Bible/College Class Notes – Prizegiving Sunday

Some Thoughts From The Psalms of David

This week we remind ourselves of David's experiences of God's Free Grace, Mercy, and Kindness in Saving him, and guiding him through the complexity of this Life to Heaven.

'Open Thou mine eyes,
that I may behold wondrous things
out of Thy Law'. **Psalm 119v18.**

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Psalm 1 (Only one way of righteousness)	
Monday	Psalm 2 (Blessed are they that trust in Christ)	
Tuesday	Psalm 40 (Delighting to do the will of Christ)	
Wednesday	Psalm 51 (David's sincere, repentant, prayer)	
Thursday	Psalm 53 (Foolish to say, 'There is no God')	
Friday	Psalm 119v1-16 (Strive to keep God's Law)	
Saturday	Psalm 119v89-104 (God's Word is faithful)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Do we have the sincerity of faith that David had? David, recognising that he was a sinner in God's holy sight, sincerely believed God's promise of a Saviour to come. He looked forward to Jesus Christ dying on Calvary for the forgiveness of his sin. We look back to Christ's atoning death on the cross which saves us today, and makes us able to look forward, like David did, to the bliss of eternity in Heaven with the whole Godhead. Let us seek God's forgiveness for our sin and live to obey Him.

This week's hymn verses are taken from Psalm 23 v1:

1 The Lords' my Shepherd, I'll not want:
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you to read your Bible each day, and to think deeply of each passage.

Studies in The Psalms of David's Experiences

- **Psalm 1 – David Declares The Only Way of Righteousness.**
  - Those who look to the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and find it, are blessed with His Righteousness. A true Christian will delight in the LORD and will not look for soul satisfaction in the world, where only sadness is found.
- **Psalm 2 – A Messianic Psalm (speaks clearly of the Lord Jesus).**
  - Satan and the world are set against the LORD's Anointed – The Lord Jesus Christ (see v7 - The Begotten Son of God). They will not have Him to reign over them. But The Lord God Omnipotent Reigns - All earthly rulers, and all events are under His Sovereign Control. Nothing happens by chance or by good or bad luck, and The Lord will be the Righteous Judge of all mankind.
- **Psalm 40 – Patiently and Persistently call to The LORD for Forgiveness.**
  - If we are sincere the LORD will hear our cry for help. He will change the desire of our heart and lift us out of the miry bog of our sin. He will set our feet upon the Rock of our Salvation, The Lord Jesus Christ, and put a new song in our hearts to praise Him for His love and mercy. The LORD looks on the heart and not on outward forms of ceremony and worship. David, under the inspiration of God, writes of his own experience.
- **Psalm 51 – David's Sincere Prayer of Repentance for His Sin.**
  - David recognised that, in committing adultery by taking Uriah's wife, and arranging Uriah's death on the battlefield, he had sinned greatly. In deep sorrow for his sins, he asks God, in His mercy, to blot them out, and to create in him a clean heart - to restore to him the joy of his salvation. David looked in faith to the Lord Jesus dying for him on Calvary's Cross.
- **Psalm 53 – David Warns of How Foolish We Can Be.**
  - It is very foolish to say in our heart that **"There is no God".** We can do this by ignoring the teaching of God in the Bible which tells us of His holiness and our sinfulness, and by rejecting God's wonderful mercy and grace in sending His own Son – Perfect God and Perfect Man – to die on Calvary to save us.
- **Psalm 119v1-16 – Blessed are the Keepers of God's Perfect Law.**
  - David knew he was a sinner, but his hearts' desire was to keep God's Law (statutes) and he sought God's forgiveness when he broke it. He hid God's Word in his heart, asking God to teach him His way, that he might not sin.
- **Psalm 119v89-104 – Thy Word is Settled for Evermore in Heaven.**
  - David knew that God's Word is Eternally True. In it God Faithfully declares all we need to know about God, our own sinfulness, and how we can be saved.