

Saint Michael and All Angels Parish Church, Bramcote



Wednesday, September 16th, 2020

Bible Readings: Psalm 119:1-32; 1 Kings 3; Acts 14:8-end
(Each reading may be viewed at www.biblegateway.com)

Reflection: ①

"Blessed are they whose way of life is pure, who walk in the law of the Lord". The thread running through Psalm 119 is just this - the way to live the best life we can is by sticking to God's paths - keeping his commandments, immersing ourselves in his word, respecting his laws.

The Psalmist delights in learning from God and meditating on his word, but also recognises that in doing so, his own faults and failings come into sharper focus. Like Solomon he recognises that God's instruction is beyond earthly price. Solomon was offered an unparalleled opportunity to ask for anything he wanted from God. He could have chosen health, wealth, happiness - but he asked for wisdom, and God richly rewarded his request.

Suppose we were faced with the same opportunity - what would we ask of God? Can we say, with the Psalmist, that our delight is in his statutes, or that we have chosen the way of truth?

In our fast-moving, busy, and often alarming world there are so many things pulling us away from God. Taking the time to read sections of Psalm 119 slowly and carefully might be a good way to help us re-focus our attention where it really should be.

Prayer:

Lord, we are to blame, for we have not followed your law - we have not kept your commandments, we have not sought you with all our heart, we have not walked in your ways, nor have we fully obeyed you. Lord, we long to be faithful and obedient: do not put us to shame. Give us upright hearts, teach us obedience and do not forsake us for ever. **Amen.**

"Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5.7