

I thought on my ways

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Introduction

1. Psalm 119:59
2. The Hebrew word that is used here signifies to think on a man's way accurately, advisedly, seriously, studiously, and curiously.
3. In contemplating about ourselves we are to look backward to whom we were and then forward to whom we want to be.
4. We are to be thinking not about what I have, but what I do; because all that one does will follow him into another world because what we have will be left behind 2 Corinthians 5:10
5. We want to examine ourselves (2 Corinthians 13:5), our state, our ways, spirits, doctrines, worship, and our customs.
6. We do this for a mirror to dress by; our rule to walk and work by, our food for our nourishment, our fire to warm us, our sword to fight with, and our counselor in all our doubts.
7. Let us think about our freedom, our faith, our failures and our future

II Discussion

1. Our Freedom
 - a. The Gospel will make us free John 8:32, 34
 - b. We have been made free from the power of darkness Colossians 1:13; Acts 26:18
 - c. We are stand fast and be not entangled again in bondage Galatians 5:1
 - d. We are freed from
 - i. The world Colossians 2:20
 - ii. Denominational doctrines Hebrews 13:9
 - iii. Sin Romans 6:7
2. Our Faith
 - a. We are to grow in faith 2 Peter 1:5ff; 3:18
 - b. When we come to Bible study and worship our faith is being built up Romans 10:13-17
 - c. Our faith will cause us to have victory 1 John 5:4; 1 Peter 1:9
 - d. What kind of faith do you have:
 - i. Little faith Matthew 6:30; **14:31**; 16:8
 - ii. No faith **Mark 4:40**
 - iii. Grain of mustard seed faith Matthew 17:20
 - iv. Vain faith 1 Corinthians 15:17
 - v. One faith Ephesians 4:5
 - vi. Great faith Matthew 8:10; 15:28
 - vii. Full of faith Acts 6:5
 - viii. When the Son of Man comes again will He find faith Luke 18:8
3. Our Failures
 - a. All have sinned Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:6-10
 - b. We will offend in many things that we do. James 3:2 Better to have tried and failed than never have tried at all. Many critics but how many have tried.
 - c. If we confess our sins we will have them forgiven 1 John 1:9
 - d. We are to evaluate not someone else (it sure is easy to see someone else's sins) but ourselves James 1:12-15
4. Our Future
 - a. Our citizenship is in heaven Philippians 3:20 NJKV

b. Heaven is our goal 1 Peter 1:4; Colossians 3:1-2

III Conclusion

1. As we think on our ways are they in line with what God's Word dictates
2. God's Word is our standard by which we will be judged John 12:48
3. If we are not inline with the Word of God then changes are to be taking place in our life!
4. Now is the time for those changes 2 Corinthians 6:2
5. When He comes again what then? 2 Peter 3:10
6. Are you ready Amos 4:12

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