

With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

Psalms 119:10

Store In My Heart

Romans 8:1

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

I encourage you to read Paul's discussion of the conflict between spirit and flesh in the surrounding verses. Following that, Paul's statement should bring great comfort to us. No condemnation is a powerful statement about our condition. We are free from those things that might bring about our eternal destruction. We can focus on what really matters, serving God. We have no need to worry about eternity.

But notice, this freedom only belongs to those who are in Christ. Outside of Christ we must still have concern for our eternal destiny. We are alone and exposed to every trial and difficulty that may come our way. This should be a strong reminder that we need to make every effort to remain in Christ. It encourages study & practice.



Gospel Meeting

April 23-27

Jared Hagan

Of Brookhill, AL

Sunday 10:20 am & 5:00 pm

Monday - Thursday 7:00 pm

The Quitting Bell

Lazarus and the problem of suffering

Imperfect but Saved

The Thief on the Cross

Resurrections of the Old Testament

Relief for the Afflicted – Comfort

Worthy of the Gospel

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For Our Information

Dawana Butler's funeral will be Tuesday April 11 at 11 am. Visitation will precede at 10 am.

Brenda Keisler will have an MRI on her knee soon. Ruben Keisler has dr. visits regarding his spine.

Jim Soliday will have a heart cath. in early May.

Ladies Work Day Saturday April 22

This afternoon we start in 2Kings 17

Wednesday we will start Hebrews 11:13.

Pray for our meeting.
Flyers are available.

A Shepherd's Thought - Psalm 73

Ulysses Buckley

Psalm 73 is about the danger of allowing our hearts to be caught up in envy. The Psalmist begins by praising the goodness of God, but then he acknowledges his own near demise, **Vss.1,2**, *"Truly God is good to Israel, to such as are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped."*

Two important things needed for us to keep a good relationship with God are to remember His goodness and be able to recognize and admit when we fall short. As the Psalmist continues, he points out the source of his near fall, **Vs.3**, *"For I was envious of the boastful, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."*

Envy is defined as a feeling of discontented or resentful longing aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or good fortune. Envy can so distort our view that we miss what is most important. We miss the notice of the fact that those who we so long to be like are not in a good place with God. Notice **Vss.16-18**, *"When I thought how to understand this, it was too painful for me- until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end. Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction."*

Remember how the Psalmist began, *"Truly God is good to Israel, to such as are pure in heart."* When we focus on God, His word, and His goodness we realize that the material wealth and good fortune enjoyed by the wicked will perish and they with it. But notice the expectation of those who are of a pure heart in **Vs24**, *"You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory."*

Next time you feel envious of a wicked person who seem to be enjoying good fortune, think about his end and think about your expectation, then proclaim with the Psalmist as in **Vss.25,26**, *"Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

The Psalmist closes in **Vs.28** with this declaration, that is also good for each of us to declare. *"But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all Your works."* Let each of us have this as our aim.

(Brother Buckley is an elder at Dowlen Rd Church of Christ in Beaumont, TX. I find his regular teaching on their facebook page profitable. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!