

The Quiet Repose and Stedfastness that is ours through the Word of God

“Great peace have they that love those who love your law, and nothing causes them to stumble” (Psalm 119:161-168).

This peace must be counted great because of the greatness of assaults on the soul through which it prevails. Princes, persons of credentials, power and station, who ought be helpers of the people whom they oversee, prove to be some of our most merciless persecutors. The faithful believer often finds himself marked out for contempt and harassment. This device of the devil is designed to cause the devout soul to doubt the wisdom and rightness of his faith. These messengers of Satan hope to divert the pilgrim from his course of godliness to a way more compatible with the powers of this world.

Such towering men of power and status may indeed invoke some awe in us. But if we have rightly considered the word of God, our awe for it will swallow the intimidation of carnal stature. The heart, thus captured by the word of God, stands unwavering. It has been sealed to our hearts by the love of God in Christ Jesus, and nothing in time, eternity, this world or worlds to come shall ever separate us from the God of His word (Rom. 8:38-39).

The affections of the believing soul have been won and fixed. He has *found* great treasure. This treasure beggars the worldly jackpot, lottery, sweepstakes and windfall. The allure of such can never steal the heart away from rich delights in these priceless jewels of truth and wisdom. Such treasure is not usually “stumbled” upon. It is the fruit of searching the scriptures for truth, guidance, correction and confirmation. It dawns and develops from meditation, thinking the word and its application through, from speaking to one another about it, from listening to wise men of God expound and apply it, and from reading holy men who, ordering their lives by the word of God, have already finished the journey that is yet before us.

Love of such priceless truth invokes a hatred, a loathing of lies and every false way. That hatred is equally unrelenting in the mouths and actions of others, when found rising in our own minds and mouths and wills, when it appears in all false religions and teachings, and in all the delusions and emptiness of this world of darkness.

The light of truth in the soul with its grip on the affections will, without fail, secure an according walk and behavior. God’s word has evoked hope in a sovereign God who saves by sovereign grace. Gracious words follow close on the heels of gracious salvation, invoking godly works. These good works are the inevitable fruits of the new creation in Christ Jesus. Nor are these works wrought of a craven fear of losing our favor with God, or a feverish attempt to earn blessings. Nor are they mere eye-service to impress mortal men. They spring from the well of a regenerate and purified heart. The walk is indeed in the mortal body, but the obedience rises from the renewed and perfected inner man. Nothing, utterly nothing, on earth or in hell can ever turn away the one who has so come to so love God’s word.

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