

Psalm 119:33-48

Open It:

1. Can you think of someone famous/a public figure who “finished well?” Why would you say they finished well?

These stanzas are a prayer to live well and finish well.

Explore It:

Read Psalm 119:33-40 *He*

2. What did the Psalmist ask the Lord to do for him in these verses?
3. What is the motivation behind his requests?
4. What are the attributes of someone who has a teachable heart?
5. What is the difference between knowledge and understanding?
6. What does wholehearted obedience look like in a person’s life?
7. Where does the psalmist want God to turn his head and eyes? What does this mean practically?

8. What are some “worthless things” we pursue instead of chasing after the things of God?

The best way to look away from sin is to look at something else.

9. What does the fear of the Lord mean in v. 38?

Read Psalm 119:41-48 *Waw*

10. How does the psalmist demonstrate his commitment to God’s Word?

11. What is indicated about the oppositions that Christians will face? What is promised to Christians who face opposition?

“God’s truth can always silence the devil’s lies and the empty and false attacks of his followers.” Daniel L. Akin

12. How can God’s Word help you answer anyone who taunts you?

13. What does it mean to walk about in freedom, v. 45? How does the idea of “seeking His precepts” go against the world’s idea of liberty?

14. What does it mean “to reach out for your commands” (v. 48)? Why should we have this attitude toward His laws?

Apply It:

15. Which prayer of the psalmist is one you need to pray this week?

16. How do you demonstrate a longing and love for God’s Word?

17. Are you placing your trust and hope in God’s Word? How is that evidenced in your life?

Homework:

Read Paul’s final charge to Timothy, about how he wanted to finish well in 2 Timothy 3:10-4:8. What do you learn about finishing well from this passage? What will you apply to your walk with Jesus, to make sure you finish well?

“There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship in what earlier generations of Christians called holiness.”

Eugene H. Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society*