

**9 ¶ BETH. How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.**

How can I purify (be justified on) my path?

The question presupposes there is a problem as well as a solution

Desire is present, direction is required

The Universe responds in either results or consequences how can I get results. You are free to choose but not free to choose the results E. Jones

**Pr 6:23** For the commandment *is* a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life,

**Ps 1:1-2** Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

The Way is to be written upon your heart

**De 6:6** “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

**Eph 5:26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

Jesus is the way for He is the Father's way to us and our way to the Father

**Joh 15:3** “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

**10 ¶ With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!**

His heart had gone after God himself: he had not only desired to obey his laws, but to commune with his person. Spurgeon

The ideal moves to the personal

Can we say this about our selves

**Ho 10:2** Their heart is divided; Now they are held guilty

**God alone sees the heart; the heart alone sees God. *John Donne, 1573-1631.***

**The more a man's whole heart is set upon holiness the more does he dread falling into sin**

**Isa 35:8** A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it *shall be* for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.

**saints are "strangers" -- "I am a stranger in the earth" (Ps 119:19), but they are not wanderers**

**11 ¶ Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!**

**No cure for sin in the life is equal to the word in the seat of life, which is the heart. There is no hiding from sin unless we hide the truth in our souls.**

**Col 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**Ec 8:4** Where the word of a king *is, there is power*

**12 ¶ Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes!**

**Adoration is always the outcome of meditation on Christ and His deliverance from**

**Our happiness rests in Him**

**Worship comes when our experimentation has worked**

**The More we learn of Him the more dependent we become on Him**

**Ps 32:8** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

**Joh 14:26\*** "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your **remembrance** all things that I said to you

**1Jo 2:27** But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

**13 ¶ With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth.**

**Ps 19:1** <<To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.>> The heavens **declare** the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

**Lips which have been used in proclaiming God's statutes are sure to be acceptable when pleading God's promise**

**Ps 40:9-10** I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great **assembly**; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know. I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great **assembly**.

**Ac 4:20\*** “For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

**14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As *much as* in all riches.**

**Delight in the word of God is a sure proof that it has taken effect upon the heart, and so is cleansing the life.**

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

**The greatest gift god gives**

**15 I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.**

**to put forth, mediate, muse, commune**

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

**16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.**

**In this verse delight follows meditation**

**We rarely forget what we love most**