

**17 GIMEL. Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.**

**We claim God's promises not because we deserve them but because it is in His nature to give**

**Ps 68:19** Blessed *be* the Lord, *Who* daily loads us *with benefits*, The God of our salvation! Selah

**Reward me according to the largeness of thy liberality, and not according to the scantiness of my service.**

**Ripen**

**Without abundant mercy he could not live.**

**Php 4:19** And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**A desire to live is only good if it is for something definite**

**Life without obedience is disobedience obedience without life is death**

**1Jo 2:29\*** If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

**1Jo 5:3\*** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

**18 Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.**

**The prayer implies a conscious darkness, a dimness of spiritual vision**

**1Co 13:12\*** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

**Compare with vs. 10: Open my eyes to wonder or wander blindly**

**Degrees of illumination**

**Lu 24:45\*** And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

**There is no prayer for simpler terms but deeper sight**

**To be marvellous, be wonderful, be surpassing, be extraordinary, separate by distinguishing action**

**Ro 11:33\*** Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!

**19 I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me.**

**This confession from a solitary wanderer would have had little comparative meaning; but in the mouth of one who was probably surrounded with every source of worldly enjoyment, it shows at once the vanity of "earth's best joys," and the heavenly tendency of the religion of the Bible. Charles Bridges.**

*"And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world." John 8:23*

**If we feel entirely at home in the world, it is likely the world has made its home in us. But if we take every thought captive unto Christ we come under the control of the comforter who creates in us discomfort in the world as we are called into heavenly places with Him.**

**Total dependence on God**

**20 My soul breaks with longing For Your judgments at all times.**

**It takes a broken heart to see a crucified Christ**

**Holy Longing**

True godliness lies very much in desires

**Ps 42:1** <<To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of the sons of Korah.>> As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.

Desire itself is not bad but God given it is what is desired that qualifies it's health or sickness

Longing is what transforms obedience turning it from drudgery into enjoyment

**1Co 12:31** But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

**21 You rebuke the proud--the cursed, Who stray from Your commandments.**

**Pr 6:17** A proud look

**Jas 4:6\*** But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

**Nothing will put distance in our relationship to Father faster than pride**

**Ga 3:13\*** Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree"),

**22 Remove from me reproach and contempt, For I have kept Your testimonies.**

These are painful things to tender minds. David could bear them for righteousness sake, but they were a heavy yoke, and he longed to be free from them. To be slandered, and then to be despised in consequence of the vile accusation, is a grievous affliction

He came to His own and His own did not receive Him

**A.B. Simpson**

**Sticks and stones may break our bones but word will always hurt us**

**Job 23:12** I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary *food*.

- 1. It is no strange thing that they which keep God's testimonies should be slandered and reproached.**
- 2. As it is the usual lot of God's people to be reproached; so it is very grievous to them, and heavy to bear.**
- 3. It being grievous, we may lawfully seek the removal of it. So doth David, and so may we, with submission to God's will.**
- 4. In removal of it, it is best to deal with God about it; for God is the great witness of our sincerity, as knowing all things, and so to be appealed to in the case.**

**23 Princes also sit *and* speak against me, *But* Your servant meditates on Your statutes.**

**Accept insult and never retaliate**

**John 15:18-21** “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. “If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. “But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

**24 Your testimonies also *are* my delight *And* my counselors.**

**They were not only themes for meditation, but "also" sources of delight and means of guidance. While his enemies took counsel with each other the holy man took counsel with the testimonies of God.**