

Just Pay Attention

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About a year ago a prayer request came to our prayer team. A young couple's infant twins had died. Recently another prayer request came to the team for the same couple. This time it was in joyful thanksgiving. That very day they were about to adopt an infant son. The Bible verse chosen to go with the prayer was from Psalm 30:5b ...*weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.*



That evening my daily Bible reading happened to be Psalm 113. Right there in verse 9, God spoke to me. *He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.* Praise the Lord. It was as if God was thinking of the couple, and commented to me about them.

Another time I was writing to a group of college students. They had just volunteered to share the love of Jesus with people who have developmental disabilities. I wanted to encourage them to follow through on their plan. Buried on my desk was a slip of paper with a verse from James. Somehow that slip of paper worked its way to the top of my pile just when I needed it. James 2:5 *Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom He promised those who love Him.* It was as if God was saying, "Here, this will help."

Often Psalm 23 is read or recited when someone is in danger or dying. Psalm 23 is an amazing song God sings to a soldier when bullets are flying by or in the last fear filled days of one's life. God does talk to us. He always says the right thing. All we have to do is just pay attention. Don't force God's words to say what you want to hear. Don't take them out of context. Just listen.

Psalm 119:18 *Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.*

Companies spend millions of dollars to get our attention. They try every clever trick in the book. God just uses the Book of Books. No catchy jingle, no explosions, no talking gecko with an accent. Just open the Bible and know it is God's words to you. It is God's love letter from beginning to end. It starts off, "Dear You," and ends, "With Love from God."

Psalm 119:130 *The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.*



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Scripture References: Psalm 19:7; Psalm 49:3; Psalm 119:98,104; Proverbs 6:23

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