



Outline – Sunday School, March 26, 2017

Sermon Title: “A Plea For Grace To Stand”

Text: Psalm 119:17-24, GIMEL

Desperation for Grace (v 17-19):

1. **An Appeal to the God of Grace:** “Deal Bountifully” = do good, bestow benefit, recompense (Ps 13)
 - a) **For Restoration** (v 17): “live,” to quicken, revive, continue to live upon, be sustained (Ps 116:1-9)
 - b) **For Illumination** (v 18): “Open” = remove the veil: Ps 19:7-10/Eph 1:17; 4:17-18/ “wondrous” = to be surpassing, extraordinary, Ps 107:21-24; 136:4
 - c) **For Comfort** (v 19): “I am a stranger,” A confession of faith: Heb 11:13/Job (19:15)/Abe (Gen 23:4)/Israel (Ex 6:4)/David (Ps 39:12; 69:8) Christ, His followers (Matt 17:26/1 Peter 1:1)
God’s word establishes His covenant, by which we have comfort and protection Ps 94:19

2. **Desire for Righteousness (v 20-22):**

~ **He longs for God to intervene, and to take action** (v 20): Ps 19:7-11

- a) **Upon his enemies** (v 21): Retribution: “Rebuke” = reprove, Ps 9:1-9
- b) **For him** (v 22): Vindication/ Sanctification: “Reproach/contempt= resting shame, disgrace: Jer 20:8/Ps 22:6-8/1 Pet 2:11-12; 19-25; 4:4,12-14/God’s promises: Is 51:7-8/Heb 10:32-35; 11:26
- c) **And In him** “Remove from me” = roll away (Josh 5:9/Ps 69:18-19) Grace to despise the shame: Heb 12:2/1 Peter 3:12-18/Lam 3:61-66

3. **Devotion to God (v 23-24)**

~ **Countering Conspiracy: Focusing on God’s Word:**

“Princes *sit* and *speak*”- Slander by Rulers - Ps 1:1; 2:2/Meditation- murmuring

The Inward Work vs. Outward Reaction: Joy (Ps 119:92, 143, 174) and Wisdom (Job 12:13/

Prov 8:14; 20:18; 21:30)