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Psalm 119:89-96

89. “Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

90. Your faithfulness *continues* throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands.

91. They stand this day according to Your ordinances, for all things are Your servants.

92. If Your law had not been my delight, then I would have perished in my affliction.

93. I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have revived me.

94. I am Yours, save me; for I have sought Your precepts.

95. The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.

96. I have seen a limit to all perfection; Your commandment is exceedingly broad.”

This meditation within Psalm 119 entitled “Lamedh” offers praise to God who created heaven and earth. Verse 89 proclaims: “Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.” The word “settled” means to stand firm and remain unchangeable. Hence, God’s faithfulness continues throughout all generations of mankind, even down to us today.

Then the psalmist gives glory to God for

“establishing the earth and it stands” even to this day by His ordinances. In the New Testament the same statement is made, but instead of the word “ordinances,” the writer of Hebrews uses the phrase “by the word of His power.”

Building upon God’s consistency in the physical creation, the next verses focus on God’s faithfulness and care for His servants. Verse 92 states: “If your law had not been my delight, then I would have perished in my affliction.” This was true for the psalmist 3,000 years ago and certainly rings true, repeatedly, in my life. And I trust you have experienced God’s faithfulness in your life as well. By God’s precepts we are revived.

In verse 95 the psalmist goes on to testify: “The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.” In the New Testament, I Timothy 3:12 states: “All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” I have experienced several times in my life, so far, wicked people attempting to destroy me, my family, and our ministry. But God’s protection and provision is sure when I seek diligently His kingdom and His righteousness--first and foremost. And things have always turned out the better for us, and for the enlargement of our ministry. Praise God for His faithfulness!

But the last verse of today’s meditation from Psalm 119 runs the deepest. The psalmist concludes: “I have seen a limit to all perfection; Your commandment is

exceedingly broad.” Actually, if you think about it, the psalmist himself could never have seen a limit to all perfection. This statement has to be prophetic from his standpoint. The word of God was far from being completed during his lifetime. And Jesus had not walked the earth; as the Alpha and Omega in the flesh. So, perfection remained open-ended and unattainable to all those under this old law of sin and death.

But what the psalmist of old prophesied of, that was beyond his horizon, the saint of God in Christ Jesus can see face to face today. The boundaries of all perfection are not only seen, but also realized in Christ Jesus.

Have the eyes of your heart seen a limit to all perfection?