



## Outline – Sunday School, May 07, 2017

**Sermon Title:** “Committing to God’s Word While Clinging to the Dust”

**Text:** Psalm 119:25-32, DALETH

**A Picture of the Perfecting Work of Patient Endurance** (James 1:2-3/Heb 12:1-2) Spiritual Maturity is the consequence of a Divine work of Grace *experienced* in the trials of our faith.

### I. **Learning When Laid Low:** vs 25-27

- a. *He has been humbled* (vs 25): “my soul cleaveth to the dust,” A metaphor of dying: Gen 2:24/  
Ps 44:23-26 - An expression fulfilled redemptively by Christ: **Ps 22:15** - He needs to be Spiritually REVIVED by the WORD: Ps 119:50
- b. *He has been made confessional* (vs 26a): “I have declared my ways” = “numbered, reckoned, taken into account.” The result? He received forgiveness! Prov 28:13
- c. *He has been made teachable* (vs 26b): He has learned to embrace the trial, and expect God will teach him through it. Ps 119:71/Ps 86:11/Ps 103:4

### II. **Strengthened Through Sorrow:** vs 28

- a. “My soul melteth” = “drips away, pour out, = “my soul” “weeps.” Prolonged trials can cause despair and grief which can weaken the soul.
- b. The Word strengthens = “to confirm, ratify, establish, raise up, erect, build.” The word edifies when trials break us down. Eph 3:16/Col 1:11/1 Pet 5:10

### III. **Emboldened Unto Confidence:** vs 29-32

- a. (vs 29) Remove = “cause to turn aside, cause to depart,” = “the way” “manner, habit, course of life” of falsehood, deceit
- b. Examining two ways (Truth and Falsehood) Choosing  
(vs 30a), Comparing (vs 30b), Committing (vs 31) “Do not put me to shame” = Ps 25:1-5/  
Matt 27:39-43
- c. (vs 32) “When thou shalt enlarge my heart” = Divine Increasing of Affections/Reverence for God:  
Is 60:5/Ps 25:17/John 14:15 - Love and affection for the Lord will cause us to resist sin above all else. Rom 5:3-5