

Pastor Murray's 2020 Count to Pentecost



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1. April 12th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:20 AM

Good morning everyone. Today is the day the Wave Sheaf was offered picturing Christ's acceptance by The Father as our perfectly obedient sacrifice, King of Kings, Lord of Lord's, and many other titles and roles He filled after being accepted and glorified by God. It is also Day 1 of Week 1 of our count to Pentecost. Have a blessed day.

2. April 13th, 2020



Murray Palmatier

1:16 PM

Good afternoon brothers and sisters.

Today is Day 2 of the Count to Pentecost, and Day 5 of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. **Psa 119:1-4**

3. April 14th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 7:43 AM

Good morning all. Today is Day 3 of the count to Pentecost, and Day 6 of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Hope yours is going well...

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments. I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly. **Psa 119:5-8**

4. April 15th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 7:31 AM

Good High Sabbath morning! Hard to believe we are at the end of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Today is Day 7 of the Feast, and Day 4 of Week 1 of the count to Pentecost. May your worship and learning today inspire you...

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes. **Psa 119: 9-12**

5. April 16th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 9:21 AM

It's a beautiful morning where I am, heard Ottawa had snow yesterday. Hope this finds everyone well after a great Feast of Unleavened Bread. Today is **Day 5 of Week 1** in the count to Pentecost. Let's diligently build off of the momentum we receive in keeping God's Annual Festivals.

I have recited your laws and rejoiced in them more than in riches. I will meditate upon them and give them my full respect. I will delight in them and not forget them. Psa 119:13-16 (edited)

6. April 17th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:30 AM

Good Preparation Day morning!! Today is Day 6 of Week 1. Hope this finds everyone healthy and looking forward to Sabbath. Today's account is the first half of the 3rd stanza of Psalm 119 - and may our eyes be continually opened to the wonders of God's Law.

Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me. My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times. Psa 119:17-20

7. April 18th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:03 AM

A cheery Sabbath morning to everyone! Today marks the end of Week 1 in our count of 7 complete weeks to Pentecost (and also Day 7). A few years ago, Pastor George Ramocan tasked us with going through the 7 qualities found in **2 Peter 1** during this Feast of Weeks. As we conclude week 1, **v.5** of that chapter begins that list by telling us to "add to your faith, virtue". **Strong's G703** helps define **virtue** for us as "moral excellence". As we go through the 119th Psalm, we learn more about this "moral excellence" by developing a deep understanding of God's Law.

Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments. Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies. Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes. Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counselors. Psa 119:21-24

8. April 19th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 9:52 AM

We've arrived at Week 2 of the Feast of Weeks - today being Day 1. Overall, it is Day 8. Make it a great one!

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word. I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works. My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word. Psa 119:25-28 (edited)

9. April 20th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 9:14 AM

As we start the "work week", today is Day 9 of the count to Pentecost, and Day 2 of Week 2 of the Feast of Weeks. Have a safe and productive week! Today's posting is the first-half of the 5th stanza, and focuses on "truth" as it relates to the Law of God.

Remove from me the way of lying; and grant me thy law graciously. I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me. I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O Lord, put me not to shame. I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

Psa 119: 29-32

10. April 21st, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:22 AM

Good morning. Today is Day 10, and Day 3 of Week 2. We'll finish the 5th stanza in this epic poem today. Today's section reminds us that it takes understanding (a step up from knowledge) to keep God's law properly. A full understanding of its meaning and application will cause true believers to follow it joyfully - because we want to please God, and not ourselves.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. **Psa 119:33-36**

11. April 22nd, 2020



Murray Palmatier 9:04 AM

Today finds us in the middle of Week 2 (Day 4), and Day 11 overall in our Feast of Weeks count. A deep understanding of God's Law requires us to lay aside our pride and humbly ask God to refine us into the righteous followers He wants us to be.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way. Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear. Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness. **Psa 119:37-40**

12. April 23rd, 2020



Murray Palmatier 8:45 AM

Good morning all! Today is Day 12 of the Count, and Day 5 of Week 2. As we contemplate the situation we find ourselves in, I heard an interesting comment on a podcast featuring Tucker Carlson. In response to the panic that has set in, Tucker believes that the secularization of our nations is at the root of the panic. He said he would be interested in a study that would compare the levels of panic between Christians and non-believers. The assurance of God's Word, that He promises He will never break is the source of the calm we should all be feeling, and leveraging for growth. The next half-stanza of Psalm 119 conveys that very message. Thoughts?

*Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word. So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word. And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments. So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. **Psa 119:41-44***

13. April 24th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:52 AM

Good morning...today is Day 13 of the count, and Day 6 of Week 2...meaning Preparation Day for Sabbath! May yours be a good one! We are looking forward to being together, in various live streamed messages, and subsequent discussion gatherings afterwards. This evening also marks the beginning of the 2nd month of the calendar. Knowing when the months begin is crucial in helping us know when Annual Holy Time arrives.

*And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts. I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes. **Psa 119:45-48***

14. April 25th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 7:30 AM

Happy Sabbath to one and all!! We have arrived at the **2nd Sabbath** of the Feast of Weeks - **day 14** of the 50-day count. As I noted last week, we were admonished in years past to go through the 7 qualities in **2 Peter 1**. Last week we looked at virtue, or moral excellence. Peter goes on to say, in **v.5**, to add "to virtue knowledge". [Strong's G1108](#) helps us understand what Peter means by knowledge. In context (which is always key), once we have committed to a life of moral excellence, we need to know how moral excellence is defined...that is through the doctrine or truth of God's Holy Word. Before we can proceed to the levels of understanding and wisdom, we need to become familiar with the truth that is God's Word...and that all begins with His Law. As we see in today's selection of Psalm 119, God's Law (truth) gives us hope in times of affliction.

*Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law. I remembered thy judgments of old, O Lord; and have comforted myself. **Psa 119:49-52***

15. April 26th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 11:09 AM

Good morning! Sounds like everyone had a great Sabbath! What a treat it was to hear from Brother George - thanks to the many who made the service a blessing. Today is the beginning of week 3, day 15 of the count. Have a great day with your families.

*Indignation has taken hold of me because of the wicked, who forsake Your law. Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. I remember Your name in the night, O Lord, and I keep Your law. This has become mine, because I kept Your precepts. **Psa 119:53-56.***

16. April 27th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 9:26 AM

As we begin another work week this morning, we find ourselves on Day 16 - Day 2 of Week 3. As we begin the 8th Stanza, we see the need to appeal to God's mercy in His judgment of our keeping of His Law. Despite our best efforts, we require God's mercy, which He also promises to those who actively seek Him.

*Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep thy words. I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments. **Psa 119:57-60.***

17. April 28th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 9:57 AM

Today is Day 3 of Week 3 of the Feast of Weeks - Day 17 of the count to Pentecost. Despite whatever circumstances we find ourselves in, God's Law (His Word, His Way of Life) gives us purpose and unites us, as we see in today's segment of the 119th Psalm.

*The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law. At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments. I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts. The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes. **Psa 119:61-64***

18. April 29th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 8:28 AM

Good morning! We are now on **Day 18** of the count to Pentecost - and **Day 4 of Week 3** of the Feast of Weeks. As we begin the 9th stanza, we see David's appreciation that we can trust God to act according to His Word, which helps to make up His Law. As we grow in the knowledge of His Law, understanding how we should apply it in our lives helps develop proper judgment, or discernment. There is something powerful about the simple statement that "God is good".

*Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, according unto thy word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes. **Psa 119:65-68***

19. April 30th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:19 AM

It's Thursday -- we're almost there, just one more sleep plus a few hours until Sabbath arrives again!! Today is Day 19 and Day 5 of Week 3 of the Feast of Weeks count. We complete the 9th stanza today with a look at perspective - while the ungodly work against those that are Christ's...we are driven TO God and His Law for solace, peace and assurance. When we find ourselves in times of trial, do we make it a special point to increase our intensity for God and studying His Word - through more prayer, study, meditation and even fasting? This Feast of Weeks, spent in isolation, should be such a time of increased

intensity.

*The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart. Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. **Psa 119:68-72***

20. May 1st, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:10 AM

Welcome to the end of the work week...Sabbath is just around the corner. May yours be an edifying and productive one. We are on **Day 6 of Week 3** of the Feast of Weeks - **Day 20** overall. When Christ began His ministry and told His disciples "*Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law*" (**Mat 5:18**), the word jot is referring to the smallest letter - in Hebrew, that letter is *jod* (or *yod* or *yud*) - and the letter than begins each line of this stanza in Hebrew.

*Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments. They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word. I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant. **Psa 119:73-76***

21. May 2nd, 2020



Murray Palmatier 8:31 AM

Good Sabbath morning! What a blessing it is to be able to say that each week - to know that this gift from God comes to us every seven days! We have now *completed 3 full weeks*. Today is **Day 21** of the 50 day count. Interestingly, we'd been covering the 7 qualities, one each week, found in **2 Peter 1**. Last week, Pastor Ramocan went over them in detail. In **v.6**, Peter tells us to add "*to knowledge temperance*". [G1466](#) in Strong's describes temperance as self-control or self-restraint. Knowledge is power, and it can also be a powerful fuel for self-will. To be able to use the knowledge of God properly requires that we master our own will and align it with God's will.

*Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight. Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts. Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies. Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed. **Psa 119:77-80***

22. May 3rd, 2020



Murray Palmatier 9:36 AM

We've arrived at Week 4 - "hump week", I suppose for the Feast of Weeks - day 22 today. Hopefully everyone had a blessed Sabbath and were edified by the message(s) you were able to see...and perhaps some additional online fellowship as well. As we begin the 9th week of self-isolation, David's heartfelt emotion comes to the fore in the next section of the Psalm...this life we've made a covenant to is a long journey, and it requires perseverance. Assurance that God keeps His Word helps make the perseverance a little easier.

*My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word. Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me? For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes. How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me? **Psa 119:81-84***

23. May 4th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:26 AM

Good morning on this 23rd day of the count to Pentecost. Today is Day 2 of Week 4.

As we saw with yesterday's passage, David continues to acknowledge the pressure he feels being surrounded by those who live lives contrary to God's Word. Despite their continuous efforts against him, he was strengthened by his commitment to his covenant with God. His purposeful adherence to God's Way kept him on the right path. It also helped him understand the need to be upheld and strengthened by God with His Covenant love - "lovingkindness" is the Hebrew word "*chesed*" which conveys that thought. *The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law. All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me. They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts. Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.* **Psa 119:85-88**

24. May 5th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 11:19 AM

Good morning - another beautiful sunny day here. Hope you are all well on this **24th day** of the count. We are in the **4th week, day 3**. Like any good song or poem, it has been interesting to see how David addresses different aspects of the Law by stanza. The last two days we saw his emotion regarding the persecution he felt as a law-keeper, but his confidence in God and His Word. Today, we see his appreciation for the immortality of God's Word, how it serves His purposes, and gives us hope.

For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants. Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction. **Psa 119:89-92.**

25. May 6th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 11:15 AM

We've reached the middle of **Week 4 (Day 4)** and sit now at the half-way point of our count to Pentecost, **Day 25**. Tomorrow evening, after sunset, begins the 14th of the month, which means an opportunity, if you missed it, to take the Second Passover. Since we all took it at home this year, you likely will not need it. The importance of that evening is made manifest in that God provided a second opportunity.

I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me. I am thine, save me: for I have sought thy precepts. The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies. I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad. **Psa 119:93-96.**

26. May 7th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:33 AM

Good morning! Today is **Day 26** of the count. We are on **Day 5 of Week 4**. If anyone is taking the Second Passover this evening, may God bless your observance. If you get a chance to check out the full moon over the next day or two, take the opportunity. The signs in the heavens are a great reminder of God's power and plan...and help us keep count of holy time!

In today's excerpt, we see the maturing effect that a full appreciation of God's law has on our lives - moving us from knowledge to understanding to wisdom.

*O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. **Psa 119:97-100.***

27. May 8th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 8:54 AM

Good morning all. Today is **Day 27 of 50**, and **Day 6 of Week 4**. Another Sabbath is nearly upon us. This evening at sunset, we find ourselves on the **15th day of the 2nd month**. This was a very significant date in the story of the Exodus. **Exodus 16** tells us that this was the day God began raining manna down from heaven upon Israel. It seems they had about a month's worth of provisions before worry set in.

Unchecked, it grew into panic, and then anger against God and Moses for the situation they were in. Some significant takeaways for us during this Feast of Weeks, and during this crisis we are living through. The manna also was a test of obedience for them as well - which ultimately is a test of faith. Sabbath blessings to all. Thoughts?

*I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. **Psa 119:101-104.***



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Bible Gateway passage: Exodus 16 - King James Version

And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for y... Show more

28. May 9th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:01 AM

Good Sabbath morning. I looked out the window this morning and saw snowflakes - as I know many have at various points late this week, especially in the Kawartha and Ottawa areas. With the Sabbath today, we have completed **4 full weeks**. Today is **Day 28** of our count to Pentecost. Revisiting Peter's list, after adding to our faith virtue (moral excellence), knowledge and self-control, we come to patience (**2 Pet 1:6**).

Patience ([G5281](#)) is best described as perseverance and steadfastness. There is another interesting definition - to remain under, God gives us the ability to "remain under" the trials and situations that are our "refiner's fire" and "fuller's soap". David makes note of that in today's excerpt, as highlighted below - all the while asking that God continues to teach him through His Word. What an amazing God we serve! *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments. I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word. Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me thy judgments. Psa 119:105-108* (15th stanza).

29. May 10th, 2020



Murray Palmatier [10:22 AM](#)

Happy Mother's Day to all of the women in our lives that helped each of us get to where we are today. May each of our Moms know how much they are loved, honoured and appreciated. Today is **Day 29**, and **Day 1 of Week 5**. *My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law. The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts. Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end. Psa 119:109-112* (edited)

30. May 11th, 2020



Murray Palmatier [10:55 AM](#)

Good morning! Hopefully everyone enjoyed our one week of spring and summer last week. Winter is finally here again! Today is **Day 2 of Week 5**, and **Day 30** of the 50 day count to Pentecost. Another very meaningful excerpt today. We often call on God for physical deliverance, but God's promises are to protect us from outside attacks on the promise of Eternal Life, as long as we remain faithful to the covenant we agreed to and commemorated again nearly six weeks ago! Also interesting is that seeking safety in God does not mean hiding out - but sharing our hope with others, and not be ashamed of it. *I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love. Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word. Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God. Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope. Psa 119:113-116*

31. May 12th, 2020



Murray Palmatier [10:08 AM](#)

Good morning brothers and sisters. Today is **Day 31** of the count, and **Day 3 of Week 5** of the Feast of Weeks. Once again, today's passage reminds us the safety we have in God and His Law ("according to His Word" as we've read many times). David describes God's ability to deal with our enemies like taking out the trash. We want to be sure that we are on the right side of God...a daily reminder for us during this Feast of Weeks.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually. Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood. Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies. My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments. Psa 119:117-120

32. May 13th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:13 AM

Good Wednesday morning. We've hit the middle of the week, so that means it is **Day 4**, and we are in **Week 5**. Overall, this is **Day 32** of the count to 50. David, a man (imperfect though he was) after God's own heart desired to be judged by God rather than man. God's judgments are laid plain before us in His Torah, and His adherence to His covenant gives us comfort and peace in knowing that God's judgments will be right and good. Our pleas of repentance will also bring about His mercy.

*I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors. Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me. Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness. Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes. **Psa 119:121-124***

33. May 14th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:49 AM

Today is **Day 5 of Week 5**, and **Day 33** of the count. We've talked about wisdom, understanding and knowledge earlier on in the count. David comprehends that a more mature understanding of God and His Word also allows him to leave his enemies in God's hands. We maintain control of our thoughts, emotions, and focus and our efforts are best spent aligning them with God in prayer and study.

*I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies. It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law. Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way. **Psa 119:125-128.***

34. May 15th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 2:10 PM

Good afternoon everyone...a little later than usual, but Sabbath is nearly here! We are on **Day 6 of Week 5, Day 34** of the count to 50. As David notes in today's excerpt, one does not need to be intellectually smart according to this world's standards to understand God's ways. Faith, followed by commitment in baptism, and receipt of the Holy Spirit provides any person with the tools they need to understand God's Word. As we mature in our study of God's Word, the process from knowledge to understanding to wisdom is an amazing experience. When we put the effort in to get to know God, He rewards this faithfulness with the peace, calm and understanding that comes from this intimacy with His Word. Have a wonderful Sabbath!!

*Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them. The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments. Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name. **Psa 119:129-132***

35. May 16th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 8:43 AM

Good Sabbath morning Brothers and Sisters! We have come to the **end of the 5th full week** of the Feast of Weeks. Today is **Day 35** of the Count to Pentecost. If we go back to the list in **2 Peter 1**, we come to the trait of "Godliness" - adding it to virtue (moral excellence), knowledge, self-control and patience (perseverance or steadfastness). Strong's describes *godliness* (**G2150**) as a devoted or reverent response to all things Godly. This devotion builds on the growth that is covered in previous traits, and prepares us for the final two traits. We see *godliness* scattered throughout David's psalm, and in today's excerpt. He understands his humanity prevents him from keeping God's law properly on his own, but he has such a profound respect for God and His Word, that he pleads with God to guide him.

*Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes. Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law. **Psa 119:133-136***

36. May 17th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 11:22 AM

As we begin the **6th Week** of the Feast of Weeks, today is **Day 36**. There is something so magnificent yet so simple about the term "*righteous*". This is a quality we strive for as followers of The Way, and yet we fall short so often. That our God, The Holy One of Israel, is always in a state of *rightness* gives us the peace that surpasses all understanding. We need not worry, fret or be unsure. His Word, preserved for us, conveys to us this rightness. David's confidence in God's rightness, his justice, his righteousness, is inspirational.

*Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments. Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful. My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words. Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it. **Psa 119:137-140***

37. May 18th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 9:18 AM

Good Monday morning! For those in Canada, enjoy the extra day off today - despite the rain that has been with us for much of this holiday weekend. Today is **Day 37**, and **Day 2 of Week 6**. As I contemplate this stanza (yesterday's and today's excerpts), we really cannot relate (yet) to David's feelings of being despised for his beliefs. As much as the world is changing in its views and acceptance of the Christian faith, most of us have not been on the receiving end of **real and manifested hatred** for our beliefs...not here in North America, at least. The beauty of the Psalms is that they will become more and more relevant to God's people as the events of the scriptures play out. This is why we need to keep coming back to them, and studying them - our experiences change, and parts of His Word become more important and inspiring as circumstances change around us. Thoughts?

*I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights. The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live. **Psa 119:141-144***

38. May 19th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 9:35 AM

Good morning all!! This Tuesday, we are on **Day 3 of Week 6**, and **Day 38** of the Count to 50. As you read the Psalms (and feel free to check out the Bible Study archives for the first 72 Psalms so far), David was very passionately invested in his walk with God. This is made manifest in the vast array of emotions that he conveys in his poetic writings. Today begins the 19th stanza and we see a completely different emotion on display. I took the opportunity to clarify in brackets a few words in KJV that we don't necessarily use today. Have a blessed day.

*I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep thy statutes. I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies. I prevented (rose before) the dawning of the morning, and cried (for help): I hoped in thy word. Mine eyes prevent (are awake through) the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word. **Psa 119:145-148***

39. May 20th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:23 AM

Good morning! Today is **Day 39** of the 50 Day count. We are on **Day 4 of Week 6**. As we build on David's heartfelt emotion we talked about yesterday for this verse, David's plea cites his understanding that God acts according to His word, and David relies on that Word. The term "lovingkindness" is the Hebrew word *chesed* which refers to goodness, kindness and love specifically in reference to a covenant. It is that covenant that gives David hope, faith and trust - and is built upon His Word (His Law) that has been in force forever!

*Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O Lord, quicken me (revive me) according to thy judgment. They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law. Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth. Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever. **Psa 119:149-152***

40. May 21st, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:12 AM

Good morning. Today is **Day 5 of Week 6** - and **Day 40** of 50 in the count to Pentecost. We will take a one-day respite from Psalm 119 to call to light the significance of Day 40 in the count. The final ascension of Christ to take up His place at the right-hand of the Father is filled with meaning. It paved the way for the Holy Spirit to be given, en masse, to those who would repent and pledge allegiance to the God Who is Our Banner. The angel, speaking for God Himself, ensured that we were left with a sure promise...He will return. Part of the meaning of the count to Pentecost is to be diligent in that preparation. May we be doing all we can to make ourselves ready for the return of our Saviour. What else is meaningful to you, as you consider the 40th day of the count?

*The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. **Acts 1:1-4***

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out

of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. **Acts 1:9-11** (edited)

41. May 22nd, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:44 AM

Good morning! Another Sabbath preparation day is upon us...**Day 41** of the count to 50. Today is **Day 6 of Week 6**. I continue to be inspired by David's wide range of emotions that he exhibits in his writings in the Psalms. What we cannot miss is that regardless of his feelings (fear, anger, sadness, praise, etc), his complete dependence on God, His Word, and His commitment to that word brings him stability and surety. Have a blessed Sabbath, brothers and sisters.

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law. Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word. Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes. Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord: quicken me according to thy judgments. **Psa 119:153-156**

42. May 23rd, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:26 AM

Happy Sabbath everyone! Following today, we will have **completed 6 Sabbaths**. Today is **Day 42** of our count to 50. If we re-visit 2 Peter 1, as we have been doing on the Sabbaths, we find: "...add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness **brotherly kindness**". We find ourselves on a gradual maturity incline of sorts. The previous characteristics help build our character to the point that we are ready to put on the advanced qualities we'll see this week and next. *Brotherly kindness* ([G5360 - philadelphia](#)) is a special affection that develops among family...and in this case, our spiritual family. Bringing people from all walks of life together in a proactive, functioning unit that works together for God requires the Spirit of God. It also takes time and effort in putting on the mind of Christ, as represented by the previous characteristics.

Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies. I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word. Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy lovingkindness. Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. **Psa 119:157-160**

43. May 24th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 11:37 AM

Beautiful Sunday morning greetings to all. We begin **Week 7** today, the final week of the Feast of Weeks. Today is **Day 43**. Have a wonderful day, and don't forget all that God has done for us. We are so blessed, as David notes in today's passage. Have an awe-some day!

Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word. I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil. I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love. Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments. **Psa 119:161-164**

44. May 25th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 11:03 AM

Good morning! Today is **Day 44** of 50 - and **Day 2 of Week 7**. As we approach the end of this magnificent Psalm (we have one more stanza to cover over the next two days), David is bringing his thoughts to a meaningful conclusion. At the end of it all, God's way, explained to us by His Law brings *peace*. In this time of turmoil that we find ourselves in, God's called out ones should be a beacon of peace and calm. The other thing we see as David winds this down is his description of the Law in so many different ways.

I've highlighted them below for you to consider. Enjoy your day 😊

*Great peace have they which love thy **law**: and nothing shall offend them. Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy **commandments**. My soul hath kept thy **testimonies**; and I love them exceedingly. I have kept thy **precepts** and thy **testimonies**: for all my **ways** are before thee. **Psa 119:165-168** (edited)*

45. May 26th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 11:33 AM

We're almost there...**Day 45**, and **Day 3 of Week 7**. David makes plain a concept that is covered in many other areas of scripture - God hears the prayers of the righteous, but does not hear the prayers of the unrighteous. Those who live lives according to His Word are able to come before His throne, and be heard. There are numerous blessings to keeping God's Law and understanding His Word. The ability to have a personal relationship with Him is such a blessing that Christ equates it to Eternal Life itself (**John 17:3**).

***Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word. Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word. My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes. My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness. Psa 119:169-172** (edited)*

46. May 27th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:39 AM

Today is **Day 4 of Week 7**, and **Day 46** of the count to Pentecost. We have reached the end of the epic 119th Psalm. Digesting this most meaning piece of Biblical poetry in smaller portions over the course of this Omer Count has brought many details to light. God's Law is SO MUCH MORE than just a set of rules. It is the WAY to live, and the ONLY path to true freedom and happiness. Living by it brings peace of mind, purpose to each day, and a love for the covenant we were baptized into. Only a few more days to go until the Day of Pentecost fully comes. Make each day meaningful and productive. 😊

*Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts. I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight. Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments. **Psa 119:173-176***

47. May 28th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 8:30 AM

Good morning on this **47th day** of the count to Pentecost. Today is **Day 5 of Week 7**. After spending most of the last 6+ weeks going through David epic poem about God's holy, righteous and perfect law, let's swing our focus over to the preparation God instructed Moses to go through with the Children of Israel. The Day of Pentecost that year was a most significant one. They would have a front row seat to the coming of God and His interaction with Moses when He would give His law to them. This law was part of the marriage covenant they would agree to following this most sacred Feast day. Preparing for Pentecost, in this respect, is equivalent to preparing for your wedding. Just like we get to honour the covenant we made with our spouses each year on our anniversary, each Pentecost gives us the opportunity to commemorate the marriage covenant God made with Israel, that we have been grafted into.

*And the Lord said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, **and be ready** against the third day: for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount. **Exo 19:10-13***

48. May 29th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:42 AM

Good morning...one last Preparation Day during the Feast of Weeks. Today is **Day 48** of the count to Pentecost, and **Day 6 of Week 7** of the Feast of Weeks. Yesterday, we took a look at the preparation of the Covenant people before the Pentecost in the year of their exodus from Egypt. Today, we'll look at the preparation of the disciples and followers of Jesus in the lead-up to Pentecost. Acts 2 tells us that when the Day had "fully come" they were all in one accord. This takes time, effort and dedication to the Body of believers. We cannot just show up and expect to have the "unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace" happen by osmosis. This year is a little harder to "come together" but perhaps this is a lesson we can take away from this period of isolation. It takes concerted effort to be an effective member of the Body of Christ...part of our preparation over the 50 days to come together in one accord at the appointed time!

*Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. **Acts 1:12-14***

49. May 30th, 2020



Murray Palmatier 10:36 AM

Good Sabbath morning Brothers and Sisters. Today marks the completion of ONE of the TWO tasks assigned to us back on the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Following the Sabbath today, we will have counted seven complete Sabbaths. Today is the **Day 7 of Week 7**, and **Day 49** of the count. *And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete. **Lev 23:15***. We'll go back to Peter's progressive list

one final time and see why this list ends with *agape*.

*And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness **charity**. 2 Pet 1:5-7* [G26](#) (*agape*), in its perfect state, is the end goal of God's completing, molding and refining us. A note in the Strong's link stood out to me - it is "*a purely Biblical and ecclesiastical word*". This is not something that can be obtained absent of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Why? Because it is what separates the character of God and Jesus Christ from all other beings - perfect and complete sacrificial love. *These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. **Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:11-14*** There simply is no higher level we can attain than complete and perfect *agape* love. As we exit this Feast of Weeks, that is our mission. Allow God to perfect us in His *agape* love. That is manifest in many ways, and takes concerted effort on our part to look outside of ourselves. Together, we can urge each other onward towards this lifelong goal. Blessed Sabbath today...and tomorrow. One more day to go!! 😊

50. May 31st, 2020



Murray Palmatier 7:22 AM

Good morning everyone. The Day of Pentecost has arrived - today is **Day 50!** We may not be all in one place, but I pray we are with one accord - separated by physical location but united in the Spirit, in the bond of peace. What a journey we have been on this year. Of all years, this year's Feast of Weeks has offered us more time in our isolation to take stock of our walk with God, and our place in the Body of Christ. If any of us are the same today as we were 50 days ago (or even 53 days back to Passover), then valuable time has been wasted. BUT, don't fret - start today. As we remember the marriage covenant God made with the Children of Israel, in which we have been grafted, replete with the delineation of God Holy Law and gift of His Holy Spirit - let's exit this Feast of Weeks with purpose. When we finally get back together, be a positive force for God - stand in the gap, contribute in some way to the health and growth of the Body of Christ. May God bless and guide us all, individually and collectively!

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Acts 2:42-47

Amen!



adriandavis 7:51 AM

replied to a thread: **Good morning everyone. The Day of Pentecost has arrived - today is Day 50! We may not be all in one place, but I pray we are with one accord - separated by physical location but united in the Spirit, in the bond of peace. What a journey we have been on this year. Of all years, this year's Feast of Weeks has offered us more time in our isolation to take stock of our walk with God, and our place in the Body of Christ. If any of us are the same today as we were 50 days ago (or even 53 days back to Passover), then valuable time has been wasted. BUT, don't fret - start**

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Great post, Murray! And a great way to finish the count! I think it has helped keep all of us mindful throughout the Feast of Weeks. Thanks so much for doing this!