

Psalm 119:176

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I. Introduction.

A. We want to be ready for the good and bad in life—courageous and anchored in the Lord. (Psalm 112:7)

B. Introduction to Psalm 119.

1. The author is unknown.
2. He must have been a praying person because every verse is a prayer.
3. Every verse refers to the Scripture in some way. The author was a Bible centered person.
4. Since he was a godly person, all the more startling is the last verse of the psalm where the author confesses that he has gone astray.

II. We all go astray.

A. We go astray in our words.

B. We go astray in our deeds.

1. We go astray in what we do (sins of commission).
2. We go astray in what we do not do (sins of omission). Jesus taught us to love our neighbor in need.

III. We are to seek our servant.

A. In recognition that the psalmist cannot get back with God on his own, he beckons God.

B. Jesus taught that the man who humbles himself will be exalted.

1. God hears the humble.
2. The psalmist had a firm grip on the grace of God. This is underserved help from God—letting God do something for us before we do something for Him.
3. Grace is for the humble.

C. A servant of God is someone who has first let God do something for him. We must let God deliver, serve and help us.

IV. We do not forget His commandments.

A. We are made to be Christians, so even our body will not let us forget His commandments.

B. The Ten Commandments are not merely rules—they express God’s character and are written in the constitution of the universe and of man.

1. You do not break the ten commandments—they break you.

2. God has written them in our hearts. (Romans 2)

C. A clear conscience brings peace.

Application questions

1. Why is it important to seek God for help? Explain.

2. In what ways have you gone astray recently? Are there things that you have failed to do that you should have?

3. What are three things you would like the Lord do for you? Spend some time in prayer asking for God to intercede.
