

A Godly Desire

“43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments. 44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.”

(Psalm 119:43-44)

King David's had a humble petition to the Lord, to get the tongue of the learned, that he might know how to speak a word in season for the glory of God:

Take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth. He means, "Lord, let the word of truth be always in my mouth; let me have the wisdom and courage which are necessary to enable me both to use my knowledge for the instruction of others, and, like the good householder, to bring out of my treasury things new and old, and to make profession of my faith whenever I am called to it."

We have a need to pray to God that we may never be afraid or ashamed to own his truths and ways, nor deny him before men. David found that he was sometimes at a loss, that the word of truth was not so ready to him as it should have been. Therefore he prays, "Lord, let it not be taken utterly from me; let me always have so much of it at hand

as will be necessary to the due discharge of my duty."

David professes his confidence in God: "Lord, make me ready and mighty in the scriptures, for I have hoped in those judgments of thy mouth, and, if they be not at hand, my support and defence have departed from me."

David professes his resolution to adhere to his duty in the strength of God's grace: "So shall I keep thy law continually. If I have thy word not only in my heart, but in my mouth, I shall do all I should do, stand complete in thy whole will."

Thus shall the man of God be perfect, thoroughly furnished for every good word and work, "17 **That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.**" (2 Timothy 3:17) "16 **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.**" (Colossians 3:16)

So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever: Observe how David resolves to keep God's law;

1- Continually, without trifling; God must be served in a constant course of obedience every day, and all the day long.

2- For ever and ever, without backsliding. We must never be weary of well-doing. If we serve him to the end of our time on earth, we shall be serving him in heaven to the endless ages of eternity; so shall we keep his law for ever and ever.

Therefore Let us desire, "Lord, let me have the word of truth in my mouth, that I may commit that sacred deposit to the rising generation, "2 **And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**" (2 Timothy 2:2) and by them it may be transmitted to succeeding ages; so shall thy law be kept for ever and ever, that is, from one generation to another, according to His promise "21 **As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.**" (Isaiah 59:21)

My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to serve you all the days of my life. Lord provide for me and sustain me, "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. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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