

# THREE THINGS THAT SAINTS DESIRE

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God's children "**desire**" many different things. The word "desire" is defined as "an earnest craving or longing for." Each of us has things that we "desire" in order to bring happiness and joy into our personal lives. Let us briefly discuss "**three things that saints desire.**"

**Make me know the way.** "Make me understand the way of Your precepts; so shall I meditate on Your wondrous works." {Psalm 119:27} God's people desire to understand and know the Father's will. "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." {Acts 17:11} Why do we desire to know God's ways? One who truly knows the "ways" of God will make better choices in their lives. One can have the assurance that the things being done are also acceptable to his Lord.

**Make me to go in the path.** "Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to covetousness. Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, and revive me in Your way." {Psalm 119:36,37} Knowing God's will enables us to properly apply it by obeying its teachings. What profit could there be in knowing God's ways but choosing not to practice them in our lives? Safe courses and paths are provided in God's word. How could one truly love God and not follow His counsel? Christ told us that such an attitude is foolish, (Matthew 7:24-27).

**Make Thy face to shine upon me.** "Redeem me from the oppression of man, that I may keep Your precepts. Make Your face shine upon Your servant, and teach me Your statutes. Rivers of water run down from my eyes, because men do not keep Your law." {Psalm 119:134-136} How can we be certain we are in continual fellowship with God? How can we know that our lives are pleasing and acceptable to Him? The answer to both questions- by simple trusting obedience to His will. "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him." (Hebrews 5:9)

These three desires can become realities if we will understand the privileges and duties involved in being God's children. How many "choices" do we make in a day? Does God ever cross your mind as you ponder the path you're walking? Dear reader, do you have these desires? \*\*\*