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Delighting in God's Path:
"And Then..." - The Life Built on God's Word
Psalm 119:41-48

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43 וְאַל־תִּצְלַל מִפִּי דְבַר־אֱמֶת עַד־מָאֵד כִּי לְמִשְׁפַּטְךָ יִחַלְתִּי:

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Psalm 119:41–48 (BHS OT)

45 וְאַתָּה לֵכָה בְּרַחֲבָה כִּי פִקְדֵיךָ דַרְשֵׁתִי:

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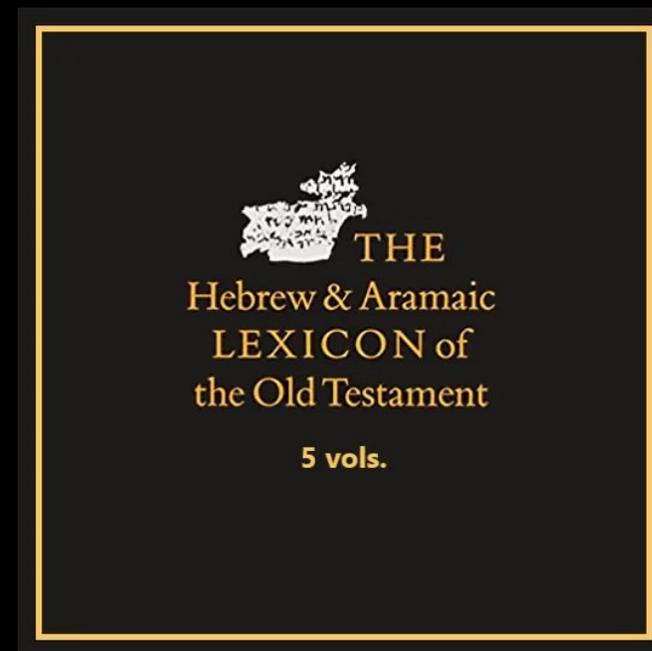
47 וְאֲשַׁתְּעֶנְשֶׁע בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר אֶהְבֵּתִי:

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“Vav” or “Waw”

- “and”
- “also, even”
- “together with”
- “that is”
- “as well as, both...and”



⁴¹**Καὶ** ἔλθοι ἐπ' ἐμέ τὸ ἔλεός σου, κύριε, τὸ σωτήριόν σου κατὰ τὸ λόγιόν σου.

⁴²**καὶ** ἀποκριθήσομαι τοῖς ὀνειδίζουσί με λόγον, ὅτι ἤλπισα ἐπὶ τοὺς λόγους σου.

⁴³**καὶ** μὴ περιέλῃς ἐκ τοῦ στόματός μου λόγον ἀληθείας ἕως σφόδρα, ὅτι ἐπὶ τὰ κρίματά σου ἐπήλπισα.

⁴⁴**καὶ** φυλάξω τὸν νόμον σου διὰ παντός, εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα καὶ εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τοῦ αἰῶνος.

⁴⁵**καὶ** ἐπορευόμην ἐν πλατυσμῶ, ὅτι τὰς ἐντολάς σου ἐξεζήτησα.

⁴⁶**καὶ** ἐλάλουν ἐν τοῖς μαρτυρίοις σου ἐναντίον βασιλέων καὶ οὐκ ἤσχυνόμην.

⁴⁷**καὶ** ἐμελέτων ἐν ταῖς ἐντολαῖς σου, αἷς ἠγάπησα σφόδρα.

⁴⁸**καὶ** ἦρα τὰς χεῖράς μου πρὸς τὰς ἐντολάς σου, ἃς ἠγάπησα, καὶ ἠδολέσχουν ἐν τοῖς δικαιομασίῃ σου. Psalm 118:41–48 (Logos LXX)

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⁴³**And** do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I wait for Your judgments.

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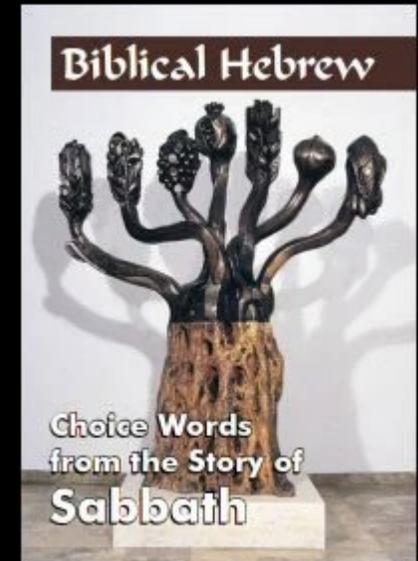
⁴⁶I will **also** speak of Your testimonies before kings And shall not be ashamed.

⁴⁷I will delight in Your commandments, Which I love.

⁴⁸**And** I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments, Which I love; And I will meditate on Your statutes.

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Also unlike other languages, Biblical Hebrew has two ways to describe past and future actions. The letter 'ו' (pronounced 'waw' in classical pronunciation, but 'vav' in Modern Hebrew) **when prefixed can 'flip' the tense of the verb from past to future as well as the opposite.** Consequently, the Hebrew name for the letter and its function is *vav ha'hipuch* (the vav of inverting verb tense).



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LORD, Your salvation according to
Your word;

Psalms 119:41 (NASB 2020)

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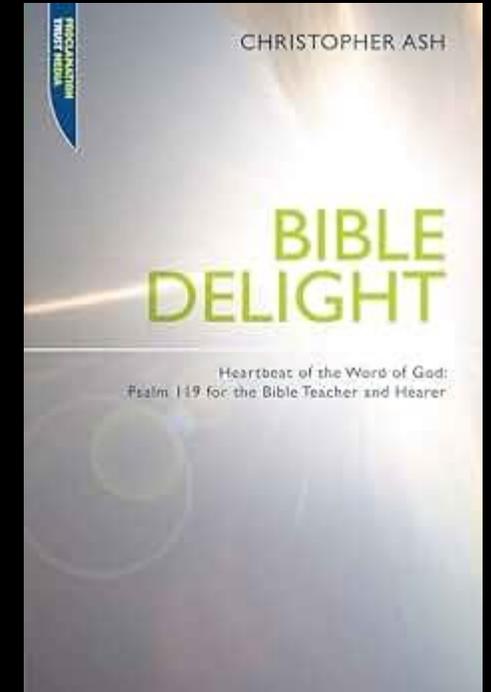
1. joint obligation between relatives, friends, host and guest, master and servant;

closeness, solidarity, loyalty

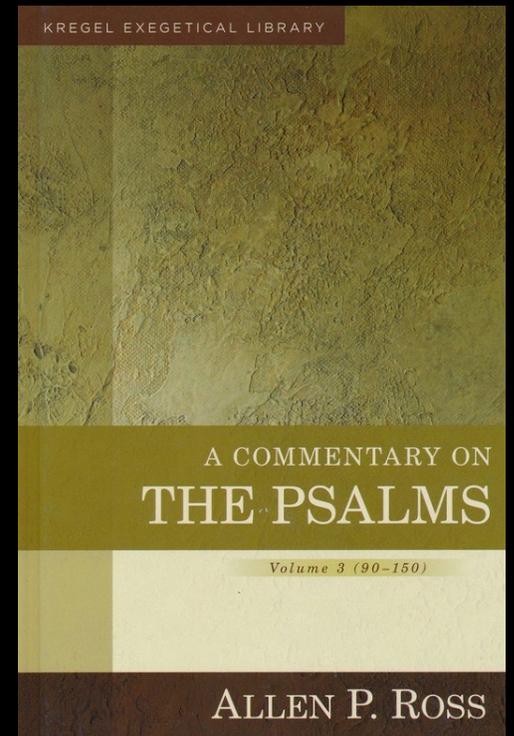
2. .B. in God's relationship with the people or an individual,
faithfulness, goodness, graciousness:



‘Steadfast love’ translates an important Old Testament word, and it is the first time it is used in this psalm (cf. vv. 76, 88, 124, 149, 159). It doesn’t just mean that God is a nice chap, a loving, decent, generous sort of God. It has a more precise meaning. It means what we sometimes call ‘Covenant love’, that is, love in the framework of a clearly stated agreement. God’s Covenant of grace is his promise to all who belong to him that he will be our God and we will be his people. To all who come into and belong to that people, he pledges his Covenant love, his steadfast love.



As noted already, the noun is plural; it may be so to emphasize the nature of divine love, or it may refer to the many acts of love that God has displayed and promised. This word “love” signifies what divine love will do for him—fulfill the covenant promises (and so it is a metonymy of cause).



⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His **faithfulness** to a thousand generations for those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Deuteronomy 7:9 (NASB 2020)

⁵⁶“Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel in accordance with everything that He promised; **not one word has failed of all His good promise**, which He promised through Moses His servant.

1 Kings 8:56 (NASB 2020)

²²The LORD's **acts of mercy** indeed do not end, For His compassions do not fail.

²³*They* are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

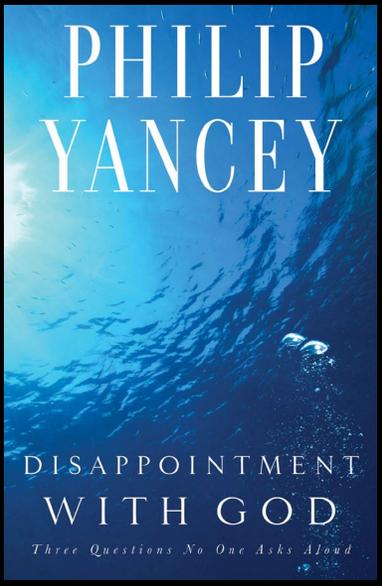
Lamentations 3:22–23 (NASB 2020)

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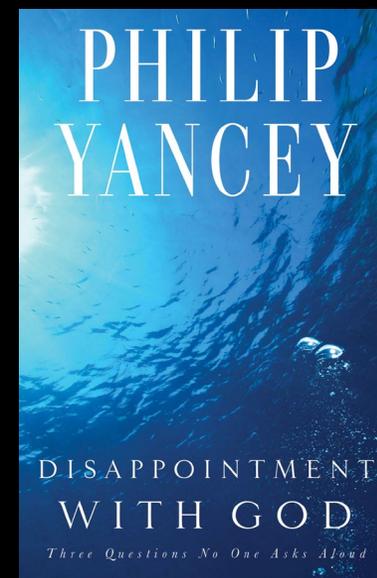


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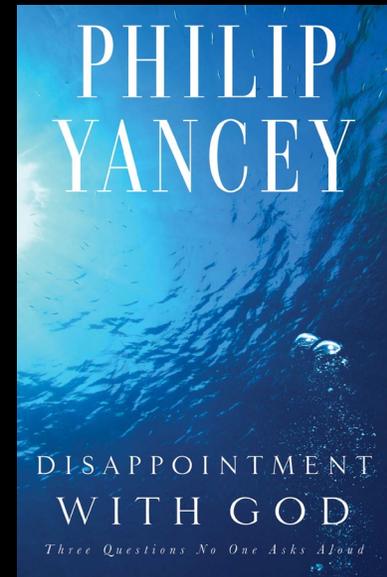
DISAPPOINTMENT
WITH GOD

Three Questions No One Asks Aloud

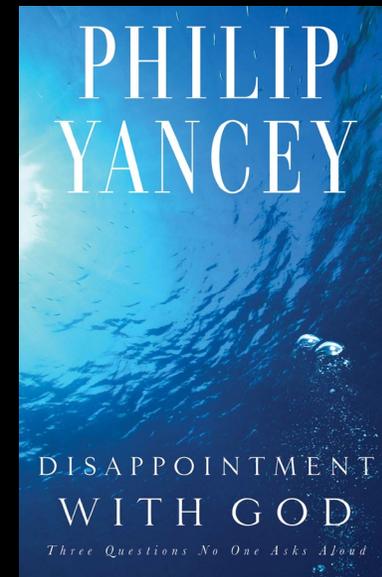
First, we use it to describe great, childlike gulps of faith, when a person swallows the impossible. David exercised this kind of extravagant faith when he strode out to meet Goliath, as did the Roman centurion whom Jesus commended (he was “astonished” by the man’s unflinching confidence). In our day, “faith missionaries” write stirring accounts of miracles that may result from childlike trust.



This is the “seed faith” that can feed a houseful of orphans or move a mountain, and the Bible contains many proddings toward such.



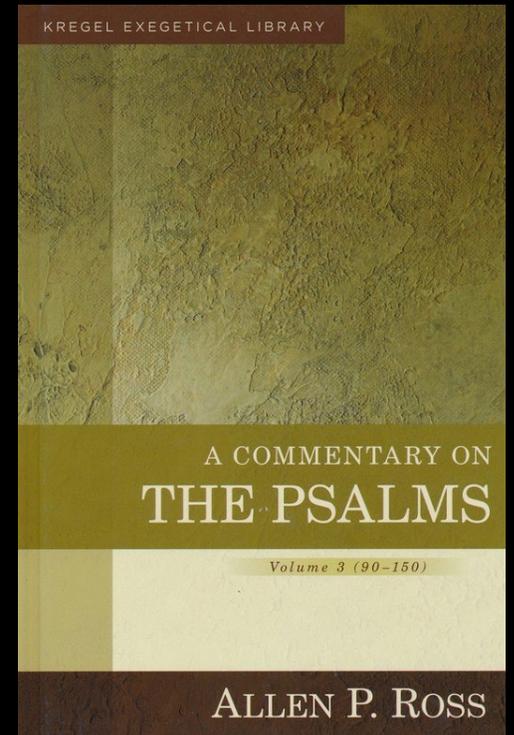
We may experience times of unusual closeness, when every prayer is answered in an obvious way and God seems intimate and caring. And we may also experience “fog times,” when God stays silent, when nothing works according to formula and all the Bible’s promises seem glaringly false. **Fidelity involves learning to trust that, out beyond the perimeter of fog, God still reigns and has not abandoned us, no matter how it may appear.**



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Your word;

Psalms 119:41 (NASB 2020)

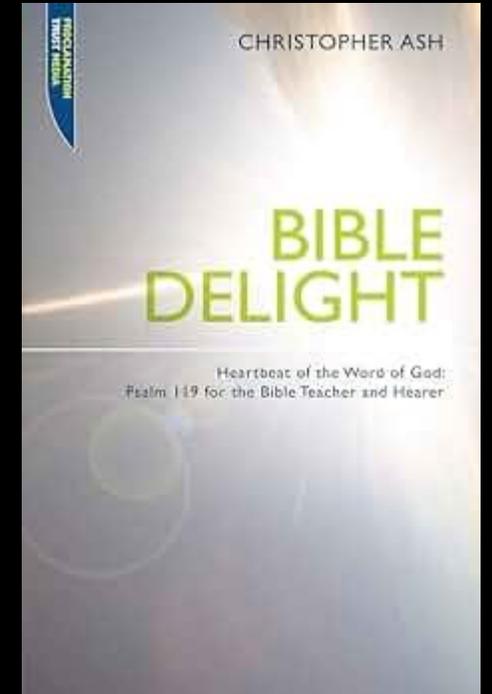
The parallel colon adds “your salvation” (or “deliverance”; s.v. Ps. 1:5); this clarifies that the prayer for loyal love is a prayer for a deliverance **that would vindicate the psalmist** as the next verse will make clear.



⁴²So that I will have an answer for
one who taunts me, For I trust in Your
word.

Psalm 119:42 (NASB 2020)

There will be times when the Christian will do things that make no sense to the unbeliever at all. They just think, 'That is going to be a complete waste.' We see that sometimes when a young Christian wants to go into Christian service. Maybe he or she has a good degree from a decent university; and the parents (especially the father) can't help feeling that he or she is wasting their life.



³Know this first *of all*, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, ⁴and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue just as *they were* from the beginning of creation.”

2 Peter 3:3–4 (NASB 2020)



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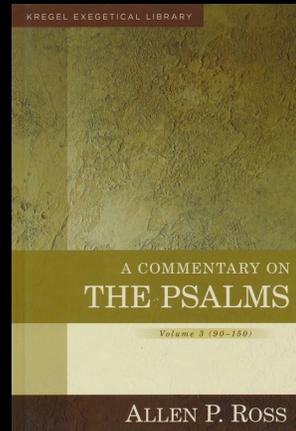
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⁴³And do not take the **word of truth** utterly out of my mouth, For I wait for Your judgments.

Psalm 119:43 (NASB 2020)

In the meantime, he prays that God not take the word of truth from his mouth (v. 43). The verb “take away” has more of the sense of “snatch away” (חָטַף s.v. Ps. 22:20); but here it probably means “do not withhold” your word. He does not want to be deprived of the fulfillment of God’s word; so this is a restatement of the prayer in verse 41. But he uses “the word of truth” in the verse. “Truth” (אֱמוּנָה s.v. Ps. 15:2) signifies that which is reliable and firm; in this construction God’s word is being described as faithful and reliable; but the petition is that the word of truth not be taken from his mouth. He does not want to be deprived of the privilege of praising God’s faithfulness.



2. Leaning on God's veracity (119:43-44)

A. His justice is _____ (119:43)

B. His Word is _____ (119:44)

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B. His Word is _____ (119:44)

⁴³And do not take the word of truth
utterly out of my mouth, For **I wait** for
Your judgments.

Psalm 119:43 (NASB 2020)

1. to wait

2. to cause to hope



⁸But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:8–9 (NASB 2020)

⁴Or do you think lightly of the riches of **His kindness and restraint and patience**, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart **you are storing up wrath for yourself** on the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,
Romans 2:4–5 (NASB 2020)

⁷Therefore **be patient**, brothers *and sisters*, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. ⁸You too **be patient**; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

James 5:7–8 (NASB 2020)

⁴³And do not take the word of truth
utterly out of my mouth, For **I wait** for
Your judgments.

Psalm 119:43 (NASB 2020)

49 Remember the word to Your
servant, In which **You have made me
hope.**

Psalm 119:49 (NASB 2020)

⁷⁴May those who fear You see me
and be glad, Because **I wait** for Your
word.

Psalm 119:74 (NASB 2020)

⁸¹My soul languishes for Your
salvation; I wait for Your word.

Psalm 119:81 (NASB 2020)

¹¹⁴You are my hiding place and my shield; **I wait** for Your word.

Psalm 119:114 (NASB 2020)

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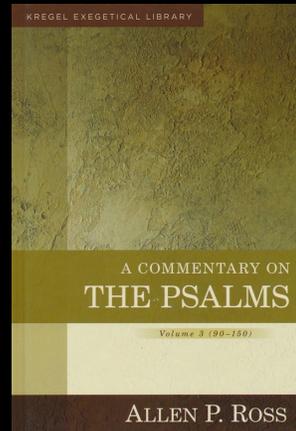
A. His justice is patient (119:43)

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⁴⁴So I will keep Your Law continually,
Forever and ever.

Psalm 119:44 (NASB 2020)

Since he is praying for God to keep his word and deliver him from the one taunting him, he will promise to keep God's word as well, continually.



⁸⁹Forever, LORD, Your word stands in
heaven.

Psalm 119:89 (NASB 2020)

¹⁵²From long ago I have known from
Your testimonies That **You have
founded them forever.**

Psalm 119:152 (NASB 2020)

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands
forever.

Isaiah 40:8 (NASB 2020)

³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away,
but **My words will not pass away.**

Matthew 24:35 (NASB 2020)

⁶“For I, the LORD, do not change;
therefore you, the sons of Jacob,
have not come to an end.

Malachi 3:6 (NASB 2020)

⁴⁴So I will keep Your Law continually,
Forever and ever.

Psalm 119:44 (NASB 2020)

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A. In your _____ (119:45)

B. With your _____ (119:46)

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A. In your walk (119:45)

B. With your _____ (119:46)

⁴⁵And **I will walk at liberty**, For I seek
Your precepts.

Psalm 119:45 (NASB 2020)









We used to be slaves...

Romans 6:16-19

¹⁶Do you not know that *the one* to whom you present yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of *that same one* whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

¹⁷But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to *that* form of teaching to which you were entrusted,

¹⁸and after being freed from sin, you became slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented the parts of your body as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your body's parts as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

Romans 6:16–19 (NASB 2020)

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin,
you were free in relation to
righteousness.

Romans 6:20 (NASB 2020)

²²But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

Romans 6:22 (NASB 2020)

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Psalm 119:45 (NASB 2020)

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Psalm 119:33–38 (NASB 2020)

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⁴⁶I will also speak of Your testimonies
before kings And shall not be
ashamed.

Psalm 119:46 (NASB 2020)

³⁴You offspring of vipers, how can you, being evil, express *any* good things? **For the mouth speaks from that which fills the heart.**

Matthew 12:34 (NASB 2020)

¹³But having the same spirit of faith,
according to what is written: “I
BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE,” **we**
also believe, therefore we also
speak, ¹⁴knowing that He who raised
the Lord Jesus will also raise us with
Jesus, and will present *us* with you.

2 Corinthians 4:13–14 (NASB 2020)

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¹⁹But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, make your own judgment; ²⁰for **we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.**”

Acts 4:19–20 (NASB 2020)

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will meditate on Your statutes.

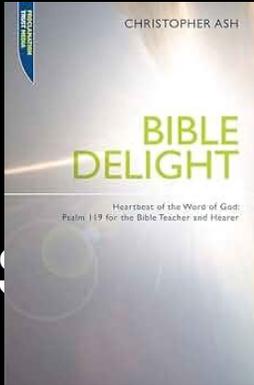
Psalm 119:47–48 (NASB 2020)

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— to like, to love



Strictly speaking, we would think that we ought not to speak of loving the Bible, but should rather reserve our love for the Lord. We are nervous about loving the word of the Lord instead of loving the Lord of the word. And yet the singer here unashamedly says he loves 'your commandments'. His desire and his affection are warmly directed towards this wonderful word that gives him freedom in prison, a wide ministry in opposition, and points surely to the day when the final answer will be given to all who taunt him.



³For this is the love of God, that we keep
His commandments; and His
commandments are not burdensome.

1 John 5:3 (NASB 2020)

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