

## Two Page Lessons

*Thoughts on Psalms 119:59, 60: Think, Turn and be Transformed.*

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### **Psalm 119:59-60**

Amplified Bible (AMP)

*<sup>59</sup> I considered my ways; I turned my feet to [obey] Your testimonies.*

*<sup>60</sup> I made haste and delayed not to keep Your commandments.*

For the past few Wednesday evenings, we have been diligently considering 2 Corinthians 13:5.

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*<sup>5</sup> Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves [<sup>a</sup>not Christ]. Do you not yourselves realize and know [thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you—unless you are [counterfeits] disapproved on trial and rejected?*

Let us suppose that upon examination, we are not found in the faith. We have been walking in ways unapproved of God. Our minds are distraught with worry, our spirits overcome with fear. We are conscious of our paths—how they have repeatedly led us away from God. In one of those rare moments when the demands of sin had quieted and we were alone, a thought prompted by the word of God came into our minds. It came out of the Book of Hebrews 11, and it was about Moses.

*<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. <sup>25</sup> He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the*

*fleeting pleasures of sin.* <sup>26</sup> *He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward*

Moses chose suffering over the pleasures of sin because he was looking forward to his reward. The question posed to us is, “What kind of reward are we expecting due to our walk.” Does the sin that we so readily commit promise rewards of peace and safety or punishments of anguish and condemnation? The answer is so simple—anguish and condemnation. What shall we do?

We know that we must turn back to God. We know this. So we turn our heads away from the sinful thoughts and look in God’s direction. But nothing changes! Our form is still facing sin’s direction, as are our feet! Only our head is turned around. This clearly signifies that the thinking has not gone deep enough. Upon further reflection of David’s words, we realize that it wasn’t David’s head turned but his feet. He said that he had turned his feet to God’s testimonies. The feet when turned place the body in the right position for moving toward God. But wait! Turned feet mean repentance. What leads us to repentance is the goodness of God. (Romans 2:4). The goodness of God is expressed in his longsuffering towards us, and in his willing to forgive us of our sins. Now comes the running part. We sprint towards the commandments of God. We pick them up and we do them. We notice immediately the impact obedience has on us. Our minds are free of guilt and our spirits are enveloped in peace. Gone are the anguish and condemnation—their hold on us is no more. We are free and thankful. But we are ever mindful of sin’s cunning nature. Just around the corner it lurks in some unseen hiding place, camouflaged in innocence. To protect that peace we are enjoying, we need to fortify ourselves with the armor of God, and be in possession of a mind ready to resist sin wherever it is hiding and in whatever form it presents itself! Vigilance! Sobriety! Virtue! Faithfulness! These are the garments we now wear. In our turning to God, we have put on Christ!