

# PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

March 6, 2022

## Lessons from Sam's Notes (Psalms 98; 119; 139; 146)

This past Sunday morning, Sam Baker came up after service and briefly showed me a stack of notes on different colored pieces of paper. He told me they were for me, and he would give them to me when they were ready. After Sunday night service he gave me the notes and I promised him that I would read through them during the week. On Monday morning I sat down with my coffee and began to flip through them. It turns out that each sheet contained a different scripture that he had written down, and it touched my heart because these were verses that stood out to him, and he had decided to share them with me. I moved from simply reading them to studying them, and then this study caused me to change direction from what I originally had planned to preach this morning. I ended up selecting four verses from the Psalms and began to think about the lessons we can learn from them. Those lessons from the scriptures on Sam's notes are what I want to share today.

### P \_\_\_\_\_ for P \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 98)

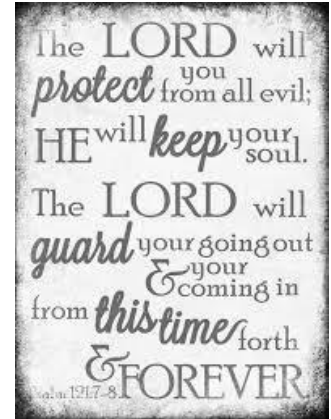
*Psalm 98:4 - Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

This is a psalm of praise and emphatically exclaims that the entire world should offer praises to God because he has provided salvation. In this context, salvation could refer to past historical events, near-term future events, or as a prophecy concerning his plan of offering spiritual salvation through His Son. Today, we should still be offering praise to God for the salvation we have received, whether this be from physical obstacles on earth or eternal glory in heaven.

### P \_\_\_\_\_ vs. P \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 119)

*Psalm 119:162 - I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil.*

Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the psalter and is arranged in an acrostic pattern. There are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet, and this psalm contains 22 units of 8 verses each. Each of the 22 sections is given a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and each line in that section begins with that letter.



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## COMING EVENTS

- We are asking each family to prepare a bucket for **Ukrainian refugees**. Please put them in the nursery.

The section where the Sam's verse occurs (see above) deals with unjust persecution that is received from "Princes." Despite this persecution, the author says that he stands in awe and offers praise for the word of God. Again, this is something we should be able to apply to our lives today. No matter what is going on in the world around us, or what trials we face, the word of God never changes and is the ONLY source of truth and salvation (II Timothy 3:14-17). Because of this we should regard it as great treasure and dedicate ourselves to the study and practice of the truth that it provides.

**P\_\_\_\_\_ for P\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 139)**

*Psalm 139:14 - I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.*

This again is a psalm of praise where the author is in awe of the majesty and power of God. His majesty is exhibited in His infinite knowledge and presence and His creation of man. We should revere God for the very same reasons, and how much different would our spiritual life be if we truly regarded God with the awe that He deserves.

**P\_\_\_\_\_ vs. P\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 146)**

*Psalm 146:5-6 - Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;*

Finally, Psalm 146 explains that man has a choice of where they put their faith. We can either put our trust in "princes" whose plans will fail and who cannot provide salvation, or we can put our trust in God who created everything, will live forever, and who "sets the prisoners free." This is very similar to the choice Jesus explains in the Sermon on the Mount where we must decide whether we will place our treasure on earth or in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21).

**PRAYER LIST**

- Sympathy for the family of **Gilford Walker** who passed away Wednesday morning
- **Brayden Wagster**, a family friend of the Reeds, was in a bad wreck and was airlifted to LeBonheur
- **Richard Speakman**, a coworker of Charlie Baker's, is in ICU with pneumonia, blood clots, and kidney failure
- **Isabel Johnson** has had a difficult week. She is struggling with liver function, but her kidneys and white blood cell counts are improving.
- **Ethan Pennington**, Tammy's cousin, has brain cancer
- Continue to remember **Rebecca Brown, Charlie Douglas, Kristine Garrett, John Hayes, Ann Reed, Jim Sims, and Faye Waller**

**SERVING TODAY (March 6, 2022)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Read:** J. Gupton  
**Prayer:** J. Walker

**WORSHIP**

**Read:** R. Mayo  
**Wait On Table:** J. Baker  
**Serve:** D. Demonbreun, J. Buchanan  
**Prayer:** D. Billingsley