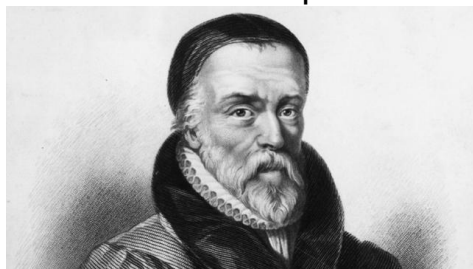


SESSION 4



MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE...

Not long after, Master Tyndale happened to be in the company of a certain divine, recounted for a learned man, and, in communing and disputing with him, he drove him to that issue, that the said great doctor burst out into these blasphemous words, "We were better to be without God's laws than the pope's." Master Tyndale, hearing this, full of godly zeal, and not bearing that blasphemous saying, replied, "I defy the pope, and all his laws;" and added, "If God spared him life, ere many years he would cause a boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Scripture than he did." The grudge of the priests increasing still more and more against Tyndale, they never ceased barking and rating at him, and laid many things sorely to his charge, saying that he was a heretic.

From *Fox's Book of Martyrs*

1. Give thanks for the Bible in your hand!

2. Making the most of the privilege

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not wander from your commandments!

¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

¹²Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!

¹³With my lips I declare
all the rules of your mouth.

¹⁴In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

Psalms 119:9-16, ESV

3. Spend some time with the Lord

Psalm 19

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring for ever;

the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

V1-6

What are you praising God for as you look at his handiwork in the creation around you?

V7-13

Underline the things the word of God does for us (eg, v7 it 'revives the soul'). Spend some time reflecting on what it would be like if you didn't have the word of God in your life.

What would you like to say thank you for; sorry for; and ask God for, as you meditate on this Psalm?

V14

Pray v14 for yourself as you look ahead to all the things you will do, say and think about today.