

COMMITTED TO GOD'S WAY
Psalm 119:105-112

INTRODUCTION

- A. In 1865, Alice in Wonderland was written by Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll.
 - 1. It tells of a girl named Alice falling through a rabbit hole into a fantasy world filled with wonderful and peculiar creatures.
 - 2. One such creature introduced is the Cheshire cat, who appears from time to time to help (or confuse) Alice on her journey.
 - 3. Conversation between Alice and the Cat, as Alice tries to decide which path to take:
 - “Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?”
 - ‘That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,’ said the Cat.
 - ‘I don’t much care where -’ said Alice.
 - ‘Then it doesn’t matter which way you go,’ said the Cat.
 - ‘- so long as I get SOMEWHERE,’ Alice added as an explanation.
 - ‘Oh, you’re sure to do that,’ said the Cat, ‘if you only walk long enough.’”
- B. And I wonder, how that conversation may very well define many Christians in their walk with the Lord.

I. A CHOICE TO MAKE.

- A. Psalm 119:109
 - 1. “*My life is continually in my hand, ...*”
 - 2. The psalmist may be referring to difficulties in life.
 - a. Specifically, as to how near death may be.
 - b. Verse 107 – exceedingly afflicted.
 - c. Verse 110 – the wicked lay a snare for me.
 - 3. His words may also speak of a choice to make “each day”.
 - a. Each verse ends with his choice to be led by God’s word.
- B. Choices from the Beginning.
 - 1. Adam and Eve, Genesis 2:16-17.
 - 2. The Israelites following God, Deuteronomy 28:1, 15ff.
 - a. Verses 1-14 – if you obey, then blessings.
 - b. Verses 15ff – if you do not obey, then cursings.
 - 3. Joshua, Joshua 24:15.
 - 4. Elijah on Mt. Carmel, 1 Kings 18:21.
 - 5. Teachings of Jesus:
 - a. Matthew 6:24 – two masters.
 - b. Matthew 7:13-14 – two gates.
 - c. Matthew 7:24-27 – two foundations.
 - d. Matthew 12:30 – for or against.
 - 6. Romans 6:12-13 – slaves to sin or righteousness.

II. COMMIT YOUR WAY TO GOD.

- A. Psalm 119:106
 - 1. *"I have sworn, and I will confirm it, that I will keep Your righteous ordinances."*
 - 2. It is a solemnly purposed oath – calling God as witness, 1 Timothy 6:13-14.
 - 3. Not just an "oath", but saying, "I will make it happen." Galatians 2:20
- B. To What Are You Committed?
 - 1. Committed to Christ, once a week?
 - 2. Committed when things go your way?
 - 3. Committed, as long as it doesn't interfere with my personal life?
 - 4. Christ-less living:
 - a. Seeks to live on its own.
 - b. Christianity becomes a set of rules and regulations.
 - c. No concern with what Christ wants, but what is required.
 - 5. Stress on our own accomplishments, not on what Christ has done.
 - a. 2 Timothy 3:5
- C. A Relationship with God.
 - 1. Each verse draws the psalmist into a greater relationship with God, through His Word.
 - a. Vs. 106 – I will keep Your righteous ordinances.
 - b. Vs. 107 – Revive me according to Your Word.
 - c. Vs. 108 – Teach me Your ordinances.
 - d. Vs. 109 – I do not forget Your law.
 - e. Vs. 110 – I have not gone away from Your precepts.
 - f. Vs. 111 – They are the joy of my heart.
 - g. Vs. 112 – I will perform Your statutes forever, even to the end.
 - 2. Our goal is to reproduce Christ in our lives.
 - a. Philippians 2:5
 - b. 1 Peter 2:21
 - c. 2 Peter 1:3-4
 - 3. Every detail of His life is a factor, 2 Corinthians 3:18.
 - a. Basic purpose of Christ dwelling in us:
 - b. To change us from one conformed to the world to one who is transformed.

CLOSING

- A. *"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path."*
 - 1. Have you made the choice to let His Word guide you?
 - 2. Are you "all in" or just when it fits your need?
 - a. Or only when convenient?
 - b. Or only when comfortable?
- B. Can you, as the psalmist, say,
 - 1. *"I have sworn, and I will confirm it, ..."*
 - 2. *"I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes forever, even to the end."*