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Greetings men of God!

To all of you wearing white: Wouldn't it be great if the clothes we wear was an indication of our heart? Ok, well maybe not.... But, you know, we should be attempting to "walk" in holiness, in purity of Spirit. I'd like us to take a look at Psalms 119 - the longest chapter in the Bible. It's a doozy! I'm hoping those that read this are trying to live the life of Christ, trying to better themselves. For His sake! I want to be a blessed man. I want to make God blessed! I want to be happy. I want God to be happy! This Psalms tells us how! It can be broken down into 22 sections of 8 versus each. Each section is headed by the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. The first 3 verses tells us how to "walk". Open up your Bible and check it out. We are to be the undefiled in the way and walk in the law of the Lord. That means to be without blemish, without spots and to proceed, walk with the feet in the "ways" of God. Look at verses one, 3, 5, 14, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 37, 59 and 168. These "ways" are how God instructs men to go to be saved, holy and happy. This is revelation of the way that God Himself would act or do among men. We are to keep His testimonies, from the Hebrew word Edah and Eduth, to turn back again, to go over again, to testify. His testimony is His word - the book you have hopefully open up every day, and if not, it's time to start. God mentions keeping his word 22 different times through his servant David, the author of this song. Read them! Verses 2, 4, 5, 8, 17, 33, 34, 44, 57, 60, 63, 69, 88, 100, 101, 106, 115, 129, 134, 136, 145, 146. He sometimes calls His word the law or Torah in Hebrew, which is meant to guide you, teach you, make straight or even, point forward, direct and instruct us in the way of righteousness. Or His word is called precepts (Hebrew piqqudim) meaning to take oversight or charge of or to superintend. It's also called statutes (Hebrew chaq)- to mark, hew, cut grave or inscribe, to decree or ordain. They describe what life and conduct we should pursue. It's also called Commandments (Hebrew mitsyoh) a divine command and judgment (Hebrew mishpat) - regulation, order, sentence, verdict.

We are to see Him ($_{v}$ 2) with our whole heart. When God's statues are obeyed, our conscious can be free from shame! You know, we've heard it too much behind prison walls, "Oh well, we're surrounded by sin and we're all sinners, so we've just got to do what we gotta do to get by." Well, if you want to stay in the jaws of the devil and keep making excuses for your sin, you're right! But aren't you tired of being a wishy-washy Christian/believer? Aren't you tired of being a slave to sin?

There are 18 secrets to victory over sin in this Psalms. #1) Take heed of God's word ($_{v}$ 9). #2) Seeking God wholeheartedly ($_{v}$ 16). #3) Hiding God's word in the heart ($_{v}$ 11). #4 Being always open to truth ($_{v}$ 18). #5 Removing from the way of lying ($_{v}$ 29). #6 Receiving salvation ($_{v}$ 41). #7 Hastening to keep Commandments ($_{v}$ 60). #8 Delighting in God's word ($_{v}$ 77, 143). #9 Meditating on God's word ($_{v}$ 97,99). #10 Refraining from evil ways ($_{v}$ 110). #11 Hating every false way ($_{v}$ 104). #12 Consecrating to obey to the end ($_{v}$ 112). #13 Hating vain thoughts ($_{v}$ 113). #14 Hating and abhorring lying ($_{v}$ 163). #15 Loving God's word ($_{v}$ 163,165). #16 Praising God ($_{v}$ 164). #17 Permitting nothing to offend ($_{v}$ 165). #18 Hoping for salvation ($_{v}$ 166). Now I didn't put all these Scripture references down so you wouldn't look them up. Be obedient! Check them out. Dig a little deeper in His word and find out what you've been missing!

I'm going to sum up each of the 22 sections of this Psalm on how to make God happy

- God is happy when we have attained to the heights of character and godliness after His own pattern (v1-8)
- God is happy when we enquire as how to rid himself of sin and is working diligently to live for Him ("9-16).
- God is happy when we are seeking enlightenment from Him and His Word so as to follow the whole will of God (,17-24)
- God is happy when we humble ourselves to walk in the light of His Word, remove lying and deceit, stand for truth and stick to God's way of life (_v25-32)
- God is happy when we pray for the fulfillment of the blessings of His Word through obedience to known light $(\sqrt{3}-40)$.
- God is happy when we seek salvation by the Word and consecrate ourselves to a life of faith in Him, obedience to His Word, and faithful service in evangelizing the world (41-48)

- God is happy when we find our comfort and hope only in Him and His Word in times of trouble or blessings and hate sin and backsliding all his days (,49-56)
- God is happy when we are fully satisfied with Him and His Word as our portion in this life and when we go deeper in grace and spiritual life (57-64)
- God is happy when we learn well the lesson of the chastening power of the Word and conform to His corrections (..65-72)
- God is happy when men learn the true righteousness of God and His Word and delight in His precepts ($\sqrt{73-80}$).
- God is happy when we long for His salvation, hope in His Word and become stable in the faith (,81-88)
- God is happy when we recognize that His Word is Eternal that His faithfulness is to all generations. That His
 plan for the heavens, earth and the societies therein have no end and that one day the entire curse will be
 removed and creation made perfect forever (_v89-96)
- God is happy when we follow the example of the Messiah, learning that the true source of wisdom and knowledge is God and His Word (,97-104)
- God is happy when we acknowledge His Word to be our guide and light on life and refuse to err from its truth eternally (,105-112)
- God is happy when we rest in the security of His Word and live in fear of transgression of truth (v113-120)
- God is happy when we do judgment and justice according to His Word and have confidence in the results of blessing and cursing as being in God's hands (v121-128)
- God is happy when we have faith in His Word as the source of light and pray for guidance to walk therein (v129-136)
- God is happy when we realized the true character of His Word as being pure and righteous and conforms his life accordingly (v137-144)
- God is happy when we depend on His Word as a source of strength in life and conduct (v145-152)
- God is happy when we look to Him as the source of salvation and deliverance from sin, sickness, and trouble $\binom{1}{v}153-160$.
- God is happy when we marvel at His Word and when we have peace in the midst of turmoil (v161-168)
- God is happy when we pray wholeheartedly in harmony with His Word and rest content in it's salvation and blessings (v169-176)

The psalmist David began this Psalm by stating the blessings of the undefiled in the way, are those who walk in the law of the Lord. He ends it by confessing his own going astray and making a prayer for God to seek him and bring him back into the blessed way. This last statement connects with the first verse and makes a perfect circle regarding man and his relationship with his God. If one will not forget the words of the Lord, he will be a blessed and undefiled man in the way of the Lord.

When we do these things men, then on that day we'll be found worthy. Revelation 3:4,5 "... And they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life. But I will confess his name before my father and before His angels"

Put your life in his hands, live out his word and walk worthy! Don't wait.....Tomorrow may be too late!

I'm believing in you my fellow overcomers!

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