

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: 'HE' – THE TRIAL OF WORLDLY TEMPTATIONS

Main Text: Psalm 119:33-40

--worship text: I Peter 1:13-21--

Aim: TO PROCLAIM THE GLORIES OF A KING WORTHY OF UNQUESTIONED OBEDIENCE...

Sermon Description: As our Psalm has opened with dual themes of the sufficiency of the Word of God and the trying journey of life, it seems fitting that the author would add to the record the presenting trial of worldly temptations. Combining the challenges of verses 26, 37 and 39 we might summarize the enemies of his soul addressed in this section as the selfish gain of worthless things yielding dreadful reproach. Though young and old battle this foe, it is particularly tantalizing in the naivete of youth. Solomon, the presumptive author of Ecclesiastes, provides the classic example of these lessons learned the 'hard way'. In spite of Deut 17:16-17 which counsel the king not to acquire excessive horses, wives, and riches, Solomon's kingdom was known world-wide for record holdings in all 3 of these categories. As in the book of Ecclesiastes, great reproach and disillusionment prove to be the true reward of his worldly gain (Ecc 6:1-2). This is the bitter truth of life under the sun... worldly gain empties the soul. Ecclesiastes presents a bleak picture indeed until one repents and submits to life under the fear of the Lord. The preacher concludes his thoughts echoing the great admonitions of Ps 119 in Ecc 12:13-14. One day everyone will see that the statutes, law, commandments, testimonies, ways, promises, rules, and precepts of God are immeasurably superior to the wealth, possessions, and honor promised by selfish gain (Ecc 12:14). Let us be convinced of this reality by the Word of God this day... lest we be found wanting in the balances (Dan 5:24-28) on the final day...

**Heading: IN THE INTEREST OF HEEDING THE WORD OF GOD
THE PSALMIST EXPOUNDS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN...**

1. UNDERSTANDING & OBEDIENCE (Ps 119:33-34)

- a.) Teach/keep b.) Understanding/keep c.) Whole-hearted observation (Deut 17:18-20)

2. AFFECTIONS (desires) & OBEDIENCE (35-37)

- a.) Feet/delight (Ps 23:3, Is 52:7) b.) Heart/incline c.) Eyes/looking (Acts 20:24,28,33)

3. FAITH & OBEDIENCE (38)

- a.) Confirmation b.) Promise (Mat 28:20, Acts 1:11) c.) Fear

4. LIFE & OBEDIENCE (39-40)

- a.) Good rules b.) Desirable precepts c.) Resurrecting righteousness

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	
<u>Saturday</u>					
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Knowledge	Desires	Faith	Life	Application	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	
Verses:					
Ps 119:33-34	35-37	38	39-40	Dt 17:16-20	Gen 31:17-
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