IN CLOSING....A SELF-DIRECTED SUMMARY

God has not equipped most of us with minds that have instant-replay. His method for truth retention seems to be "line upon line, here a little, there a little." Along with this He tells us to remind ourselves and others of the truth. Keep going back to the basics in order to move on. Knowing that God planned it this way keeps us from being frustrated with our forgetfulness and motivates us to look again at treasured Scriptures with a sense of anticipation. Our learning is cyclical, like a wheel. We go around and around and around, learning again what we've failed to remember. *But* that wheel is on a track much like a train track and we're not spinning aimlessly. Rather our track has its beginning with God Himself and we are making progress, we are gaining ground, we are moving toward our destination. And, of course, as we move through our own history we see that the destination is God. He is the Beginning and the End and in Him we live and move and have our being. He wants us to know Him through Jesus Christ our Lord and to be conformed to His image. We are to learn, to know, and to obey, trusting the Spirit of God to keep us on track.

To supply our minds with further insights and to perhaps gather some loose ends is our goal for this review. God's mind is revealed in His Word and we need never be concerned that our minds will exhaust its meaning and value.

1. <u>Review</u> your Psalms' memory verses. Select one to concentrate on this week. Give an example of a time this week you used this verse to help you.

- As you review your lessons and scan each psalm -<u>Write down</u> what you learned about each of the following categories. <u>Include</u> the verse number. <u>Tell</u> how this helps or applies to you. <u>Use</u> extra paper if necessary.
 - a. God's lovingkindness (covenant love).

b. God's justice and judgment.

c. God's protection and control over your circumstances.

d. God's forgiveness.

e. God's right to rule in your life.

f. Any other part of God's character you see.

g. Truths to keep you standing firm (unflappable).

h. Truths to shape a healthy self-concept.

i. Truths to use in relationships.

j. Truths about life priorities.

3. What are two or three things you've learned about God that have been most helpful and why?

4. What are two or three things you've learned about yourself that have been most helpful and why?

5. How have you changed as a result of this study?

6. Where would you most like to see change in yourself?

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