



Outline – Sunday School, September 10, 2017

Sermon Title: “The Goodness of God in the School of Affliction”

Text: Psalm 119:65-72, Teth stanza

1. **A Counterintuitive Reflection** (v 65-68): *The School of Affliction is God’s Goodness to us.*
 - a. (v 65) A *Surprising* Commendation: Gen 1:4-10/Ps 119:49
 - b. (v 66-67) A Request for *Keener* Discernment:
 - i. His request: Ps 119: 58-60
 - ii. His reason: Is 42:21
 - iii. His recollection: 1 Peter 1:5-7/Ps 37:28
 - c. (v 68) A *Sobering* Reality: He affirms the goodness of God’s character: Ps 34:8; 25:6/Rom 8:28-29

2. **A Contrasting Resolve** (v 69-70): *God’s Discipline produces Humility and Receptivity to God’s Law.*
 - a. The *Conflict* of Hearts Calloused:
 - i. Their hateful conjuring: “forged” = to patch, sew together - to fabricate falsehood- Job 13:4, 14:17
 - ii. Their heart condition = “fat” = gross, thick, to be insensitive, stupid = calloused, clogged
 - b. The *Commitment* of a Heart Converted: “I will keep” = observe, guard “I delight”

3. **A Christ-Conformed Rationale** (v 71-72): *God is Committed to our Maturity - Graduation is Glory!*
 - a. (v 71) A Confession: The Redemptive Purpose of God’s Discipline:
 - i. The Motivation of the Father: Ps 103:9-12/Heb 12:4-14
 - ii. The Maturity of the Son: Heb 5:5-9
 - b. (v 72) An Estimation: The Superlative Value of God’s Word: Ps 19:7-10/2 Tim 3:16-17/Ps 119:127