Outline – Sunday School May 06, 2018

Sermon Title: ***"Confirming God's Guarantee for Good"***

Text: Psalm 119:121-128, Ain

NT Principle: 1 Peter 5:6-7/Rom 8:28-32/Eph 1:3/2 Cor 1:20

A Plea for a Righteous Response to Oppression, vv121-123:

a) A Righteous Work Accomplished (v121a): "done," `asah to labor, work. It is to accomplish, execute, perform a work. "Judgement and justice.": John 4:34/Isa 59:15-17/John 17:1-5

b) A Request for Life (v121b, 122b):

i. The Rate of Exchange Principle: "Leave me not to mine oppressors." Prov 16:7

ii. The dangerous reality of oppression: `ashaq, to press upon, oppress, violate, defraud, do violence, get deceitfully, wrong, extort. Ezek 18:18/Prov 14:31

iii. The nature of oppression and oppressors: "Let not the proud oppress me" (v122b) arrogant ones, insolent, presumptuous.

Ps 119:21, 51, 69, 78, 85:
- rooted in covetousness (Mic 2:2) compounded by a hardened heart (Zech 7:8-13) no fear of God (Mal 3:5)

c) Suretyship, the means of Peace (v122):

i. What the Psalmist knows about God! Prov 103:6/Ps 146 "Surety" = `arab, pledge, exchange, to interchange, to succeed in the place of another. A surety is one who legally binds himself to become liable for another's debt.

ii. The Misery of Being without a Surety: Our sins constitute our debt. Luke 11:4/Matt 6:12/Ps 130:3 No Comfort, rest, or peace! Eccl 4:1-2/Ezek 22:24-31

iii. God, in Christ, bound Himself to pay our sin debt as our Covenant Surety: Isa 53:4-7/ 2 Cor 5:18-21/Amos 4:1-13 (v1 = Ps 22:1, 12-24)

d) God's Word of righteousness must be performed (v123): He is still waiting for God to perform his word

2. **A <u>Picture</u> of Spiritual Maturity in Process,** vv124-125:

The principles of Prov 15:31-33 clearly seen.

3. **A <u>Proposition</u> From a Properly Appropriated Faith,** vv126-128:

A properly appropriated faith:

a) Recognizes times and seasons: "time" = a fit, or proper time, an opportunity/ "Work" (asah)

b) Affirms God's Character and Work, According to His Word

c) Esteems God's Will as good and right