Hello Valley Heights Ladies! Reviewing our Jan.29th Bible Study!

A quick look at “Tsadhe” ---Psalm 119:137-144

The Word of God TESTIFIES: **T**ruth **s**ettles **a**nd **d**etermines ‘a’ **h**oly **e**xistence!

The **RIGHTEOUSNESS**  of God and the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of His Word stands out as especially brilliant throughout this magnificent 18th stanza! We ended up taking our last two studies to mine out some stunning jewels that continue to keep me soaking in and savouring the significance of our POSITION in Christ (Justification) and our PRACTICE because of Christ (Sanctification). The overflow of these bright Biblical realities bring sheer pleasure in knowing we are sheltered and safe from the wrath of God through faith because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord.

To be ‘declared righteous’ by faith alone is not only *comforting* but extremely *compelling*! Hope in Christ’s return is transforming and sanctifying, leading me to daily walk as a child of light in all goodness and ***righteousness*** and truth, trying to learn what is pleasing to my Lord--

“**T** **s** **a** **d** **h** **e**”

Vs.137a – **T**opic **s**entence: **A**lmighty God **d**eclares **H**imself **e**ntirely Righteous!

“**Righteous** are You, O LORD,”

Vs.137b-- **T**o **s**upport this: **A**lmighty God **d**ecrees **H**is Word **e**qually perfect!

“And *upright* are Your judgments.”

Ladies, **T**ransformation **s**tarts **a**t **d**esiring **H**im **e**xclusively!

**T**ransformation **s**tarts **a**t **d**esiring **H**is **E**ternal Words of Life!

Vs. 138-- God’s **T**estimonies **s**peak **a**ccurately **d**etailing **H**is **e**xceeding faithfulness!

“You have commanded Your testimonies in **righteousness** and exceeding faithfulness.”

Ladies, **T**ransformation **s**tarts **a**t **d**iscovering **H**is **e**xpected will which flows from His own mouth!

Vs. 139-- **T**hose who **s**et **a**side your **d**irectives **h**eat my **e**nthusiasm for righteousness!

“My zeal has consumed me, Because my adversaries have forgotten Your words.”

Ladies, **T**ransformation **s**tarts **a**t **d**eveloping a **h**atred for sin and an **e**xtreme passion for holiness!

Vs. 140—**T**rue **s**ervants **a**dmire **d**octrine **h**eralding it as **e**xquisitely errorless!

“Your word is very pure, Therefore Your servant loves it.”

Ladies, **T**ransformation **s**tarts **a**t **d**etermining **H**is Words, **e**ach Word is free from opinions and ideas!

Vs. 141—**T**hough **s**hamed **a**nd **d**egraded I pursue a **h**umble **e**xistence standing on Biblical authority!

“I am small and despised, Yet I do not forget Your precepts.”

Ladies, **T**ransformation **s**tarts **a**t **d**isengaging from the world and knowing God **h**onours **e**ndurance!

Vs. 142—**T**ruth that is **s**ure **a**nd **d**ependable **h**elps me to **e**agerly seek Christ’s righteousness!

“Your **righteousness** is an everlasting **righteousness**, And Your law is truth.”

Ladies, **T**ransformation **s**tarts **a**t **d**eveloping a **h**unger for obedience; **e**voking Christlikeness!

Vs.143—**T**rials **s**olidify my **a**llegiance by **d**irecting my worship to the one who **h**as **e**verlasting hope!

“Trouble and anguish have come upon me, yet Your commandments are my delight.”

Ladies, **T**ransformation **s**tarts **a**t **d**eveloping a **h**abit of **e**ternal praise - giving thanks for EVERYTHING!

Vs. 144—**T**rustworthy **s**tandards **a**ctivate **d**iligent **h**abitual **e**ntreaties!

“Your testimonies are **righteous** forever; give me understanding that I may live.”

Ladies, **T**ransformation **s**tarts **a**t **d**enying **h**elp **e**lsewhere! Every day, every situation, every circumstance, every decision, in everything, we first need to be calling upon the Lord (before calling 911!) and SEEKING CHRIST as we have seen in Psalm 119!

Ladies, this stanza brings great inspiration to influence others for righteousness because “… the

*LORD is RIGHTEOUS*, ‘and’ He loves *RIGHTEOUSNESS*…” (Psalm 11:7)

***Daniel 12:3*** says, “Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who **lead** the many to *RIGHTEOUSNESS*, (“***INFLUENCE*** THOSE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS”) like the stars forever and ever.”

Listen carefully to what Pastor MacArthur says about this verse. “Those having true knowledge, by faith in God’s Word, not only leaders (11:33), but others (11:35; 12:10) have insight. To “shine” in glory is a privilege of all the saved (cf. the principle in 1Thess.2:12, 1 Pet. 5:10). **ANY** who ***INFLUENCE*** others for righteousness shine like stars in varying capacities of light as their reward. The faithfulness of the believer’s witness will determine one’s eternal capacity to reflect God’s glory!”

Oh ladies! ***CHRIST IS ZEALOUS*** in this stanza! We know the story all too well of Jesus’s righteous anger being displayed as He showed zeal for the cleansing of His Father’s temple. It was in God’s house that cleansing had to begin. Christ was vividly showing us His Father’s demand for holiness!

Ladies, should we not be on a divine mission towards holiness cleansing not only our homes but, our hearts, our minds, our bodies, which is the temple of the living God from any unholy thoughts, attitudes, habits, responses and choices that would inhibit us from influencing others for righteousness?

Let me challenge you once again as I was profoundly challenged today from Day 40-Filling the earth with His Glory, Heart Prep Guide:

“What would happen if every Christian woman would live out the instructions found in Scripture: What would our homes look like? How would our husbands and children respond to that kind of radical ***transformation***? Would our men be inspired as they watch the power of the gospel at work in our lives? Would they hunger to know God more intimately? Would they begin to feel the freedom and confidence to take on the role of spiritual leadership? How would our churches, our workplaces, our neighborhoods be different if we lived as “true women,” honouring Christ with our thoughts, words, attitudes, and actions? What would the unbelieving world around us think? How would they respond? How would their lives be impacted by the power of the ***GOSPEL*** that has transformed our lives? How well is your life contributing to God’s ultimate intention that the whole earth should be filled with His Glory?”

Remember Vs.139—Transformation **s**tarts **a**t **d**eveloping a **h**atred for sin and an **e**xtreme passion for holiness---BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED by FAITH!!

Joyfully learning to please Christ,

Christyn

Join us here at the Champ home next Tues. Feb.29th at 9:30 a.m. to study the 19th stanza “Ooph” of Psalm 119: 145-152. The psalmist cries throughout this stanza to a God who hears!!