



March 15, 2011 - Psalm 143:11

Hi everyone,

We are nearing the finish line of Psalm 143...only two more verses to go before we begin another Psalm. When we begin Psalm 100 it would be a great time for new people to join in. Try to think of someone you can encourage to memorize God's Word, and then point them in the direction of our website to sign up. The more the merrier! Let's turn our focus now to verse 11.

Psalm 143:11 in the NASB reads

**"For the sake of Thy name, O Lord, revive me.
In Thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble."**

In the last couple of weeks I have had some real highs and lows...ever been there before? I know you have. In one moment you are filled with joy and anticipation, and the next a trial comes out of nowhere and broadsides you. Well in the midst of the highs and lows, I was memorizing verse 11 and the words, **"For the sake of Thy name, O Lord, revive me"** became my prayer. Sometimes we just don't even know what to pray...I am sure you have been in that situation, too. That is one of the values of memorizing scripture, because we can always pray God's Word. I can't tell you how many times I prayed, **"For the sake of Thy name, O Lord, revive me."** I said it again and again, stretching out my faith to the Lord to restore and refresh my soul in the midst of this challenge. And do you know what God did? **"In His righteousness He brought my soul out of trouble."** He revived me by letting me see His Word come alive in my life yet again. He is so faithful; I just had to share that testimony with you.

I also want to share one other principle I see in verse 11. In our prayers it is easy to get caught up in ourselves, isn't it? During that recent trial, I could have made my prayers all about me and my situation...but because of verse 11, I was able to look upward and remember that it is all about Him, not me. **"For the sake of Thy name"** and **"In Thy righteousness"** were so helpful in keeping perspective as I prayed. I love that David turns His focus upward and I am thankful his prayer helped me do the same. It is all about Him... oh, if I can just remember that. Psalm 143 sure helps.

This chapter is a power packed set of verses. I hope you are seeing that in your own life, too. Continue giving attention to this Psalm; don't give up--the effort is worth it!

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