

Psalm 119:48b, Facilitation of Absolute Statutes; Review: Joshua 1:1-8

40- In Psalm 119:48 we have a synonym which looks like this:

siach /see-AK / - To rehearse, to go over a matter in one's mind. Such meditation or contemplation may be done either inwardly or outwardly.

41- Here it refers to silent reflection on God's Word which is indicated by our final synonym for doctrine:

huqqa /hook-KAW / - It comes from its root word *haqqaq* /haw-KAK / which means, "to engrave" and by application to enact laws by cutting them into stone or metal tablets. It came to refer to legal decrees. *Huqqa* in context then has to do with the immutable mandates decreed by God and which are perpetually binding.

42- This means that God's laws are absolutes, that we are to follow without question, and therefore they must be memorized and then applied by the lifting up of one's hands.

Psalm 119:48 - [CTL] I shall diligently make application to man and circumstances of your commandments, which I love. I shall meditate, for the purpose of facilitation, on your absolute statutes.

43- This takes us back to our central passage in Joshua 1:8 where we have the following corrected translation for as far as we have gone:

Joshua 1:8a - The Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth but you shall facilitate its content day and night ...

44- The word we translate as "facilitate" is *hagah* which again means to mutter or meditate.

45- In the context of Joshua it has to do with the process and procedure believers of the Old Testament utilized in order to facilitate wheel-tracks of righteousness.

- 46- What Joshua is ordered to do by the Lord is to memorize by repetition and review, through reading and speaking, the content of the Mosaic Law.
- 47- No matter the dispensation, the human soul is the central processing unit for inculcation of thought and the human brain is the hard disk upon which this information is stored.
- 48- In Joshua chapter one, the Lord has given Joshua orders and this one in verse 8 has to do with what Joshua will have to do in order to successfully accomplish his mission.
- 49- In order to bring together all we have studied on this subject since we first introduced in on December 6 of last year, let's go through a brief review. We start with a corrected translation of Joshua 1:1-8a:

Joshua 1:1-4: Command for Conquest

Joshua 1:1 - And it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying,

v 2 - "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel.

v 3 - "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you [**the inheritance given by promise to Abraham in Genesis 13:15**], just as I spoke to Moses.

v 4 - "From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, will be your territory."

Joshua 1:5-9: Provision for Conquest

Joshua 1:5 - "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you. I will not fail you or forsake you."

NOTE: Here we engaged in our first detailed doctrinal study as we noted principles related to our temporal and eternal inheritances.

- 1) Our temporal inheritance includes logistical grace support for both our physical and spiritual lives on a daily basis.
- 2) Eternal inheritance includes such assets as:
 - (1) imputation of divine righteousness,
 - (2) imputation of eternal life,
 - (3) membership in the royal family of God through adoption,
 - (4) escrow blessings,
 - (5) citizenship in the heavenly community with *πολίτευμα / politeuma* / privileges,
 - (6) membership in the royal priesthood,
 - (7) election to privilege and opportunity,
 - (8) a predetermined plan,
 - (9) set apart for special function through sanctification, and
 - (10) acceptance through Christ.
- 3) The promise made to Abraham was given to him and to his Seed which we learned is Christ in:

Galatians 3:15 - Brethren, I speak in terms of human frame of reference; even though it is only a manmade contract, yet when it has been ratified, no one annuls it or adds additional conditions to it.

v 16 - Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his Child. God does not say [**in Genesis 13:15**], "And to children," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your Child," that is, Christ.

v 17 - What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a contract previously ratified by God so as to nullify the promise.

v 18 - For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise, but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.

- 4) Our study then took us to an examination of the spiritual inheritance of the Church Age believer.

Joshua 1:6 - “Be confident and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore unto their fathers to give to them.”

- 1) This is where we were first introduced to the phrase “Be confident and courageous,” and we call it the, “Formula of Encouragement.” We studied it under five paragraphs:

A. Definition and Description

- (1) *Chazaq* is the word for confidence which is a motivational virtue directed toward God
- (2) *'Amats* is the word for courage which is the resultant functional virtue that is directed toward man and circumstances.

B. Developing the Concept of Virtue

- (1) The Greek word, ἀρετή / *arete* /

C. Etymology of ἀρετή / *arete* /

D. Church Age Principles on Confidence and Courage

E. Joshua’s Development of Confidence and Courage

- 2) In order for Joshua to execute the Lord’s mandate to take the land he is reminded of the importance of submitting totally to the Law of Moses.

Joshua 1:7 - “Only be confident and courageous. Perform extraordinary diligence to do according to all the Law which Moses My servant commanded you. Do not turn from the wheel-tracks of righteousness to the right into legalism or to the left into licentiousness, so that you may act wisely wherever you go.

- 1) Here we noted the three stages of the Adult Spiritual Life and
- 2) the three stages of the spiritual life of Israel, the faith-rest drill.

Joshua 1:8a - “This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth but you shall meditate on it day and night ...”

- 1) We learned first of all from verse 8 that meditation is a means by which Joshua is enabled to facilitate the content of the Law into his stream of consciousness.
- 2) In the church age the believer is mandated to utilize the two power options of the filling of the Holy Spirit and the Grace Apparatus for Perception.
- 3) At this point we reviewed the Doctrine of the Theology of Neurology in 13 paragraphs.
- 4) In order for wheel-tracks of righteousness to be facilitated into paths of least resistance we undertook the importance of Bible class and Bible study.
- 5) As we face the pressures which are common to man, we are to apply these wheel-tracks of righteousness to our lives by means of thought, decision and action.