

# WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT

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## PRAYING WITH THE END IN MIND

### PART THREE

*Scripture: Psalm 119:33-40*

#### I. INTRO

- This passage contains several petitions united with the use of imperatives. The overarching theme is a new beginning. In this Psalm, the Psalmist truly desires and covets a “good ending.”
- These are principles we can pray regardless of what the issue might be.

#### II. PRAYER FOR REALIZATION (of Who God is) | VERSE 38

- It is an **Isaiah 6** experience of where the Lord shows you who He is and who we are. You’ll never see yourself for who you really are until you see God for who He truly is. The Psalmist had such a reverential respect for Who God was that he was afraid of disgracing the Lord and bringing dishonor to His great name.
- The fear of the Lord is dependence, as this verse indicates, on one’s certain trust in what He says in the Bible.
- God, show us who You are, show us who we are and let us be greatly burdened for the needs of those around us.

#### III. PRAYER FOR PROTECTION | VERSE 39

- To bear reproach is to bear shame. The Psalmist is asking God to protect his testimony. He desired to never disgrace the Lord and bring dishonor to His great name.
- **2 Samuel 12:14a, “However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme.”**

#### IV. PRAYER OF ASPIRATION | VERSE 40

- To have a deep longing for God’s truth is the mark of a maturing believer.
- **longed after the Lord’s precepts**—longed to live the kind of life set forth in God’s Word.
- **revive me**—keep me alive in Your righteousness. He longs for the life-giving righteousness they produce in one’s life.