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*The Bridge Bible Fellowship – Summer of Psalms*

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Psalms 119

**“The Delight of Fear”**

**Psalm 119:33-40**

(33) Those who are t\_\_\_\_\_ of God do not f\_\_\_\_\_ their lessons.

(34) The m\_\_\_\_\_ and the h\_\_\_\_\_ should go together. Seeing and loving.

(35) Man’s d\_\_\_\_\_ and God’s d\_\_\_\_\_.

(36) The inclination of g\_\_\_\_\_, and of our n\_\_\_\_\_.

(37) Perilous d\_\_\_\_\_ and true d\_\_\_\_\_.

(38) If we f\_\_\_\_\_ God’s name, He will e\_\_\_\_\_ His word.

(39) What we should d\_\_\_\_\_, and what we should a\_\_\_\_\_.

(40) The i\_\_\_\_\_ of our l\_\_\_\_\_ on our life.

**So What?**

## Discussion & Application:

1. Read **Psalm 1, Psalm 19 & Psalm 119**. How do each of these Psalms differ and how are they alike from the perspective of the Word of God speaking into the life of a believer?
2. Read **Psalm 1, Psalm 19 & Psalm 119**. How do each of these Psalms describe the value of God's Word in the life of a believer?
3. Think about what "fearing" Yahweh means to you. What do you think this "fear" is designed by Yahweh to produce in your life??
4. Look at **Psalm 119:36** and contemplate why the Psalmist would feel the need to ask Yahweh to bend (incline) his heart to His testimonies (His Word)? What implications do these thoughts have on your own need to have your heart bent back to our Lord and His Word?
5. Look at **Psalm 119:37** and contemplate why the Psalmist would feel the need to ask Yahweh to turn (or "alienate") his eyes from looking at vanity. Why does the Psalmist feel the need to beseech Yahweh to "revive" him (i.e. to be returned to consciousness or life, to restore from a depressed, inactive, or unused state of being) in His ways (i.e. His word). What implications do these thoughts have on your own need to have your heart revived toward God and His Word? How would that change your life? What would it cause you to "do"?
6. In what ways do you feel the Psalmist was worn down by the those whom he was living a godly life before? (V.39a) Do you ever feel the same way? What was the Psalmist's remedy? (V.39b) What should ours as believers be?
7. What does it mean for someone to long for something? What did the Psalmist long for? (V.40a) What do you think of when you hear the word "revive"? What was the Psalmist's biblical resolution for his perceived need to be "brought back to life"? (V.4-b)
8. Read **2 Peter 1: 1-11** Peter called himself a bond-servant (i.e. "Doulos" a willing slave of Christ) and that impacted the way he lived his life for his Master. What rights does a "slave" have before his or her Master? Read Luke 17:10. In light of this verse, how do you view yourself before your Master? How do you presume upon the grace and kindness of your Master? How can His Word help you modify your behavioral bents?
9. Read **2 Peter 1: 4-8** How does Peter encourage us to "escape the corruption that is in the world by lust? How does it mirror the way the Psalmist suggests that we accomplish this in Psalm 119:36-37? In light of Ephesians 2:8-9 (realizing that there are no "works" we can do in order to earn our salvation, is the list in 1 Peter 5- 8 a list of "suggestions" or are they the "obligation" of one who was bought out of their slavery "to sin" and into slavery to His "righteousness (Romans 6:15-18)?? Are the qualities in V.8 of 2 Peter 1 "yours"? Are they increasing as the verse suggests they should be for the true believer? How does the Psalmist's prayer in Psalm 119:33-40 motivate you to walk in the fullness of the believer's calling as a "Doulos" before his/her Master in 2 Peter 1:1-11?

[Answers to blanks: *Taught / Forget; Mind / Heart; Delight / Dynamic; Grace / Nature; Distraction/ Direction; Fear / Establish; Dread / Approve; Influence / Longing*]