



WINTER CHALLENGE
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PSALM ONE NINETEEN

DAY 17

VERSE: 9 Pe

Your testimonies are wonderful;
Therefore my soul keeps them.

130 The unfolding of Your [glorious] words give light;
Their unfolding gives understanding to the simple (childlike).

131 I opened my mouth and panted [with anticipation],
Because I longed for Your commandments.

132 Turn to me and be gracious to me *and* show me favor,
As is Your way to those who love Your name.

133 Establish my footsteps in [the way of] Your word;
Do not let any human weakness have power over me [causing me to be separated from You].

134 Redeem me from the oppression of man;
That I may keep Your precepts.

135 Make Your face shine [with pleasure] upon Your servant,
And teach me Your statutes.

136 My eyes weep streams of water
Because people do not keep Your law





Freedom IN Jesus Christ

Galatians 5:1-7/ Romans 6

THEME

INSIGHTS

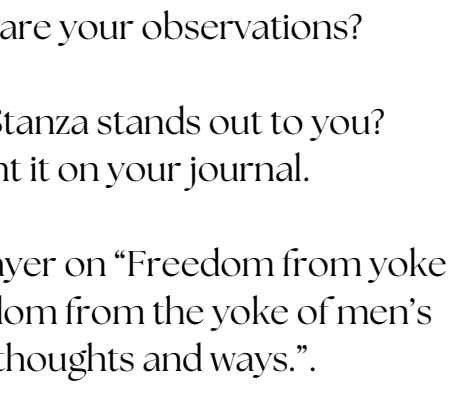
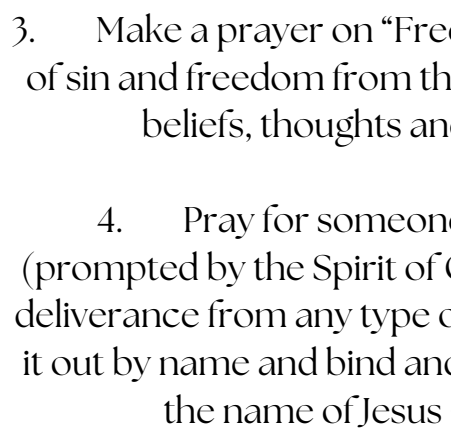
We have already previously observed how the Poet is dependent on God's Word; it is valuable to him for he draws comfort, strength, hope, direction and sustenance (life) from it. Consequently, it does not come by surprise when he starts this Stanza (*Pe- mouth, speak, and open*) by confessing that God's Word is '*Wonderful*' and that is why his "*soul stores them*". This means that he internalizes God's Word which we saw from *Ayin's* insight rendering him a steward of God's Word; he is a witness of it [Colossians 3:16]. Now, he says that when God's Word be it Unwritten or Written causes enlightenment (spiritual awakening) in our lives [Ephesians 1:18, Proverbs 9:10-11; 6:23, Psalm 119:105]. As a result, the Poet (with the help of Holy Spirit) can come to a right and simple interpretation.

The strange land (the world) is spiritually dry (wilderness hence the Poet thirsts for God's Word; it is quenching (satisfying) [Psalm 42:1-2, John 4:14; 6:53-58; 7:37-39]. We see an emphasis from him, at every opportunity constantly pleading for God's benevolence, love, and mercy [2 Corinthians 12:7-10].

He seeks direction for his life from God's Word, he has a destination to reach, and God's Word is the road map, helping him to navigate through life. [Galatians 5:7]. He then pleads for spiritual empowerment from the Oppression of Sin; he seeks deliverance (freedom) [John 8:31-36, Ephesians 3:16-19; 6:10]. Along with, deliverance (freedom) from oppression of Man. He wants to comply with God's Word, he does not want to be lukewarm [Revelation 3:14-22].

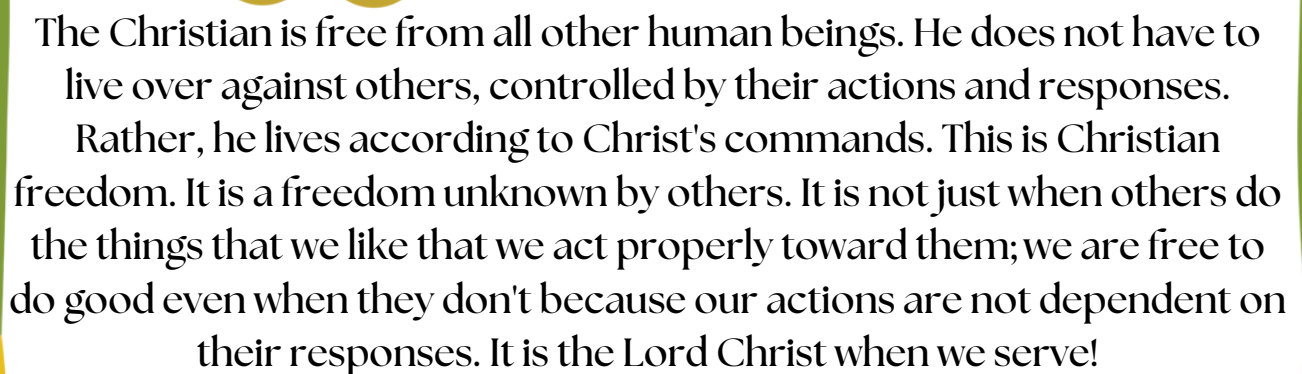
Subsequently, he makes a prayer of blessing echoed from the Torah in Numbers 6:24 - 26. he desires reassurance and blessings from God [Psalm 67:1]. Even so, He is still willing to be taught more of God's Word.

He concludes with a heavy statement; his heart is sensitive towards God's Word. He is deeply distressed by those who have rebelled against God's Word. Compassion rules his heart, he knows the wrath of God awaits the rebellious [Luke 19:41-44, Romans 6:23].

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1. What are your observations?
 2. What Stanza stands out to you?
Highlight it on your journal.
 3. Make a prayer on “Freedom from yoke of sin and freedom from the yoke of men’s beliefs, thoughts and ways.”.
 4. Pray for someone you know (prompted by the Spirit of God) who needs deliverance from any type of ‘bondage’. Call it out by name and bind and banish it out in the name of Jesus Christ?
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CHALLENGE

INSPIRATION QUOTE



The Christian is free from all other human beings. He does not have to live over against others, controlled by their actions and responses. Rather, he lives according to Christ's commands. This is Christian freedom. It is a freedom unknown by others. It is not just when others do the things that we like that we act properly toward them; we are free to do good even when they don't because our actions are not dependent on their responses. It is the Lord Christ when we serve!

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