



Psalm 119:41-48 “Truly Free”

Intro:

Our whole understanding of freedom has been perverted and twisted. We have been deceived into thinking that freedom is being able to do whatever we want— but being able to do whatever you want is not real freedom or even a good thing. In fact, it's not even truly possible. Freedom isn't being able to do whatever you want, ***it's being able to do what you were designed to do.***

V.41-42

“Lord, give me your **unfailing love**, the **salvation** that you promised me. Then I can answer those who taunt me, **for I trust in your word.**”

1. The Source of Freedom: Jesus

In my opinion, the psalmist is feeling the weight of his sin nature. He recognizes how present it still is, how quickly he can fall captive again to old sins and familiar lies. On top of that, he feels the accusations and taunts of Satan pressing down on him. Yet instead of running from God in shame, he runs to God for salvation and justification.

What we need to remember — and what is crucial for understanding this passage — is that salvation has *always* been by grace through faith, both before and after Jesus' earthly ministry. As we look **back** to the finished work of Christ for salvation, believers in the Old Testament looked **forward** to the same Redeemer (John 8:56; Galatians 3:8; Hebrews 11:8–10; Genesis 3:15–21). So when the psalmist pleads for God's unfailing love and for the salvation He promised, he is ultimately pleading for Jesus. He is placing his hope in the Savior who would come, bear his guilt, pay the price, and make him truly free. It is essential that we remember: **only Jesus has the power to make anyone truly free.**

- “For the law was given through Moses, but **God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ.**” John 1:17 NLT
- “Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are **truly my disciples** if you remain faithful to my teachings. **And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**”
“But we are descendants of Abraham,” they said. “*We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean, ‘You will be set free’?*” Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. **So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.**” John 8:31-36 NLT

V.43-44

“Do not snatch your **word of truth** from me, **for your regulations are my only hope.** I will keep on obeying your instructions forever and ever (“*continually*”- NKJV).”

2. The Means of Freedom : THE TRUTH

The reality is that all who practice sin are **slaves** of it. We have been deceived by satan into thinking we are doing whatever we want and are free, but we are actually slaves of sin, slaves of our insatiable desires, constantly craving more and more and never being satisfied, pulling us deeper and deeper into slavery. And as we said earlier only Jesus can save us from this slavery to sin and *He does it through His Word*, **He does it by telling us the truth** and freeing us from the lies of satan that have us enslaved in sin.

- “Pilate said, “So you are a king?” Jesus responded, “You say I am a king. Actually, **I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth.** All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.” “**What is truth?**” Pilate asked.” John 18:37-38a NLT

Since the begin man kind was enslaved by sin when we believed the lies of satan over the truth of God (Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-6). So Christ came as the faithful witness to the truth, God Himself came as a witness of the truth. He came to expose the lies of satan and show us that He alone is God. That He alone is Holy and Just yet also compassion and love! So Freedom begins with one question: **Who do you trust with the truth – God or Satan?** There is no other option. If we want to walk in freedom, we need God to continually renew our minds and cleanse us from the lies we've carried for years. The more we let God's Word reshape what we believe, the more we will experience the freedom only His truth can give.

V.45-48

"I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments. I will ***spe*****ak** to kings about your laws, and I will ***not be*** **ashamed**. How I delight in your commands! How I ***love*** them! I ***honor*** and ***love*** your commands. I ***meditate*** on your decrees."

3. The Practice of Freedom: Devotion

Walking in freedom does not mean walking in perfection — **it means walking in devotion**. To walk in freedom is to be born again in Christ by grace through faith and to live a life devoted to His Word. In Christ we are free from sin's reign and are no longer obligated to obey it; we are no longer permanent slaves of sin. Yet we often find ourselves tangled up in it again. Devotion to the truth frees us from believing the lies that draw us back toward sin. As God's truth renews our minds, it weakens sin's appeal and keeps us from becoming entangled again in old patterns and desires (Galatians 5:1).

What does devotions look like? (Verses 46-48)

- **Talking about the Word** — not being ashamed of God or His commands.
- **Delighting in the Word** — letting Scripture be your joy, not a duty.
- **Loving the Word** — prioritizing it, protecting time for it, sacrificing for it.
- **Honoring the Word** — treating it as precious, trustworthy, and authoritative.
- **Meditating on the Word** — letting it shape what you feel, want, and choose.

Conclusion and Main Idea:

"For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1 ESV

True freedom is not the ability to fulfill every sinful desire — that's slavery disguised as liberty. True freedom is being freed by Jesus and born again through the Spirit and enabled to live according to your original design. It is freedom from sin's control, freedom to experience a joyful relationship with your Creator, freedom to live for His glory. As believers, we must devote ourselves to the Word of God — to knowing the truth and being purified from lies — so that day by day we may experience the growing freedom of walking in Christ, the Truth who sets us free.

Memory Verse:

"I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments." Psalms 119:45 NLT

