## **BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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I trust you are aware that the longest chapter in the Bible is the psalmist's expression of his love for the word of God. That would be great if we could assimilate that same love. Let us pray to follow his example, which is a start and then read therein often.

There is such a personal attachment to it. In many places he speaks of his "delight" in it. He starts with "<u>I will</u> delight myself in thy statutes...

#### • See it takes a purpose of heart.

The apostle Paul had the same love for he said; "I delight in the law of God after the inward man." He knew its worth. It makes us wise. It gives us understanding to hate every false way. It will keep us from being ashamed.

It brings us up from heaviness. (And there will be seasons of it)

The psalmist stated 7 times about his delight in the law of God. I think he got a handle on a well balanced life; that is, one which is operating on the principles of God. It brings order to a life. It keeps our life above reproach. It sets an example to those around us. More importantly it pleases God.

#### • And in his honesty he recognized the weaknesses of his flesh.

When he said, "remove from me the way of lying:" "I have chosen the way of truth."

Or when he said, "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness."

Ps 119:113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.

- Vain thoughts seem to float in; let's take the psalmist's attitude.
- Counter them with the words of God.

"If I had what they have I would be happy"

"If I could live there that would be perfect."

"Be content" It is stated 4 times in the New Testament

- 1. Luke 3; where a Baptist said to the soldiers "...Be content with your wages"
- 2. Paul said "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content"
- 3. 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6; "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content" 4. Hebrews 13 ?????

Ps 119:59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. *Was he about to walk in the way of the world and then changed his direction*?

Ps 119:176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

### **\$UPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH** Ps 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

## "THE ADVERSE THREE"

Intro. Adversities are a way of life and the Christian faces at least 2 of them.

- 1. Crosses
- 2. Burdens
- 3. Thorns

Dinner today after the morning message

Today at 1:30 message "Jeremiah the Castigating Prophet"

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation Wed. at 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Baptist Couriers for Christ

# CNN article Sept. 27. 2022 "FOR SOME CHRISTIANS, 'RAPTURE ANXIETY' CAN TAKE A LIFETIME TO HEAL"

"Rapture anxiety," as it is often called, is recognized by some faith experts and <u>mental health professionals</u> as a type of religious trauma. Darren Slade, the president and CEO of the <u>Global Center for Religious Research</u>, has been studying religious trauma across several faiths and denominations for years.



The concept of the rapture, known theologically

as <u>dispensational premillennialism</u>, is not prevalent in Catholic or mainline Protestant denominations like Episcopalianism or Presbyterianism, and is most commonly adhered to in evangelical and fundamental churches. This line of theology draws heavily upon a letter from the Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians, included in the Bible, that says believers in Jesus would be snatched or seized into the air.