire us or maybe it's the persecutor who is

42:10

persecuting him and looking and seeing he's not deviating from his faith and so you might ask

42:16

why do you have this hope and we need to be ready with meekness and fear to answer

42:22

having a good conscience that whereas they speak evil of you as of evildoers then that's the way

42:28

christians will be regarded because of the upside-down value system that society is adopting

42:34

they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good con your good conduct

42:40

in christ so that this this is this psalm 119 is great inspiration for us to faithfully

42:47

follow the apostle peter's instructions verse 86 all your commandments

42:54

are faithful what a beautiful deep understanding this is something that job lacked this

43:01

depth of understanding and we need to get through whatever

43:06

befalls us in the years ahead days months years ahead we need to get through this with some
with a psalm 119

43:13

mindset and not fall into a job mindset where we believe we're so righteous and

43:20

if things go wrong it's god's fault no if things go wrong we are being

43:25

afflicted but god is faithful all your commands are faithful

43:31

they persecute me wrongfully please help me help them me

43:36

so yes we're suffering for righteousness sake this is this is this is not right what we're going
through

43:42

only god can help us we can't run to man only god can help us

43:48

they had almost destroyed me upon the earth but i didn't forsake your precepts

43:54

amazing this this this one verse is absolutely phenomenal

44:00

they almost destroyed me upon the earth again it's life-threatening he's on the verge

44:05

but no matter what they did he would not deviate from torah

44:11

are we there or the first sign of trouble we're gone we're off doing something else other

44:16

than god's word no it doesn't matter we're not we are not

44:21

going to deviate from this biblical instruction there is so much hope in it there's so much

44:26

wisdom in it there's so much understanding we are grounded here come what may

44:34

quicken me after your loving kindness this this said love this covenant love bring me

44:39

back to life after your your covenant commitment so shall i keep

44:45

the testimony of my mouth so we have declared this testimony we have to be faithful witnesses

44:52

and we can only do that through the comfort and the power of god and so we're praying for god to give us

44:58

that comfort and power let's end here in revelation 1

45:04

just to understand this comfort and power of this this faithful testimony that we've declared our testimony we're

45:11

going to follow through he says here john revelation 1 verse 4 to the seven churches which are in asia

45:18

grace be unto you in peace from him which is and which was and which is to come that's god the father

45:24

and from the seven spirits which are before his throne and from jesus christ

45:32

who is the faithful witness he's our example he went through it all

45:37

and through it all he was the faithful witness and so we are following he's our model

45:43

so we will keep the word of our testimony he is the faithful witness

45:48

and as a result of being the faithful witness he's the first begotten of the dead not the only begotten of the dead

45:54

the first begotten of the dead so if we also are faithful witnesses we also will be born from the dead

46:02

and the prince of the kings of the earth he's going to be the head of all the kings of the earth as a

46:08

result of his faithfulness we are also going to be kings on earth unto him that loved us

46:15

and washed us from our sins in his own blood he's faithful and he's made us kings and priests he's

46:21

going to be the head king but we are going to be kings and priests according to torah uh fulfillment

46:28

and made us kings and priests unto god and his father so he has a relationship with god the

46:33

father and he's made us kings and priests unto god his father

46:39

by washing us from our sins in his own blood to him

46:44

be glory and dominion forever and ever amen and amen he's the faithful witness

46:52

what we've learned here in psalm 119 is how his example of faithfulness

46:59

is actually lived out in a worshiper so this could be king david i i'm

47:05

partial to think that it is king david but i don't know that absolutely but whoever this psalmist is he is

47:11

absolutely 100 faithful to god no matter what and so we have his example we have

47:18

christ's example and really this the example of the psalmist shows us that what christ lived and how christ

47:25

lived it's doable because the psalmist did it and now it's upon us upon whom

47:32

the ends of the world have come to be faithful to our testimony may god strengthen you brethren may he bless you

47:39

may he convict you to be compliant and faithful and holding on to torah in the statutes

47:46

of god no matter what what a mighty god we serve god bless you brethren amen

49:23

you