

"For His Name's Sake"

Humility in Grace

Introduction:

1. This may be the most important phrase in the psalm.
2. God love us; therefore, He saves us, guides us, and gives us a home in Heaven.
3. However, it is all for His glory and the honor of His name.
4. The sheep must never forget the dignity of the Shepherd or the nobility of His name.

I. The Peril of the Proud

- A. The sheep does not take credit for his safe arrival at green pastures.
- B. Likewise, we do not boast pridefully of our deliverance from sin or abundance of blessings (cf. Luke 17:7-10; Rom. 3:27; 4:2; 1 Cor. 9:16).
- C. God hates pride (Prov. 6:16-17; 8:13; 16:5).
- D. God opposes the proud (Jam. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5; Prov. 15:25).
- E. Pride leads to destruction (Prov. 16:18).
- F. Thus, we can understand Jesus' attitude toward the Pharisees (cf. Luke 18:9-14; 11:42ff; Rev. 3:17-18).

II. The Hope of the Humble

- A. God loves and cares for the humble (Psa. 9:12; Isa. 57:15; Matt. 18:4; Jam. 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:5-6).
- B. Humility demands honest assessment of oneself (Rom. 12:3).
- C. Humility brings salvation and exaltation.

III. The Nobility of the Name

- A. Endure persecution for Jesus' sake (Matt. 5:10-12; 10:18, 22, 39; 24:9).
- B. Pray and preach for Jesus' sake (Rom. 15:30).
- C. Serve for Jesus' sake (2 Cor. 4:5; Rev. 2:3).
- D. Forgiveness is for Jesus' sake (Eph. 4:32; 1 John 2:12).