

## **“The Word is Wonderful and Right!”**

*Psalm 119:129-144*

The psalmist's enthusiasm for God's Word continues in spite of ongoing oppression from those who seem to know it but have rejected it (119:49-72). Why would his enthusiasm continue? Because in turning to God's Word in his difficulties he has seen how relevant God's Word is to the everyday situations of life. Plus, God's Word is right because God is righteous. Therefore we can have confidence in God's Word to direct us to do what's right and to know what's true in life, whether we see it or not.

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### **God's Wonderful Word Has Great Benefits**

**(Vv. 129-136)**

*The first word in this next stanza starting with 'p' is the word for "wonderful". Note these other verses to get an idea of the sense of this word:*

**Deut. 17:8** a case that is too \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. beyond one's capabilities)

**Zech. 8:6** it will seem \_\_\_\_\_ to God's people but not to God

**Ps. 107:8, 15, 21** God does \_\_\_\_\_ deeds for men

*How has the psalmist experienced the wonder of God's Word?*

**v.130** it has given him \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ even to the simple

**\* How has God shown His Word to be wonderful to you?**

*What is his attitude towards God's Word as he has seen how relevant it is?*

**v.131** he \_\_\_\_\_ ['with great thirst'] with longing for God's commands

**v.136** "Streams of \_\_\_\_\_ flow from my eyes because Your Word is not \_\_\_\_\_."

*His joy in God's Word is seen in his trust in God. He turns to God confidently and asks Him for what?*

**v.133** "Direct my \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Word *let no sin \_\_\_\_\_ over me.*"

**v.134** "Redeem me from the \_\_\_\_\_ of men, that I may obey Your precepts."

**v.135** "Make Your face \_\_\_\_\_ upon Your servant *and \_\_\_\_\_ me Your decrees*

*What 'prayer' has the psalmist just prayed?*

**Num. 6:24** “The LORD bless you and \_\_\_\_\_ you;

**6:25** “the LORD make His face \_\_\_\_\_ on you and be gracious to you;

**6:26** the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ his face toward you and \_\_\_\_\_ you peace.”

*Looking at v.136 note how these other passages convey similar feelings:*

**Rom. 9:2** “I have great \_\_\_\_\_ and unceasing \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart.

**v.3** “For I could wish that I myself were cursed and \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race.”

**v.4** “the people of \_\_\_\_\_ . . . .”

### **God’s Wonderful Word is Proven Right**

**(Vv. 137-144)**

*In his lifetime what has the psalmist concluded about God and therefore God’s Word?*

**v.137** “\_\_\_\_\_ are You O Lord and Your \_\_\_\_\_ are right.”

**v.138** “The \_\_\_\_\_ You have laid down are righteous; they are fully \_\_\_\_\_.”

*While God is completely righteous and trustworthy, who is not?*

**v.139** “My zeal wears me out, for my \_\_\_\_\_ ignore Your words.”

*What else does he say about God’s Word?*

**v.140** “Your promises have been thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ and Your servant \_\_\_\_\_ them.”

**\* In what way is God’s Word ‘tested’? And why can the psalmist say he loves them as a result?**

*How is the psalmist treated (and maybe he even feels this way at times)?*

**v.141a** “Though I am \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*In spite of how he feels or is treated, what does he resolve to do?*

**v.141b** }I do not \_\_\_\_\_ Your precepts.”

**\*Why is this so crucial for all of God’s people?**

*The reason why he trusts God’s Word in spite of being mis-treated is found in v. 142.*

**v.142** “Your righteousness is \_\_\_\_\_ and Your law is \_\_\_\_\_.”

*Because God’s Word is true and character are true, how does he choose to live?*

**v.143** “Trouble and distress have come upon me but Your commands are my \_\_\_\_\_.”

What is his prayer in spite of the difficulties he was going through?

v.144 "Your statutes are \_\_\_\_\_ right; give me \_\_\_\_\_ that I may live."

\* Why should we remain faithful to God & His Word?

Gal. 6:9 "Let us not become weary in \_\_\_\_\_ Good for at the proper time we will reap a \_\_\_\_\_ if we do not give up."

1 Cor. 15:58 "Therefore y dear brothers, stand \_\_\_\_\_. Let nothing move you. \_\_\_\_\_ Give yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ to the work of the Lord because you \_\_\_\_\_ that your \_\_\_\_\_ *Labour in the Lord is not in* \_\_\_\_\_."

### Praying Psalm 119:129-144

v. 133 "Direct my footsteps according to Your Word, let no sin rule over me"

pray that we would count ourselves 'dead to sin' [Rom. 6], letting God be our master, not sin

vv.140, 143 "your servant loves Your promises . . . Your commands are my delight"  
all of us would grow in love and delight in the Word

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