

**57 ¶ HETH. You are my portion, O LORD; I have said that I would keep Your words.**

"My portion, O Lord!"

**Is Christ Enough? every temptation should be met with this answer**

**Nu 18:20** Then the LORD said to Aaron: "You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; I *am* your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel.

**We are a Royal Priesthood**

**If God were their portion, they would love him; if they loved him they would love his word; if they loved his word they would live by it and make it the rule of their life. --William Cowper.**

**Joh 14:15\*** "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

**58 ¶ I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; Be merciful to me according to Your word.**

**"Your favor" should be "Your Face."  
To be face to face speaks of intimacy.**

**Ex 33:18** And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

**See how the Psalmist dwells upon favor and mercy, he never dreams of merit.**

**Request only what the word reveals**

**59 ¶ I thought about my ways, And turned my feet to Your testimonies.**

**2Co 13:5** Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified.

**While studying the word he was led to study his own life, and this caused a mighty revolution. He came to the word, and then he came to himself, and this made him arise and go to his Father.**

**Turn and return**

**Lu 15:18\*** ‘I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

**60 I made haste, and did not delay To keep Your commandments.**

**There is pursuit without procrastination**

**Ephesians 5:14-16**“Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light. See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

**Eternity is now. Not yesterday, and not tomorrow. The more we live in the moment with Christ, the less we will worry about tomorrow, and the less we will have regrets about yesterday. Now is all we have.**

**61 ¶ The cords of the wicked have bound me, *But* I have not forgotten Your law.**

**Ro 12:21\*** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Cords may, however, be understood in two ways; either, first, as denoting the deceptive allurements by which the wicked endeavored to get him entangled in their society; or, secondly, the frauds which they practiced to effect his ruin. --*John Calvin.***

**1. Sampson: 6 times bound by his own sin Jud 16:21** Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison

**2. Jesus Once and for all bound for the worlds sin: Mt 27:2\*** And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

**62 ¶ At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, Because of Your righteous judgments.**

**The Psalmist observed posture; he did not lie in bed and praise. There is not much in the position of the body, but there is something, and that something is to be observed whenever it is helpful to devotion and expressive of our diligence or humility. Many kneel without praying, some pray without kneeling; but the best is to kneel and pray: so here, it would have been no virtue to rise without giving thanks, and it would have been no sin to give thanks without rising; but to rise and give thanks is a happy**

**combination. As for the season, it was quiet, lonely, and such as proved his zeal. At midnight he would be unobserved and undisturbed**

**Ac 16:25\*** But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

**63 ¶ I am a companion of all who fear You, And of those who keep Your precepts.**

**Fellowship is a gift of grace**

**Mal 3:16** Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard *them*; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name.

**2Co 6:15\*** And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

**1Jo 3:14\*** We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death.

**64 ¶ The earth, O LORD, is full of Your mercy; Teach me Your statutes.**

**David had been exiled, but he had never been driven beyond the range of mercy, for he found the world to be everywhere filled with it. He had wandered in deserts and hidden in caves, and there he had seen and felt the lovingkindness of the Lord**

**Ps 33:5** He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

**I, I know at times I drift away  
But I can always hear you say  
Stay with me  
Where, where can I go to escape Your love  
I see Your wounds and I'm undone  
Consume me**