

# **Psalm 119: Nurturing Passion For God** **How to Be Bold in Speaking the Gospel** **Psalm 119:41-48**

## **Introduction**

The elders and home group leaders have been praying and fasting and asking God why we as a church are not seeing more people brought to faith.

Part of the answer is that we need more boldness in sharing the Gospel.

And Psalm 119:41-48 tells us where to get more boldness —

## **What does it mean to have God's steadfast love and salvation come to you? (v.41)**

It can't mean being saved, because the author has shown us that he is already saved.

Vv.41-42 show that when God's steadfast love comes to him, his faith is strengthened.

So asking for God's steadfast love and salvation to come to you means asking for a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit making God's love and salvation real to you.

## **Why does he ask God for this outpouring of the Spirit? (v.42)**

It's because someone who does not believe in God has been taunting him, and this has weakened his faith so he has no Gospel-answer for him.

So he needs boldness, which comes as God pours his Spirit upon us.

## **Why would we ask God to not take the word from our mouths? (v.43)**

He knows that he lacks boldness — he needs God to put a bold Gospel word in his mouth.

He also knows that as he asks God for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit, God will give him this bold word.

So v.43 means — don't take bold words from my mouth — don't stop pouring your Spirit on me.

God will usually not pour his Spirit on us unless we seek him in prayer with the Word.

So keep seeking him. He will keep pouring out his Spirit, and keep giving you bold words.

## **What will result from this? (vv.44-48)**

We will keep God's law (v.44).

We will walk in a wide place of God's presence (v.45)

We will speak God's Word before kings without shame (v.46)

We will delight in, praise, and meditate on God's commandments (vv.47-48)



## **OME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING**

*(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)*

On a scale of 1 (not very) to 10 (lots) — how bold are you in sharing the Gospel? What have you don't about this?

In the past, where did you think boldness came from? How did this passage from Psalm 119 affect your thinking on this topic?

But aren't some people just more naturally bold than others? If I'm not very bold, why not just let the bold people do the work of evangelism?

Does it make sense that asking for God's steadfast love to come to you means asking for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit? Why or why not? Is there another interpretation that makes more sense to you?

Does it make sense that he's asking for God's love to come to him so he will have a more bold Gospel-answer to this man who is taunting him? Why or why not?

Do you agree that God will usually not pour his Spirit on us unless we seek him with prayer and the Word?

Which of the four results gripped your heart the most? Why?

What are you going to think and do differently as a result of this passage?

