



Outline – Sunday School, August 13, 2017

Sermon Title: “When the LORD is Our Portion...”

Text: Psalm 119:57-64, CHETH

1. **The Pledge Obligated (vv57-58):** We are obliged to *obey* God, being dependent upon His grace.
 - a) A Covenant Confession - Of God’s Salvation: Ps 16:5-6,11 / Of God’s Sufficiency: The Portion of Levi: Deut 18:1-2, 1 Pet 1:3-5;2:9 /Rev 5:9-10
 - b) A Covenant Responsibility - The highest motivation for faithfulness is communion. Ps 73:25-26
 - c) A Covenant Plea - “I entreated” = prayerful dependence upon God’s mercy and the desire for communion with God.

“Sweetening of the face” = favor, indicating God’s grace/countenance - Is 59:2
Ex 33:19

2. **The Path Corrected (vv59-60):** God enables us to pursue righteousness by correcting our path.
 - a) “I thought on my ways”= In the process of conversion, God always begins with the mind!
 - b) “Turned my feet”= True repentance. The implication? God showed him his error - Lam 3:40/Deut 4:30-31/ an act of mercy = Psalm 80:3/2 Tim 2:25/1 Thess 1:9
 - c) “I made haste”/ "delayed not" - literally, I did not “stand questioning”

3. **The Priority Maintained (vv61-64):** The priority of the Word is maintained because of God’s mercy.
 - a) Remembering - vv61-62: “Bands” (chords, ropes)/ “have robbed me” = to repeat over and again, witness, charge, protest = Ps 3:1/Rom 12:17-20
 - b) Fellowship - v63: Prov 13:20/Matt 6:33
 - c) Teaching - v64: Ps 19; 24:1; 33:5; 145:9/Is 2:3; 48:17-18/Mat 11:29/Jer 9:24