

Life-Study of Exodus Summaries – Messages 56-60

MESSAGE 56–57 – How the Old Testament Seekers of God Enjoyed His Law

Those who **enjoyed** God's law in the Old Testament were **seekers** of God. Psalm 119:132 indicates that the psalmist loved the Lord's **name** and remembered His name. If we are those who seek God, we will **remember His name**. We should seek the Lord in an intimate way, **entreating His countenance**, even asking Him to cause His face to **shine** upon us. If the Lord's face shines upon us, we shall automatically **walk** in His presence. The psalmist also refers to the law of God as God's word. This proves that he thought of God's law as His **living word**. If we contact the Lord in our spirit as we read the Bible, the Word will become **spirit** and **life** to us. Taking God's law to be His word, the psalmist believed, chose, lifted up their hand, loved, delighted, tasted, rejoiced in, sang of, respected, had a sound heart, inclined their heart, sought, longed for, hoped in, and trusted in it. The psalmist also mused upon, considered, esteemed it right, entered into, learned, treasured, hid in their heart, remembered, stood in awe, cleaved to, turned their feet unto, kept, observed, practiced, walked and ran to it. May we enjoy the Word of God more by musing upon it. In this way, our enjoyment becomes spontaneous and increases. Praise the Lord! (Life-Study of Exodus, 56–57).

MESSAGE 58 – The Function of God's Law as His Living Word to His Loving Seekers

If we would know how God's **law** functions as His **living word**, we must consider the law not only as regulations and commandments given by God, but even more as the word out of God's mouth, the very **breath** of God. The function of the law as the **living word** of God is actually the function or operation of **God Himself**. As God's living word, the law gives man light. Again and again, we need to come to the Word for the purpose of receiving **nourishment** and **refreshment**. Another function of the Word of God is to **restore** man's soul and **rejoice** man's heart. It also **brings us salvation** every moment. It **strengthens** and **comforts** us. It upholds us, keeps us safe, and causes hope and causes us to enjoy God as our portion, and enjoy His countenance. Through the Word we may enjoy God as our **hiding place** and **shield** and also enjoy God's **help** and well-dealing. We should not only read the Bible, but also pray, sing, and psalm the Bible and even give thanks to God with the words of the Bible. (Life-Study of Exodus, 58).

MESSAGE 59–60 – The Blessing Received by the Loving Seekers of God Through His Law as His Living Word

The Word of God contains all that God is. This is the reason the Word of God is so rich, substantial, living, and enlightening. All that God can be to us, the Word can be also. Provided we have no **problems** within us which cause a hindrance, we should receive **blessing** whenever we come to the Word of God. If we **fail** to receive help when we come to the Word, there is a problem of some kind in our heart. Although we may read the Word of God, perhaps out of a sense of duty, we may **not have a heart** for the Word. Another problem you may have in your heart is the problem of a **divided** heart. It is not profitable to read the Word of God in a **halfhearted** way. There may also be **hindrances** or **frustrations** within us. If we want to receive blessing from the Word of God, we must first **deal** with our heart and **turn** to the Lord absolutely and with our whole heart. The Bible demands that we **humble** ourselves and put aside our **self-confidence** and **self-assurance**. If we have a humble attitude when we come to the Word, not having any trust in ourselves, we shall be **enlightened**. The loving seekers of God also receive the **life supply**, the **enlivening**, the **quickenings**, through His living Word. This life supply we receive causes us to be **watered**. These blessings will lead us to the highest blessing of all – **the enjoyment of God Himself as our portion**. May we have a proper approach to the Word of God that issues in all the blessings. When we enjoy God Himself as our portion, we shall have **knowledge**, **wisdom**, **understanding**, and **discernment**; we shall be **preserved** from every evil way; we shall be **established**; and we shall be **overcomers**, those who are above every negative thing. Praise the Lord! (Life-Study of Exodus, 59–60).