

The Word of God Saves Us

Introduction

Israel was in bondage in Egypt, and cried out to God. He heard the prayers and remembered His covenant with Abraham. Based upon this promise of faithfulness, God acted. Likewise, when we need God, we can be sure of His answer because He has promised in His Word to be our God, to hear and help us, and that promise has been sealed in His Son.

41. Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

- The word *mercies* (*plural*) is defined as God showing **kindness** towards us.
- *Thy salvation* is God's greatest gift and our greatest **need**.
- God showed us His abundant *mercies* when he kept us **alive** before our conversion, then He came calling, then He changed us and finally forgave us!
- Our faith and assurance that God has completely and totally saved us from our sins can be **found** in His *word*.

42. So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

- Putting our trust in God's Word will help us **withstand** the trials, troubles, mockery (reproach) that we will face as Christians.
- If anyone mocks (reproach) us for trusting in God, we can easily **show** that God has kept his promises, heard our prayers, and supplied our needs.

43. And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

- Sometimes Christians are afraid or ashamed to **speak** up for Jesus and what they believe in.
- David is praying that when the moment comes for him to speak out about his faith in God, that he won't clam up and turn into a **wimp**.
- As God continually provides opportunities to witness for Him, let us **pray** that we will never be afraid or ashamed to speak the *word of truth*.

44. So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

- Our response to God's love and grace should be an unmovable resolve to keep His Word as long as we **live**.
- How can we do less than give Him our **best** and live for Him completely?
- *For ever and ever* - One day we shall serve God day and night in **Heaven** - without sin - without inconstancy - without tiredness - without end!

45. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

- When God forgives sin, he **removes** the condemning (guilt) power of sin and the commanding (controlling) power of sin.
- The world thinks the Christian life is a system of **bondage**. But those who seek His *precepts* are the ones who enjoy perfect liberty (freedom).

46. I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

- *Walking at liberty* in the Lord's ways will naturally **produce** boldness in *speaking* about them.
- When we love God's Word in our hearts, we will **delight** in telling others about it.

47. And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

- *I will delight myself* - Getting **alone** and into the Word of God is a great source of delight (pleasure, satisfaction) for the Christian.
- True, real, authentic pleasure is only **found** when I do that which is pleasing to God.

48. My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

- What David promises God here, is the service of his actions, that he will *lift up* his hands to the **practice** of God's commandments.
- Christianity is not a religion of words, it is a religion of **action**. - What are you doing for Him?

*Being born again,
not of corruptible
seed, but of
incorruptible, by
the word of God,
which liveth and
abideth for ever.
1 Peter 1:23*