

Walking in the Word

Title: The Path of Satisfaction

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Scripture: Psalm 119:57-64

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Main Idea

True satisfaction is found not ultimately in what God gives us, but in God himself. When the Lord is our portion, that satisfaction changes how we respond to sin, suffering, worship, and relationships.

Sermon in Brief

What we believe will finally satisfy us reveals a great deal about what we treasure. Psalm 119:57 begins with a remarkable declaration: "The Lord is my portion." The psalmist is not saying that earthly desires do not matter. He is saying that none of them has a greater claim on his heart than God himself. In this message from Psalm 119:57-64, Pastor Darrin traces the path that follows from finding our deepest satisfaction in God: honest self-examination and repentance, worship in difficult circumstances, fellowship with God's people, and confidence in God's steadfast love

Main Points: 4 Expressions of a Soul Satisfied with God

1. **"The Lord is My Portion" 119:57** - Because the Lord is the psalmist's portion, obedience becomes the response to relationship with God rather than the means of earning that relationship.
2. **A Satisfying Path 119:58-60** - Satisfaction in God allows the psalmist to look honestly at his own life. He seeks God's grace, thinks carefully about his ways, turns his feet toward God's testimonies, and refuses to delay obedience.
3. **A Satisfying Praise 119:61-62** - The psalmist is still suffering. The wicked have ensnared him, yet he refuses to forget God's Word. At midnight he rises to praise. His worship does not depend upon satisfying circumstances because his satisfaction rests in God.
4. **A Satisfying Partnership 119:63-64** - God's statutes become the psalmist's songs in the house of his sojourning. He sings not because life is easy, but because God is good.

Key Takeaways

The Lord is my portion.

Repentance always has feet.

The wicked could bind his feet and ensnare him, but they could not bind his worship.

The time to learn how to worship God at midnight is to learn to worship him in the daytime.

Reflect & Respond

What circumstance or possession are you tempted to believe you must have before you can be satisfied?

Is there something God has clearly convicted you about that you are delaying?

What habits of worship are you developing now that may sustain you during a future "midnight"?

Who are the Christian companions who help you become more like Christ?

Where can you see evidence of God's steadfast love even in circumstances you would not have chosen?

Walking in the Word This Week

Take several quiet minutes each day this week and complete these two sentences honestly:

"I tend to believe I would finally be satisfied if..."

"The Lord is my portion because..."

Ask God to show you where a good desire may be competing with him for the deepest loyalty of your heart.

Prayer Prompt: Lord, You are my portion. Forgive me for the ways I look to Your gifts, my circumstances, or other people to give me the satisfaction that can only be found in You. Help me to think honestly about my ways and to turn quickly wherever I have wandered from Your Word. Teach me to praise You when life is difficult, to remember Your truth when I feel pressured or discouraged, and to receive the gift of faithful Christian companions who help me follow Christ. Open my eyes to Your steadfast love around me, and make my heart increasingly satisfied in You. Amen.

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