

Ps. 119: 25 – 40 When YOU'RE The One Who Bit The Dust!

I. WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BITE THE DUST. V. 25 – 28

A. Feel vulnerable – v. 25 – “preserve my life”, revive me, give me life.

B. Questioning & Confused – v. 26 - “I gave an account” ; v. 27 – “cause me to understand.”

1) Giving an account means to keep a _____; to count. “I’m listing the reasons I’ve been a good person and don’t deserve to be in the dust!”

2) Confused – I need insight. “_____ is this happening?”

C. _____ with sorrow – implies tears.

II. WHAT I NEED TO DO: v. 30-32

A. Decide to stay faithful and _____ God. - v. 30 I have chosen This is an act of your _____ – not your emotions. You can _____ like giving up – just know you’re not going to!

B. Decide to _____ what the Bible says – v. 30,31

1) V. 30b - I have set my heart on your laws – your decisions; your verdicts. In other words, I _____ You when I don’t understand.

2) v. 31 – I hold fast to your statutes – testimonies, witness. What God reveals about Himself. At some point – only YOU know when – you’ve got to stop clinging to the _____ and start clinging to _____!

II Tim. 1:12 - “I know WHOM I have believed” It’s not so much WHAT you know – it’s _____ you know. What’s true about God in the light is true about God in the _____.

C. Anticipate an expanded understanding and ministry - 32
v. 32 run in His path – I keep following Him - BECAUSE you have broadened my understanding.

III. WHAT I NEED GOD TO DO FOR ME: be gracious to me v. 29 – give me favor; and teach me your law (how to live)

Daleth (v. 25) means door; He (v. 33) means window/room to breathe/ventilation

A. Teach me & help me understand

1) teach me (v. 26, 33), v. 33 “the way” – how to _____ truth.

When you're in the dust, don't ask "why". Ask "_____ " am I learning, and " _____ " needs this now, or in the future.

2) help me understand (v. 27, 34)

3) _____ my vision/perspective (v. 37)

B. _____ me (28), "do all things through Christ who strengthens me" direct me (v. 35) – "I want to live for you, but I need Your strength. I'm too weak in myself."

C. Keep me from deceitful ways (wrong theology about suffering) v. 29; turn my heart toward You (v. 36) – not _____ – the tendency when things are rough is to become very self-centered and self-focused.

D. Keep Your _____ and take away my disgrace (v. 38, 39)

Job 23 If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling! I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. I would find out what he would answer me, and consider what he would say to me. Would he vigorously oppose me? No, he would not press charges against me. There the upright can establish their innocence before him, and there I would be delivered forever from my judge. "But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold. My feet have closely followed his steps; I have kept to his way without turning aside. I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.

When you've bitten the dust – keep hold – however feebly – on God and His Word.

