

19-Psalms-70-Transcript

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well greetings brethren and welcome to another wednesday night bible study hopefully i'm coming through loudly and

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clearly maybe you can just let me know in the chat customer if you're on if you could let me know i'd appreciate it apologize for missing last

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week unusual i did have to do a little bit of travel and so rather than mess around with logistics i just thought i'd

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put it off so we will hopefully god willing conclude psalm 119

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this evening just as a reminder as to where we are we're up to the letter zadi and uh that

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means we have just five letters left and we'll see how it goes tonight but god willing

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will finish tonight psalm 119 the longest

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psalm and maybe the longest book in the bible so that's what we will be covering tonight

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and i shouldn't say longest book but certainly the longest longest song so let me open with a word of prayer i'll

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confirm that the audio and video are coming through clearly and then we'll get into psalm 119 for this evening

2:18

our heavenly father we bow before your throne and just want to give you

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praise but also thanks such a topsy-turvy unsettled chaotic world we

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find ourselves living in certainly every indication is that we're just hurtling toward uh the end of this

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uh chapter of uh humanity's

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walk without you for the most part the rejection from adam until now

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and we look forward now as this accelerates our expectation of the appearance of the second
adam our lord and savior jesus

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christ we pray father that you'll bless our study thank you that we can come together like

3:04

this we don't take it for granted lord we thank you for this privilege the privilege of accessing
this text

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which is thousands of years old that it might guide us in the days we face ahead

3:16

thank you father we ask your blessing now upon all of us and we pray in jesus name amen

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so we are going to go through the text brethren as we always do uh line up online let me just go
ahead and check

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the chat to confirm that audio and video are working well thanks pastor murray very very good i
see donna uh jacinta

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good evening jacinta and donna sister donald lee velma and becky have all said

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their greetings so greetings to all of you that are joining us this evening let me go ahead and
share my screen

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and then let us get into psalm 119 verse 137

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uh this is an acrostic so every verse in this stanza begins

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with zadi and just tremendous mastery of the language and of the torah

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and of music that this psalmist has which i personally believe

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is king david but there is no formal um

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declaration of who wrote this psalm but it certainly sounds to me and feels to me like king david
psalm 119 verse

4:26

137 righteous are you oh lord

4:32

and upright are your judgments just a very plain and clear declaration

4:37

that the lord is righteous everything he does is right and his judgments are upright

4:44

and that that is certainly the perspective we have to have coming into this find what feels like

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certainly the final chapter of mankind's history on planet earth his history

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without god for the most part but certainly god is coming and he's going to be ruling the earth from mount zion

5:03

and his judgments are upright and he is righteous he says your

5:08

testimonies and this is uh something that we looked at not last week but the week before this

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word eda which really means congregation it is uh

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bringing being assembled together by appointment so the weekly sabbaths the

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high days that god has appointed us to a congregation he set us in the body as it

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pleases him this is really what this word means and it says that your testimonies that

5:37

you have commanded are righteous they are indeed

5:43

and very faithful so so what is it that he has commanded well certainly we know the ten

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commandments but if we go into the gospel of john christ himself says

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this is my commandment that you love one another

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and not just love one another in any way we choose or feel but as i have loved you

6:06

this is the commandment and then this is the challenge for all of us

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to overcome our human frailty to to not love one another it's human

6:19

not to love one another if somebody's not exactly like you you're gonna generally speaking the way

6:24

most human beings are wired find fault with someone who's not exactly like you but through the holy spirit

6:31

we we realize that god has put us in the body as it has pleased him precisely because people are not like us

6:38

precisely because he's given them gifts that he hasn't given to us and precisely because we need each other

6:44

and the last two years we have seen that the devil has played his hand

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and he has he's made it clear that he wants to stamp out the congregations of the righteous he

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wants to prevent our assembling together meanwhile because of this covet

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virus covid19 which is 99.5

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survivable and especially if you're under say 70 years old and certainly if you're a teenager or a

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young person uh this does this virus really doesn't affect young people and yet everybody must be uh vaccinated uh

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you know on pain of exclusion from society uh and yet now we see after the month of pride with all of

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these homosexual orgies that now monkey pox has become an international health

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emergency 98 percent being spread through

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we would say sodomites but the official language is men who have sex with men

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no label just a description of men who have sex with men trying to to take all stigma away from this

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and we don't see any concerted action to prevent this type of assembly which i

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had said in a previous study is a form of worship all sexual activity is a form of worship

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and this this sexual activity must not be stopped it must not be stigmatized even though

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we see that monkey pox 98 of the cases are reported among

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men engaged in sodomy but we mustn't say anything about that and yet christians

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must be arrested must have swat teams descend upon them ministers must be carted off to jail

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because we must not have christians assembled even though it is commanded these assemblies so god

8:40

says this is my commandment that you love one another and it sounds so nice it sounds so simple love one

8:45

another but we have two things against us one is our human nature and the second is the puppets of the

8:51

devil the puppets of the devil want to prevent us from coming together they want to turn us against each other they want to

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use politics or health status or anything they can to turn us against each other and then our own human nature

9:04

plays into it as well and god says we have to overcome all of this and love one another it's his command

9:11

that means we have to spend time together that means we have to get to know each other that means we need to extend ourselves

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for each other because it's his commandment and he says he loved his own unto unto death

9:23

that that's how we have to love one another in first john 3 and 23 he says and this is his commandment let's be

9:29

clear what is his commandment you know you have a lot of people shouldn't say well yeah you have a lot of people that are called by god

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placed in the body of god and they are so um well let's say legalistic

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and to them the commandments are the ten commandments and they keep the sabbath

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and and they don't love they really do not love the brethren

9:53

if anything they just feel superior to the brethren and they can be very vicious and yet they feel totally self-justified

10:01

because they're following the ten commandments well when god says to obey him and to obey his commandments

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that is not restricted to the ten commandments it means all of his commandments we have to read the torah

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we have to read the prophets we have to read the apostolic writings we have to read the book of revelation we have to read the psalms you have to read the the

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the writings the historical text and anywhere where we see an imperative an instruction a command

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from from god these are his commandments that we have to keep and certainly the pinnacle of these

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commandments is that we love god and that we love one another he says this is his commandment

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that we should believe on the name of his of his son jesus christ and love one

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another as he gave us commandment so there's no getting around this

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the psalmist understands there's something special about coming together according to god's

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instruction and then christ makes it clear as we come together we must learn to obey him

11:06

and love one another then he says in verse 139 my zeal

11:12

has consumed me he he's become obsessed with this why

11:18

because my enemies have forgotten your words

11:23

my zeal has consumed me because my enemies have forgotten

11:28

your words this you get a sense of his anger you get a sense of christ turning

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over the tables in the temple because the zeal of the lord consumed him

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and sometimes we feel that you know christians must never display anger christians must always be meek and

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melee-mouthed no when we have the zeal of the lord it consumes us

11:52

and i can remember when uh i just started to study islam

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and see how reprehensible it is how evil it is

12:03

and that they would attach jesus christ to their to the instructions

12:08

in the quran this drove me crazy i couldn't abide it how can you attach jesus christ to something so evil

12:16

and then i would have brethren say oh don't worry about it doesn't matter you shouldn't debate the muslims leave them alone

12:21

no the zeal of the lord how how can we cause our husband's name to be dragged

12:27

through the gutter and worse and and we don't react

12:32

we have to love god in a way that when his name is despised

12:38

our husband our high priest our god our king when his name is despised the the zeal

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of the lord consumes us and so and this again is a clue to me

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that the author of this psalm is david because in psalm 69 verse 9 of psalm by

12:58

david he says for the zeal of your house has eaten me up and the reproaches of them that

13:04

reproached you are fallen upon me so so by standing up for god there is

13:10

backlash there is opposition but his zeal for god consumes him

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and and and supports him and so this to me is a good clue that this tone

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that the sentiment is from king david verse 140

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your word is very pure therefore your servant loves it

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your servant loves it and there is just a very very clear understanding

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by through meditation through study that the psalmist has

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of of the gravity and the purity of god's word and i think this is this

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is the power i think for us living in this end time when everything is just collapsing and unraveling

14:02

there's nothing to hold on to now nothing actually makes sense without god's word

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and and you know people want to put off obeying god they want to have their career first they want to have their

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family first and they want to procrastinate answering the call of god

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but now it's becoming clear everything can be taken away from us just like that we've all experienced

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this how fragile everything is and the only thing that truly matters now

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is our relationship with god and one another so

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now we see we can't trust anybody all the authorities that we thought we

14:44

could rely on that you know for example the world health organization the world

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health organization surely their word matters cdc surely their word matters dr fauci

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surely he's an authority he would never lie to us and we're seeing over and over and over again

15:03

cursed is the man who trusts in man that the only the only one we can trust

15:08

in is jesus christ and god the father so his word is pure let god be true and

15:15

every man a liar let's not be fighting each other over men because all men are liars excuse me i

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just have to turn my air conditioner on just a little getting a little warm uh

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so here he says your word is pure and and the way as we study his word

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we come to understand deacon jan gave a great sermon this past sabbath hopefully you you caught it where he just went

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into the torah and just looked at one incident in the torah that is often misrepresented and

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misunderstood and just showed by here a little there a little how it all truly

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makes sense and how and defending god's honor that if somebody wants to accuse god of

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being cruel that no god is holy there's a difference and god has very high

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standards and gives all the instructions that we need and so putting this type of study we realize god's word is totally

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true totally reliable and totally pure and and we just fall in love with it and

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fall in love with god god the god's word is a reflection of his character and he says your word is pure therefore your

16:25

servant loves it and then he says i am small and despised

16:31

yet do not i forget your precepts and you know when we see what we're up

16:37

against the powers that we are up against and yet we won't back down

16:43

we will not back down because we represent god and we represent his word but we're nothing

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and we are despised we're small we're despised they think they can do anything to us just as i believe this is king

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david just as the psalmist felt small and despised and worthless

17:01

and easily easily discarded and yet he held on to god's instructions and that

17:06

was his formula for success and that is our formula for success

17:12

is to hold on to god's word your righteousness is an everlasting

17:18

righteousness and your law is the truth and in john 17

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verse 17 christ himself said when he was on earth that he should sanctify that

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the father should sanctify us his disciples through his truth

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and then to be really clear he says your word is truth and truly we have experienced this

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god's word is truth that these you know believe the science

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and and you know misinformation which turns out to be actually true uh disinformation conspiracy theory

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turns out these things are true and then the things that they say are true turn out to be lies and then we realize the

18:02

words that come out of men's mouths are totally unreliable but the words that come out of christ's

18:08

mouth totally reliable and true forever and this sort of your righteousness

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is an everlasting righteousness this indication of of everlasting means you will never be unreliable that what god

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speaks is always going to be true unlike men and your law

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is the truth he says trouble and anguish have taken hold on me

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yet your commandments are my delights and i think this uh psalm 119 as we've studied it together

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it has really made clear to me hopefully to you as well that it's not just about

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loving god's law loving god's commandments it's about realizing how beautiful god's

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law how beautiful god's commandments are in the midst of persecution and perhaps because of

18:59

persecution that we then realized we've got nothing except god

19:04

but then as we devote ourselves to the study of his word we realize this this is

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this is treasure that is beyond imagination it's it's hard to comprehend

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how much blessing we are receiving by walking within the covenant and walking

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with our covenant community trouble and anguish have taken hold on me so something has happened

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and and we can see i think again the last two years have given us an indication

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of the collaboration between world governments the collaboration between government and

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tech the large tech giants the collaboration between government and big business the collaboration between

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government and large pharmaceutical companies the collaboration between government and

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media and the anti-christic spirit that's across all of these entities including

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the roman catholic church so all of these massive institutions

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are now colluding conspiring collaborating together cooperating together and they all have an

20:12

anti-christic spirit you know when i when i think of what they're doing with climate change

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it's so arrogant it's such hubris we are going to fix the universe

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we are going to correct god's mistakes with gender we are just so wise and so

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foolish you know we we are going to protect mankind through our injections

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and then it just they just keep making things worse everything they do they make matters worse it doesn't

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matter what they put their hand to they make matters worse because they've rejected god and rejected his design

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and so something has happened here where in the sake of in the case of king david

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he was up against the government king saul in our case don't let's not be surprised if all of a

21:04

sudden we find ourselves in a situation where trouble and anguish have taken hold of us

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and yet our delight must be in his commandments because this trouble in anguish is designed to take

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us away from the way and we have to be totally committed to the way and not just committed to it but

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delight in it to realize this is our path of enlightenment of salvation of

21:28

true inner joy the righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting

21:34

give me understanding and i shall live and again something is happening here

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where his life is clearly in jeopardy but he understands that his life truly is in the way following the way and then

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in the same way we need to understand that by following god's testimonies following

21:55

his instructions following his commandments this is eternal life the next stanza is cough

22:01

i cried with my whole heart again another indication of being king

22:08

david who truly was wholehearted in his devotion to god

22:13

i cried with my whole heart hear me o lord i will keep your statutes

22:19

i cried unto you save me and i shall keep your testimonies i prevented the

22:25

dawning of the morning and cried i hoped in your word again you can hear i i

22:31

believe you can hear king david sentiment here and and psalm 5 also written by

22:38

king david he says psalm 5 verse 3 my voice shall you hear in the morning o

22:44

lord in the morning will i direct my prayer unto you and will look up in other words as a

22:51

righteous servant of god he's getting up very early in the morning before he goes about his affairs to come before god

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and he's rising before the dawn to cry out to god acknowledging that his his help can only

23:04

come from god and this again is guidance for us help for us as to how we're going to get

23:10

through what lies ahead verse 148 my eyes prevent the night watches that i might

23:17

meditate in your word in other words he's up early and he's up late

23:22

appealing to god hear my voice according to thy loving kindness

23:29

oh lord quicken me according to your judgment so this ability to pray according to god's will

23:38

according to his cassette his covenant love according to the understanding of what god is doing
by studying his word

23:46

and then we can pray in confidence for god to act according to his word which he will always
do he will never

23:52

act against his word they draw near that follow after

23:57

mischief they are far from your law i think verse 150

24:04

is our reality today we are being encircled we are being encircled

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and the more that has to be done online so so here we are most of us

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we depend on right now these platforms to communicate with one another but

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how much longer before these sentiments that are expressed

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on these online big tech platforms are suddenly detected as

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supporting christ not going along with the great reset resisting the great reset

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the you know the only reset as we mentioned in our podcast the great reset belongs to jesus
christ that the v if

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there's only you know there's one the definite article v klaus schwab has a great reset it's not

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the great reset the great reset belongs to jesus christ how much longer before they want to shut

25:02

us down just just by declaring the superiority of jesus christ over

25:07

these men so the net is getting closer

25:13

it's drawing in upon us and they're using every means to divide us and turn us against one another we've

25:20

got to resist we just conform to god's word we follow god's word and that's it

25:27

he says they draw near that follow after mischief yes indeed they do and they do follow after mischief they are far

25:35

they have nothing to do with your law that's why it's so surprising when some of us follow them

25:42

they have nothing to do with god's law therefore we should have nothing to do with their edicts

25:47

we follow torah period they are far from your law you are near

25:53

o lord and all your commandments are truth so here's the psalmist who's just studying

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god's word following god's word and and can therefore declare god is near they

26:04

are far from from from you o lord they're far from your law you are near and your commandments are truth

26:12

concerning your testimonies i have known of old

26:17

that you have founded them forever this is i've known this for a long time

26:23

that your word is founded forever that once i began to grasp this

26:29

i realized this this has eternal consequences and it will be sustained forever and in

26:35

matthew 5 and verse 18 jesus christ himself said when he was on earth

26:41

truly i say unto you till heaven and earth pass which they will because there's going to be a new heaven and a

26:47

new earth but till heaven and earth pass one jot or one tittle shall in no ways

26:53

pass from the law till all be fulfilled so this is this is it and he says heaven

26:59

and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away next stanza is rash

27:05

and again on acrostic so every word in in the english we miss this but every word will be every verse will begin with

27:12

the letter rash consider my affliction and deliver me

27:18

so so this is really clear this is the longest psalm 176 verses

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and it's it's a it's a verse of affliction it's a it's a chapter sorry of

27:33

affliction of persecution of suffering yes we we know it's a

27:40

a chapter or a psalm of loving the law oh how love i thought we sing it we know

27:48

it but when we study it it's it's this they go hand in hand

27:55

tremendous persecution tremendous affliction nigh unto death and yet this incredible love and

28:03

appreciation and acknowledgment of the beauty and the purity of god's instructions

28:09

the two go together and so here he's asking god consider my affliction and deliver me for i do not forget your

28:17

law and i think the other thing that's really important here is that through the transparency

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of the psalmist we get to take the macro level understanding when we went through the

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book of isaiah together to understand what god is doing at a macro level

28:35

and then we get to see it in the micro how does what god is doing at the macro level how is it experienced

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by the individual and this is what this uh these psalms do for us

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is they give us insight into the emotional journey of the faithful follower of the way

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while god is having his way at the macro level and his way at the macro level

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means allowing the wicked at times to overcome his people to overcome the covenant to

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punish the covenant community and yet within that covenant community there are going to be the faithful followers of

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the way who are also going to suffer as a result of god's judgment at the macro level but then because of the personal

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relationship that we have with god there is personal salvation within the

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macro punishment and judgment of the covenant community and trust me

29:32

brethren or trust god's word the church is not exempt

29:37

from macro judgment i i think personally the church is a disaster and i don't mean cgi i

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mean the church of god it we we are not healthy we have not for

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the understanding that we have we have not done well individually there are always going to

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be the jewels of god but at the macro level if there was judgment

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on ancient israel there's going to be judgment on modern day the modern day covenant community and a lot of us are

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just sitting very complacent and very comfortable think that god doesn't you know again to the sermon we had

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on on sabbath the thing that god is just very comfortable very relaxed about sin and he's not

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so within this covenant community there is the faithful consider and and who's

30:26

suffering as a result consider my affliction and deliver me for i do not i do not forget your law

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that's not to say everybody else in the community is not forgetting your law and again you know when you think of uh daniel uh shadrach meshach and abednego

30:41

when the the the people were taken into exile and nothing is said about the rest of

30:46

the jewish community just that these men would not defile themselves with the king's treats and trinkets and

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and and delicacies these men would not defile themselves nothing is

30:58

it's like condemnation through silence nothing is said about everybody else so

31:04

what about us today how much of a stance are we taking not to defile ourselves

31:11

from this perversion that's all around us or are we kind of going along and just compromising and allowing things to

31:18

creep into the covenant community consider my affliction and deliver me for i do not forget your law plead my

31:25

cause and deliver me quicken me bring me to life

31:31

according to your word again there it is again always praying according to the word a deep understanding of what god's

31:38

will is and praying accordingly i see brother david is saying in the chat the

31:43

day of separation is coming it truly is it's it's a painful thought

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but god doesn't god is not desperately trying to take everybody

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god has put his calling out there and he wants to know who sees it as precious

32:02

as we're seeing here in psalm 119 those are the jewels that he says

32:07

he's going to gather he says quicken me according to your word now

32:14

he says in the torah you shall love the lord your god with all your heart

32:20

and with all your soul and with all your might and in its adherence to this instruction

32:27

that is going to make us successful if we are dabbling we're not serious about this

32:33

you know we open our bibles on sabbath when the elder is preaching and then we

32:39

close it maybe we even leave the bible at that services because we know we're not going to open it again until the

32:45

next sabbath this this isn't going to work this is not going to work

32:51

as brother david said a day of separation is coming god is looking for people who are digging

32:57

and who who have discovered this pearl of great price and who are passionate about this

33:04

and because of that passion because of this zeal for god's word as they

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encircle us as they try to entrap us as they threaten us

33:15

even with death none of this matters we've made up our mind

33:21

because we are loving god with all of our heart and all of our soul and all of our might as we're seeing here in psalm

33:28

119 he says here in first john 2 and verse 5 whoso keeps his word

33:36

in him truly is the love of god perfected hereby know we

33:41

that we are in him so are we truly keeping his word are we truly following his commandments

33:49

this this is how we know that the love of god is in us and it's perfected in us

33:55

christ says here again about keeping his word to the church in philadelphia i know

34:01

your works behold i have set before you an open door and no man can shut it so

34:06

so once god gives us authorization to preach his word to do his will

34:12

who no nobody can stop us we just keep going we don't need to tweak what we're saying

34:19

you know oh i better tweak what i'm saying so that i can please google as if google is my god

34:25

i better tweak what i'm saying so that i can please meta or facebook as if meta or facebook is my god

34:33

this this is irrelevant we're going to preach the word of god come what may

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but what we do know is as long as god is authorizing this word to be preached nobody can stop it there's always going

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to be a way even if we have to get very creative there's always going to be a way even when the apostle paul was arrested and

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put in roman prison he ended up converting the roman guards

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so god's will is always at work and nothing can withstand it and this is the kind of confidence we need to have

35:04

not compromising not trying to fit in to a pagan satan demonic

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[Music] guidelines he says for you had a little strength

35:16

but you've kept my word you've kept my word this is what the psalm 119 is all about

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quicken me according to your word because we've been faithful to your word and you've not denied my name

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back to psalm 119 verse 155 he says he says salvation

35:34

is far from the wicked yes indeed it is sadly

35:41

sadly when god comes he's coming with judgment and salvation is far from the wicked

35:48

because they do not seek your statutes they don't care they've gone full atheism

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or full demonic worship and they've completely rejected

35:59

god's word so there's no salvation is not available to them

36:05

he says great are they tender mercies again this is covenant understanding we

36:10

understand god's commitment to israel and he will never turn his back on israel that he's in covenant and we need

36:16

to understand what covenant means we think we think covenant is a contract you know i do

36:23

until yeah i do for now and then when things get inconvenient

36:29

i'll i'll change my mind but god gives us marriage that will understand covenant

36:35

and he gives us the whole book of hosea so we'll understand marriage covenant and what it means

36:40

so we can understand god's tender mercies in jacob his tender mercies are not spread

36:46

throughout the whole world to everybody it doesn't matter who they are what they are what they do

36:51

that's a that's some people's concept of god when we study the scriptures his tender mercies are toward israel and those

36:59

grafted in who become israel great are their tender mercies o lord

37:04

quicken me according to your judgments he says

37:10

many are my persecutors and my enemies think about that

37:15

and i see uh brother jeffrey is saying it's worth repeating we need to have confidence in

37:22

god's word and not compromise thank you brother jeffrey and let's all just take a moment to reflect on that

37:29

that that's that's what we're called to we're not called to compromise we're called to have confidence in god's

37:36

word that we study it god said it and this is this is abraham god said it abraham trusted god's word

37:43

and he knew it's impossible for god to lie and that's that's what we're seeing here with with the psalmist

37:49

here in chapter 119 it's impossible for god to lie and this is this is our approach

37:56

he says many are my persecutors and my enemies can you just take a

38:02

moment and think about that what kind of life do you have when you have many persecutors

38:10

and you have many enemies and everywhere you turn they're disparaging your name they're

38:15

destroying your character destroying your reputation taking things away from you you have to be on the run what kind

38:22

of life is that and yet he says i do not decline from your testimonies

38:29

that that is quite something and this is what god is calling us to

38:34

this this is our success formula that when we just get to this place where okay

38:40

i'm in this and we're really in this you know and there's going to be a handful of us that are really taking

38:46

this seriously and we will know each other we we we will have proven

38:51

over time daniel chadwick michigan and abednego they knew each other they've been through different

38:56

experiences where they knew who who they could turn to and that's why we have to spend time

39:02

together and that's why we have to study together and that's how we build trust together

39:08

so when the crisis comes and low it will come we know who we can turn to

39:14

and then also we've had a few trial runs where you know maybe we we fell short

39:19

we should acknowledge that you know what wow i nearly slept there i nearly went along

39:24

with all of this i got taken in it's a time of deception everywhere

39:30

and maybe i just have to acknowledge you know what i got taken in there got to be careful

39:35

i think i i will have to say when you know what is it um march 2020

39:43

we reverse first hit with this pandemic i didn't know what it was seemed like a legitimate thing

39:51

then like we could all do our part and help each other and and let's not assemble for now

39:57

you physically so we pivoted very quickly so that we could assemble digitally virtually and not interrupt

40:03

our service so there was no interruption of service we just pivoted very quickly but after a while it became clear this

40:10

is mischief this is mischief and you know fool me once

40:17

shame on you fool me twice shame on me so i think all of us can take some time

40:24

and just reflect how how how did we do over the last two years

40:30

you know were we quick to turn on each other

40:35

as an elder as a minister we stopping brethren at the door and saying show me your vaccination

40:41

status and if you're not vaccinated you can't come in here is is that how we were dividing the body

40:46

of christ if we were i think some serious reflection is required

40:52

if we're going to be successful going forward this was a bit of a rehearsal

40:57

and an opportunity for us to reflect how did we do and for us to be stronger to be stronger together and to encourage and edify one

41:04

another not accuse one another not degrade one another but just to acknowledge hey how do we do how can we

41:10

do better many and then this is this is gonna be our

41:15

story this is gonna be our story if you stand for christ we're going to be in the minority

41:21

and we're going to have many persecutors from every angle everybody's going to hate us for standing for christ

41:28

and not going along with pride month it's going to be very clear it's going to be the whole month

41:33

and everybody has to declare their affinity and approval of pride month and if you

41:39

don't you will be hated you you're a bigot well this is the sort of thing that's going to be happening

41:45

it's amazing this monkey box is quite fascinating this is a very clear issue

41:52

and yet we can't say anything about it we can't talk about it it's just just hey don't stigmatize anything but we're

41:59

happy to stigmatize christians during covet many are my persecutors and my enemies

42:05

yet do i not decline from your testimonies that is such an amazing verse and what

42:11

we are called to i beheld the transgressors and was grieved

42:18

because they kept not thy word and i think verse 158 was uh

42:24

very impactful for me when i first read it i just see a note here from posen otto just wanted to say hello to everyone wonderful he'll watch later uh

42:32

all his mothers in er tests positive for covet and has heart problems so that's that's truly very very serious so

42:38

certainly we can uh say a prayer for julie's mother you know when people have underlying

42:44

conditions when they're elderly this uh virus is very very serious

42:50

so we certainly want to take a moment and pause and pray for

42:56

julie's mother but very nice that she would pause and check in for us by checking with us thanks to sister

43:02

carlotta so this is an interesting verse he says i beheld the transgressors so

43:10

he's watching them and they grieved him because they kept not your word so to me

43:16

when i read this verse there's an expectation that they would keep the word that they

43:22

heard the words of this prophecy in in the audience with us so they knew the words of this prophecy

43:30

but they didn't keep his word they chose to reject it and that has caused him grief as they transgress

43:37

against god's word and this is the prophetic understanding that we have to have

43:43

of the church in the end time that many are going to be offended

43:49

and many are going to choose to transgress and when we know that they had access to

43:54

the word of god as we do it's going to cause great grief so this

44:00

is a great great grief that beheld the transgressivism was grieved because they kept not your word

44:08

consider how i love your precepts so again it seems like he's on death's door he's certainly in great crisis

44:16

consider how i love your precepts quicken me o lord according to thy cassette

44:23

again he understands there's a deep understanding that he has of the covenant love

44:28

and despite the the many enemies the and again the the persecution of the

44:34

transgressors and i'm kind of adding that putting two and two together he's grieved these are

44:40

transgressions that kept not your word it seems that these people have turned on him he says many are my enemies and

44:47

then he's beholding the transgressors why is he beholding them because they've turned on it

44:52

and it grieves him because they haven't kept his word to love one another to obey the commands of god god says

44:59

here in matthew 24 and sister julius thanking us thanks sister julie

45:05

matthew 24 and verse 8 all these are the beginning of sorrows and that we

45:12

we're we're in the beginning of sorrows and again we have to toughen up we have to be strong we have to this is a

45:18

marathon it's not a sprint we have to get our pacing right get our breathing right make sure we're
doing the
45:24
conditioning and the training so that we can just keep the pace to the end
45:29
and he says when you see all of this trouble all of this chaos all of this unraveling it's the
beginning
45:36
it's the beginning of sorrows we're entering into this new phase we're entering into this new
season and it's
45:42
going to be a season defined by sorrow just be be ready
45:49
you know they're gonna they've released this uh covet virus
45:54
now we're dealing with monkey pox who knows what's coming next and they want to take over
our immune
46:00
system so that it's amped up for one thing and then we're blindsided by something else
46:05
that our immune system is now optimized for something that no longer is an issue because there
are variants after
46:11
variance after variance and we're like three or four versions behind and not only that now there's
a whole
46:17
new thing that's come and our our immune system has been compromised and if not us our
loved ones
46:24
and if not the virus people are going to be thrown in jail that we love and if not jail they're going
to be fired or
46:30
they can't find employment or they can't buy or sell
46:36
this is the beginning of sorrows this is just the beginning and so we've just to be
46:43
christian is tough this is going to be really tough but god's going to give us his holy
46:50
spirit more of his holy spirit more understanding of his word so that we can get through all of
this
46:56
he says these are the beginning of sorrows at this time they shall deliver you up to
47:02

be afflicted and shall kill you and you shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake so again many are my

47:09

enemies many and not just hated by all nations

47:15

what's really painful is verse 10 and then shall many be offended

47:20

these are the transgressors and shall betray one another and shall hate one another the

47:26

commandment is to love one another and so it's going to grieve us when we see

47:32

brethren who should be in this fellowship in this covenant of love that they're going to

47:38

turn the pressure's too much the deception is too great and they're going to turn and end up

47:44

hated and betrayed so cause the psalmist great grief that

47:50

that truly is a deep suffering steep psychological suffering where people you thought you could rely on

47:56

turn against you i think knowingly they just they can't follow through

48:03

god's word he says in verse 160 your word is true from the beginning wow

48:12

it's true from the beginning and it's true forever this is god says in revelation 1 he is the

48:18

faithful witness and the first begotten from the dead he's the faithful witness

48:24

we can trust him we can trust his word what we realize is nothing else makes

48:30

sense nothing there's there's no explanation of of reality that makes any sense at

48:37

all except for god's word and he's the what he came and brought to us he's the faithful witness

48:44

and he makes us understand the whole of his word your word is true from the beginning from genesis to revelation

48:52

your word is true from the beginning and every one of thy righteous judgments endures forever

48:58

it's just amazing that we have this anchor and this solid foundation

49:05

princes have persecuted me without a cause

49:10

but my heart stands in awe of your word you know this to me again 161 i mentioned it

49:17

earlier this is the sort of thing this is the sort of understanding that

49:22

we don't know now how we're going to get through what lies ahead

49:27

what we do know is we will get through it and part of the understanding i think we're beginning to

49:33

see is god's word is alive and the holy spirit is alive

49:38

and as the times intensify so does god's holy spirit and as the times intensify

49:46

so does our understanding of god's word and so we find ourselves

49:51

increasingly growing in understanding growing in our ability to resist evil

49:59

growing in our ability to stand up to princes and so these princes these chiefs these

50:05

kings these politicians these leaders of tech

50:10

giant giant tech companies they have an agenda

50:16

and the christian stands in the way and the christian understanding

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and the gospel stand in the way and oppose their agenda their their their anti-human

50:28

anti-christic agenda and so they're going to be against what we preach even though what we preach

50:35

is perfectly reasonable that we should love one another that we should love god that we should obey his word

50:41

this gets in their way and so let's not be surprised

50:48

if we become the targets of some of the most powerful people in the world not because we're anything

50:55

special but because of god's word and our understanding of his word but because of that understanding

51:02

we stand in awe of his word and we actually see

51:07

that everything that's happening around us is actually happening according to his

51:12

word so the more they persecute us the more god opens our understanding to say
51:17
that this is happening exactly as i have prophesied and we're in awe
51:22
and we stand against them with with great confidence because they are actually proving that
51:28
god's word is true it's the whole thing is quite amazing but trust me brethren
51:34
god is going to give us everything we need to get through whatever we have to face
51:39
you know when when uh they were when they were thrown in the uh furnace
51:45
and the king looks to say there's three men and supposed to be there but there's a fourth one god
always provides
51:51
no matter how intense the heat no matter how intense the persecution he always provides
51:57
and he's providing now all of these studies that we're doing all of these different books that
we're studying putting two and two together
52:04
here a little there a little connecting the dots getting a holistic understanding at the macro level
52:09
drilling down at the micro level understanding the personal journey all of this
52:14
is strengthening us for what lies ahead and if not us the generation that follows us that as we
52:21
grasp all of this we pass the baton of understanding to the next generation so
52:27
that they can face whatever it is that must be faced there's always going to be a faithful witness
on the earth
52:34
through the holy spirit why not us why not us why not us who are studying
52:39
his word to be strengthened in his word and to stand in all to stand in awe of his word
52:47
i rejoice at your word as one that finds great spoil
52:53
that's that's again this this level of understanding this is this is not superficial
52:58
this is not only i read the bible from cover to cover once i had no idea what it was saying
53:03
this is a deep dive and it's that's what this is unbelievable while we're
53:09

accessing and it's just it's just not available to the wicked because they don't have the patience they don't have the desire they

53:15

don't have the appreciation for god's word but i rejoice at thy word as one that finds great spoil here in

53:22

colossians 3 and verse 16 he the apostle paul instructs us let the

53:28

word of christ dwell in you richly let it don't resist it

53:35

attend the studies do your personal study listen to the preachers who are preaching the truth

53:41

and and let the word of christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom

53:47

teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs that's what we're doing right now

53:53

brethren we're going through the psalms teaching and admonishing one another with our

53:58

understanding that's coming from the psalms and and then when we sing the hymns and have an understanding of what is it we're singing

54:04

and the spiritual songs singing with grace in your hearts to the lord this is the joys as he rejoices at your word

54:12

we rejoice in singing we can rejoice in song and in understanding he goes on to say

54:18

in verse 60 163 he says i hate end up poor

54:25

lying i hate and abhor lying

54:30

and all of us have to get here it needs to be a despicable thing to us that a human being

54:36

made in the image and likeness of god who is the word

54:42

that out of a human being's mouth made in the image and likeness of god would come words that that human being knows

54:49

as the words are coming out of his or her mouth they're not true they're not true

54:55

and there we are like fools listening to this word thinking okay well i wouldn't lie i don't think they

55:00

would lie and so we just accepted only to find out later they were lying god

55:06

hates this and then anybody who has the holy spirit will hate it as well

55:12

abhorrent hate it and abhor it you know have some had some work done

55:19

recently uh on my vehicle and just in a small village

55:25

no paper signed nothing just okay this is the work that bring it in on this day this is the fee pick it up on this day

55:33

didn't even well kobe we didn't even shake hands it's just your word gave his word i gave my word we're good

55:40

this is the way it used to be done so you have to kind of be in a small village to have this kind of uh trust

55:46

it's a village you know we live in the village you're not we're not going to expect you to lie to us

55:51

and that's that's what happens when people are in the community and we all know one another we can't have a reputation for being liars

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we have to be have a reputation for being truth-tellers even against our own hurt when you live in a big city and you're

56:04

anonymous and nobody cares and and we have politicians who just lie all the time

56:10

this is something we have to hate and abhor but by law do i love in revelation

56:16

22 and verse 14 he says blessed are they that do his commandments so john at the

56:22

end of all of this the vision the understanding that he had he just concludes wow

56:28

you know what those who do his commandments they are blessed

56:34

and that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into

56:40

the city because outside of the city are dogs and sorcerers and whoremongers and

56:46

murderers and idolaters and whosoever loves

56:52

and makes a lie this is serious brethren this is serious

56:58

in the new world you will never have a human being

57:03

made in the image and likeness of god that words come out of that person's mouth male or female young world words

57:11

come out of that person's mouth and they're false knowingly this is this will never happen

57:18

it's going to be a world where everybody who said whatever comes out of their mouth is just true it's

57:23

just the concept that somebody would say something that just isn't true that that just wouldn't even occur to us

57:29

but this is the world that we live in today and and god is going to clean this up

57:35

and we need to conform ourselves to the mind of christ that we just don't do this we just don't do this come what may

57:43

verse 164 seven times a day do i praise you

57:49

because of your righteous judgments

57:55

so so he had some sort of um a pattern here he says he gets up really early

58:01

he so now there's another place i think it's daniel three times a day this is seven times a day so it was like really

58:07

early through the day into the latent of the night he's just constantly he's in such trouble

58:13

that he's constantly turning to god and we certainly are going to be in great trouble

58:18

and this is these are the sort of um scriptures that we'll need to turn to to see what is the formula out of this mess

58:25

and it's always going to be to trust god and to trust his word i see here just a note from

58:31

brother jeffrey he says here to grasp the concept of coming

58:37

persecution actually reinforcing the truth of god's word will be most helpful

58:42

and it's worth meditating on exactly thank you for that uh brother jeffrey so

58:48

the the persecution and again this is only gonna happen if we're studying god's word it's a big

58:54

book it's a book of books there's a lot of content in here and so things can be happening right in

59:00

front of our faces but if we're not studying the word we don't recognize what this is

59:06

it's like the ancient israel when they found the book of the law it was totally neglected and they picked up this book

59:12

and found it and had all kinds of understanding that they didn't have well if we're not studying the word

59:17

things are going to be happening all around us and we don't recognize it so we need to be studying in order for

59:23

us to be encouraged and strengthened by the persecution

59:28

because we understand it he says great peace this is the great peace have

59:35

they which love your law and nothing shall offend them i think

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when i used to hear this verse and i guess i would hear it more through

59:45

the hymns great peace have they which love your law and nothing shall offend them or

59:51

maybe a minister is preaching and they would preach this but in the early days when i would hear this

59:56

i would think on a personal level that if i love god's law

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then when a brother or a sister does something that could potentially offend me i'm not going to be offended

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and i think there is truth to that but in studying the psalmist

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and psalm 119 in context so if we think of the 164 verses

1:00:22

which have come before verse 165 then this is to do with real persecution

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that again just what uh brother jeffrey was pointing out that with this persecution

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we can have great peace it's like we understand this this this all makes sense this is exactly what god

1:00:42

said would happen and so despite everything falling apart despite facing tremendous persecution

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and affliction we can still have this great peace

1:00:55

because christ says this is the beginning of sorrows and then he says and many shall be offended

1:01:02

so so they don't have peace they don't have understanding and they shall betray and hate one another

1:01:08

we're going to be of those that as all of this begins to unravel

1:01:13

and you know people can be very strange when they can't find food insanity sets in

1:01:20

but we're going to be ready for this and we're going to have this peace because we're going to have this

1:01:25

understanding we're going to be in awe of god's word and when you're in awe of god's word

1:01:31

you're not offended so this great peace is more than just you know a personal

1:01:37

conflict this is at the macro level when everything really begins to fall

1:01:43

apart we're gonna have great peace because we have this understanding that his

1:01:48

appearing is any moment now he says in verse

1:01:54

166 lord i have hoped for your salvation

1:01:59

and done your commandments again you can really hear the confidence that he has in god's word because he's

1:02:06

following god's word he he's not a hypocrite he is he's wholehearted

1:02:13

and therefore he can have confidence in god's plan and in god's salvation

1:02:18

he says my soul has kept your testimonies and i love them exceedingly

1:02:25

this is this is again the insight the under by keeping the testimonies there's an understanding

1:02:32

that he has arrived at that is not available to those who don't keep the word

1:02:38

so so there's this understanding that he's arrived at that he's in awe of god's word

1:02:44

this is this is not academic this is not oh i was studying this and it really makes sense now this is living

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it i was living it and i experienced it and in the experience my mind was blown

1:02:57

away i was blown away by the power of god's word through living it

1:03:04

my soul has kept your testimonies and i love them exceedingly i love your word exceedingly

1:03:11

i have kept your precepts and your testimony testimonies for all my ways

1:03:17

are before you and this is where we need to get to where we're tremendous persecution is

1:03:24

all around everything's unraveling we have this great joy and this great peace in god's

1:03:30

word because of how we live and we can put everything before god

1:03:36

and have and have confidence in him he says

1:03:42

so now we come to the final stanza tau

1:03:47

so we've gone from from a to zed from a left to tau let my cry

1:03:54

come near before you o lord give me understanding according to your

1:04:00

word and according to god's word there's always a faithful remnant

1:04:06

according to god's word there's always somebody on the earth that he can work through he's not here

1:04:11

now he's coming but he's not here now but his holy spirit is here and his holy spirit is working through

1:04:19

men and women like you and i and so according to his word

1:04:25

there is always going to be a faithful remnant so why not us

1:04:30

why not us give me understanding according to your word let my supplication come before you

1:04:37

deliver me according to your word it's almost like a theme according to your word according to your word you know

1:04:44

christ died was buried and then he was resurrected according to

1:04:50

god's word exactly according to the word we are christians we're following christ

1:04:55

so we want everything to happen in our lives according to his word

1:05:01

my lips shall utter praise when you have taught me thy statutes and

1:05:07

it's almost like in any circumstance whatever situation we're in we're just able to utter praise

1:05:13

strengthen the brethren convict the evil doers speak to princes

1:05:18

it doesn't matter what the situation is god's word is going to always come through us flow through us through the

1:05:25

power of his holy spirit he says my tongue shall speak of your word for all your commandments are

1:05:31

righteousness you know this this psalmist and i believe it's king david he is convinced

1:05:37

he's not just convinced he's convicted he's done his homework he's he's arrived at a depth of

1:05:44

understanding and he's just he's all in he's all in and this is where we need to

1:05:50

be the the future that we're rapidly heading into it's bizarre

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it's bizarre and what they'll be able to do with technology probably they're able to do it now it

1:06:02

just hasn't been fully rolled out but the world we're gonna face with this

1:06:08

technological just distortion of reality

1:06:13

and control it's gonna be a very strange time

1:06:19

it's hard to understand what lies ahead but we need to have this absolute

1:06:24

conviction in the ancient text the more modern the world becomes the

1:06:30

more we need to rely on the ancient text because his word is true from the beginning

1:06:35

his word is true from the beginning he says my tongue shall speak of your word that

1:06:42

that means there has to be an understanding there there has to be it's just whatever circumstance we find ourselves in we can

1:06:48

address it we can explain it we can contradict evil we can support and edify the brethren

1:06:55

because no matter what's going on we have an understanding and we can speak not just

1:07:01

wildly but with precision my tongue shall speak of your word

1:07:06

for all your commandments or righteousness let your hand help me for i have chosen your precepts

1:07:15

now i said earlier

1:07:22

the psalmist is giving us this insight into what what's happening on a personal

1:07:27

level but we also have an understanding of the macro level and so here he says let your hand help

1:07:34

me for i have chosen your precepts and you could almost say the transgressors haven't we were all

1:07:41

together but the transgressors rejected your precepts i've chosen your precepts let your hand

1:07:48

help me they've turned against me let your hand help me and so we can see at the macro level in

1:07:55

habakkuk so this is what's happening in the micro psalm 119 with the faithful but what's going on at

1:08:02

the macro level he says here behold you among the heathen habakkuk 1

1:08:08

verse 5. and regard and wonder marvelously

1:08:14

for i will work a work in your days which you will not believe though i'd be told you and and we don't

1:08:21

have to you know what is this work he tells us in the very next verse what the work is

1:08:26

you know i had some uh false minister saying that this work that you will not believe

1:08:31

was his ministry that his ministry was this work that everybody wouldn't believe no god tells

1:08:37

us what the work is it's in the very next verse for lo i raise up the chaldeans that bitter and

1:08:44

hasty nation which shall march through the breath of the land to possess the

1:08:49

dwelling places that are not theirs and we could just between the lines they're going to possess the dwelling

1:08:55

places that belong to israel the land that belongs to israel is going to be taken away from them

1:09:02

they are terrible and dreadful their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves their horses also

1:09:08

are swifter than the leopards and are more fierce than the evening walls and their horsemen shall spread

1:09:14

themselves and their horsemen shall come from afar they shall fly as an eagle that haste to eat

1:09:21

they shall come all for violence they have one thing on their mind they shall come all for violence and they're coming

1:09:27

against god's people this is ugly and this is at the macro level what's happening

1:09:33

and then when we read the psalms we see what's happening on the personal level that despite all of this there's always

1:09:39

a faithful remnant and there's a people who can appeal to god in the midst of this crisis for him to

1:09:46

save them they shall come all for violence their faces shall suck up as the east wind

1:09:51

they shall gather the captivity as the sand and so the sand remember jacob

1:09:56

shall his seat shall be as the sand this is going to just gather them up and yet there's going to be

1:10:03

a faithful remnant habakkuk was confused by this work that god himself said this

1:10:08

is what i'm going to do i'm going to raise up these wicked chaldeans babylonians and they're going

1:10:14

to slaughter my people and habakkuk says you are of purer eyes than to behold

1:10:19

evil and cannot look on iniquity why do you look upon them that deal

1:10:25

treacherously and hold your tongue when the wicked devours the man

1:10:30

that is more righteous than he so habakkuk couldn't understand what is going on and what will be the fate

1:10:37

of god's people and when all of this crisis happens we turn to the psalms

1:10:43

to see what is the personal experience of the follower of the way

1:10:50

who has a true relationship with god in the midst of this crisis and we see it here in psalm 119

1:10:57

he says i have longed for your salvation o lord and your law is my delight remember the

1:11:03

law was being slapped in the time of ancient israel people were compromising with the law and great evil was was

1:11:10

flourishing in the covenant community but there's always a faithful remnant and here the psalmist says

1:11:17

i've longed for your salvation i'm looking to you o lord and your law your law is my delight i delight in your law

1:11:25

let my soul live and it shall praise you and that's not a small thing

1:11:31

that god will not be praised in the grave

1:11:38

the the when we're in the grave we cease to praise god and again the psalmist understands this he said so

1:11:44

and so he says let my soul live and it will praise you it will bring others to you

1:11:50

it will declare your testimonies and your faithfulness but the experience that that i've had

1:11:55

he's saying you can really use me and i will devote myself to you let my soul live and it shall praise

1:12:02

thee and let your judgments help me i have gone astray like a lost sheep

1:12:10

seek your servant for i do not forget your commandments and this is how

1:12:16

this longest chapter ends i've gone astray like a lost sheep

1:12:23

seek your servant for i do not forget thy commandments in isaiah 53 he says you know not just the

1:12:30

psalmist again this is this is the personal experience but we can look at the bigger experience he says

1:12:36

all we like sheep have gone astray isaiah 53 verse 6. we've all gone astray

1:12:41

we've turned everyone to his own way and the lord hath laid on him the iniquity of his all of us all so there

1:12:48

is an answer to our straying from god's law and that answer is christ

1:12:55

and christ himself when the psalmist says seek your servant i've gone astray like a lost sheep
seek your servant

1:13:01

christ himself says in matthew 18 how think you if a man has a hundred sheep

1:13:07

and one of them be gone astray does he not leave the 1909 and go into the mountains and seek
that which has gone

1:13:14

astray and if so be that he find it verily i say unto you he rejoices more of that

1:13:20

sheep than of the 1909 which went not astray so the psalmist that n psalm 119

1:13:29

really is one of these sheep of the of the 1999 they're fine he's the

1:13:35

one that says he's gonna stray and god rejoices that he wants to come back now let's just end our
study of psalm

1:13:43

119 in i think these verses here in romans 8

1:13:48

are very very encouraging uh romans 8 he says nay

1:13:54

in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us

1:14:00

it's it's through him it's it's his work not ours it's his loving kindness his

1:14:07

faithfulness the covenant this is our strength so through this

1:14:12

covenant love that we've learned about through studying the psalms through we are more than
conquerors

1:14:19

through him that loved us for i am persuaded that neither death

1:14:24

nor life nor angels nor principalities nor powers

1:14:30

nor things present nor things to come christ says all these are the beginning of sorrows so there
are things to come

1:14:37

that we don't even fully under appreciate yet or understand yet but it doesn't matter because i'm
persuaded that neither death

1:14:43

nor life nor angels nor principalities nor powers nor things present nor things

1:14:48

to come nor height nor depth

1:14:53

nor any other creature so there's a lot coming at us a lot of new capabilities that the wicked

1:15:01

are unleashing and through the depth of understanding that we see the psalmist have

1:15:08

that we see the apostle paul has here that he's encouraging us through the romans that nothing
nor heighten or death nor

1:15:15

any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of god

1:15:20

which is in christ jesus our lord amen to that so this is the the conviction

1:15:28

that we need to have that i think we we are gaining that we certainly can appreciate in our
brother who i believe

1:15:34

is king david who penned psalm 119 but whoever it is just a

1:15:40

deep deep deep appreciation for god's word for his commandments for his covenant

1:15:46

love and and all of that in the midst of

1:15:52

or pat or perhaps because of the tremendous persecution

1:15:57

that he was facing so christ tells us it's relevant to us because christ tells us that what we're

1:16:04

seeing now in society it's the beginning of sorrows but it doesn't matter

1:16:10

through this growing in the grace and knowledge of christ through this increased understanding
this deeper

1:16:16

conviction this deeper understanding that we're gaining nothing is going to separate us from the

1:16:21

love of god so brethren that's psalm 119 what we're going to do now i'm going to take two
weeks off so we'll take a

1:16:28

hiatus for two weeks when we come back god willing in september i'm going to

1:16:35

begin the prophet joel so we'll begin the prophet joel god willing when we come back in two
weeks

1:16:42

certainly hope you've enjoyed psalm 119. i've certainly learned a lot from it i've certainly

1:16:48

gained a greater appreciation for psalm 119 than i had previously i hope you did as well god
bless you brethren good

1:16:55

night jesus is lord

1:18:47

you