

**73 ¶ YOD. Your hands have made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.**

### **Shattered Lanterns**

**the prayer of man to be restored to his state of original innocence and wisdom by being conformed to the image of Christ. – Neale**

**Ps 139:14-16** I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them.

**A man without a mind is an idiot, the mere mockery of a man; and a mind without grace is wicked, the sad perversion of a mind. We pray that we may not be left without a spiritual judgment: for this the Psalmist prayed in verse 66, and he here pleads for it again; there is no true knowing and keeping of the commandments without it. Fools can sin; but only those who are taught of God can be holy- Spurgeon**

**Job 32:8** But *there is* a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.

**74 ¶ Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, Because I have hoped in Your word.**

**Our drawing near to the Lord and receiving His grace becomes the a source of encouragement to others**

**Ps 34:2** My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad.

**Lu 21:33\*** “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

**Our kindness to one another is dependant upon our nearness to Christ**

**Rom 12:10\*** *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love,

**75 ¶ I know, O LORD, that Your judgments *are* right, And *that* in faithfulness You have afflicted me.**

## **By His Judgments we know right and wrong**

**De 32:4** *He is* the Rock, His work *is* perfect; For all His ways *are* justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright *is* He.

### **God of Correction**

#### **Faithful in sending the afflictions**

#### **God's love is severe**

**Ro 11:22\*** Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God

**Re 3:19\*** "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

**76 ¶ Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant.**

### **God of Comfort**

**2Co 1:3\*** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

**Having confessed the righteousness of the Lord, he now appeals to his mercy, and while he does not ask that the rod may be removed, he earnestly begs for comfort under it. - Spurgeon**

**2Co 12:8\*** Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

**Let me derive my comfort and happiness from a diffusion of thy love and mercy**

**77 Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; For Your law *is* my delight.**

**La 3:22-23** *Through* the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. *They are* new every morning; Great *is* Your faithfulness.

**If we mark narrowly we shall find that David here seeks another sort of mercy than he sought before. For first he sought mercy to forgive his sins; then he sought mercy to comfort him in his troubles; now he seeks mercy to live, and sin no more - Cowper**

**Heb 8:12\*** “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

**78 ¶ Let the proud be ashamed, For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood; *But* I will meditate on Your precepts.**

**Shame is for the proud, for it is a shameful thing to be proud. Shame is not for the holy, for there is nothing in holiness to be ashamed of - Spurgeon**

**Joh 15:25\*** “But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’

**He would study the law of God and not the law of retaliation**

**Ps 1:2** But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

**79 Let those who fear You turn to me, Those who know Your testimonies.**

**Ps 142:7** Bring my soul out of prison, That I may praise Your name; The righteous shall surround me, For You shall deal bountifully with me.”

**1. The God Fearing**

**2. The God Knowing**

**Fear and knowledge do make up a godly man. Knowledge without fear breeds presumption; and fear without knowledge breeds superstition**

**80 ¶ Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes, That I may not be ashamed.**

**What is a sound heart? It notes reality and solidity in grace**

**Ps 25:21** Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You.

**Ps 32:2** Blessed *is* the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit *there is* no deceit.

**1Jo 2:28\*** And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.