

TIME FOR GOD TO ACT

Psalm 119:121-128

“It is time for God to work” An audacious statement indeed! Especially from the lips of puny man! But here it is in the inspired poetry of David. If there are circumstances in which the Psalmist may say “It is now time for God to do something”, perhaps there are covenantal promises in the word of God in which we also may soundly and firmly expect God to do something. What do we find in this octave that has brought about this expectation?

The speaker has earnestly and fervently sought God’s salvation, for the word that would bring him to the righteousness of God (vs. 123). Have we yet wearied our eyes with devout pursuit of God?

He has become the servant (vs. 125). He has earnestly sought understanding that he might know God’s word and serve Him acceptably.

He has loved God’s commandments more than gold (vs. 127). The finest and richest of this world’s treasures have lost their claim on his heart.

Having meditated on them, counted them of inestimable worth, he now considers them to be absolutely correct, right, just in all things (vs. 128). All that which fails to measure up to them is to be counted a false way to be hated and shunned.

This enlightened, instructed servant has done right (vs. 121). The word of truth has made its claim upon his heart and secured compliance in his walk. What he has done has been just. *He will not be left to his oppressors. His God will act!*

The would-be oppressors of the saints are always proud (vs. 122). Indeed, one reason they hate the saints is the saint’s *servanthood*. In their conceit and arrogance they can hold humility in contempt. They fatally misinterpret humility as weakness and an invitation for exploitation. Such oppressors have set God’s word aside (vs. 126, broken His law, voided his counsel in their darkened minds, and ignored it

What sort of action is now expected? What is the request?

To not be abandoned, left to the oppressor (vs.121d). *He will not be!* For God to be the servant’s surety, to make up the shortfall in the servant’s righteousness. We all fall short, and must have a Surety. We are unequal to the challenges of this present life in our present mortal bodies. But we shall be able to do all things through Christ Who will strengthen us.

The grounds for a sure expectation of all this is the sure mercies of God (vs. 124). We will not be dealt with according to our performance, but according to our faith, our trust in Him. At best, our obedience will have to be judged short, but our Great God will be no debtor to those who faithfully look to Him. We will not be abandoned, left wanting. *He will act...on time. –C.M.*