

**65 TETH. You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to Your word.**

**Prepared or done a work in**

**Eph 2:10\*** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**If the children of God did but know what was best for them, they would perceive that God did that which was best for them. --John Mason.**

***The more we understand the word the more confident we will be in the midst of trials that God has not lost His grip but in reality could be working His deepest work in our lives***

**Heb 12:27\*** Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

**66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge, For I believe Your commandments.**

**We need discernment**

**Do not misjudge God's dealings with you**

**Are you teachable?**

**The word Judgment here should be translated taste. why do Christians notoriously have such horrible taste. Thomas Kincaid?**

**Holy taste**

**Pr 2:6** For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding;

**Jas 3:17\*** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy

**67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word.**

**Humbled**

## **Straying is always the outcome of a refusal to grow**

**Psalm 32:1-5** Blessed *is he whose* transgression *is* forgiven, *Whose sin is* covered. Blessed *is* the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

**By affliction God separates the sin which he hates from the soul which he loves. --John Mason.**

**Temptation is high and grace is low when tribulation is missed**

**She did not taste death in life therefore she was not prepared for death after life "All Hallows Eve" - Charles Williams**

**68 You *are* good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes.**

**God's goodness is most clearly seen in the light of mans depravity**

**Lu 23:34\*** Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

**God is essential goodness in himself, and in every attribute of his nature he is good in the fullest sense of the term; indeed, he has a monopoly of goodness, for there is none good but one, that is God – Spurgeon**

**"Lord be good, and do good to me that I may both be good and do good through Your teaching."**

**69 The proud have forged a lie against me, *But* I will keep Your precepts with *my* whole heart.**

**Proud men are usually the bitterest opponents of the righteous: they are envious of their good fame and are eager to ruin it. Slander is a cheap and handy weapon – Spurgeon**

**Mt 5:11\*** "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

**What is the contrast between pride and humility?**

**Pride hides in the dark and is usually anchored in religion**

**Humility comes into the light and is anchored in the gospel**

**Pride blinds truth humility lives in it**

**Whole heart!**

**Mt 6:24\*** "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

**70 Their heart is as fat as grease, *But* I delight in Your law.**

**Ps 17:10** They have closed up their fat *hearts*; With their mouths they speak proudly.

**Indulgence and unhealthy**

**1. Senseless and secure; they are past feeling; thus the phrase is used (Isa 6:10): "Make the heart of the people fat." They are not sensible of the teaching of the word of God, or his rod.**

**2. Sensual and voluptuous: "Their eyes stand out with fatness" (Ps 73:7); they roll themselves in the pleasures of sense, and take up with them as their chief good; and much good may it do them: I would not change conditions with them; "delight in thy law." --*Matthew Henry*.**

**71 *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.**

**Isa 45:3** I will give you the **treasures** of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call *you* by your name, *Am* the God of Israel.

**The rod of correction buds and flowers**

**If I have no cross to bear today, I shall not advance heavenwards. A cross (that is anything that disturbs our peace), is the spur which stimulates, and Without which we should most likely remain stationary, blinded with empty vanities, and sinking deeper into sin. A cross helps us onwards, in spite of our apathy and resistance. To lie quietly on a bed of down, may seem a very sweet existence; but, pleasant ease and rest are not the lot of a**

**Christian: if he would mount higher and higher, it must be by a rough road. Alas! for those who have no daily cross! Alas! for those who repine and fret against it! --From "Gold Dust", 1880.**

**2Co 1:7\*** And our hope for you *is* steadfast, because we know that as you are **partakers** of the sufferings, so also *you will partake* of the consolation.

**72 The law of Your mouth *is* better to me Than thousands of *coins of gold* and silver.**

**See how this portion of the psalm is flavoured with goodness. God's dealings are good (Ps 119:65), holy judgment is good (Ps 119:66), affliction is good (Ps 119:67), God is good (Ps 119:68), and here the law is not only good, but better than the best of treasure. Lord, make us good, through thy good word. Amen. – Spurgeon**

**Ps 19:10** More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.