

## The Word of God Reveals Wondrous Things

### Introduction

God's blessing comes upon us in order that we may know Him and obey Him in this world. In order to do this, however, He must open us up and show us His *wondrous things*.

### 17. Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

- Asking God to *Deal bountifully* with us, is to ask God to give or bless us according to His **goodness**, and not according to our merit.
- Since God is our King, we should **submit** to Him as *thy servant*.
- *that I may live* - Without God's abundant mercy we could not live. It takes great grace to keep a Christian **alive**. - Spurgeon
- We should not desire to live and sin; but we should pray to live and **keep** God's Word.

### 18. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

- There are many hidden things in nature and there are many in the **Bible**.
- The things of the Bible are hidden because of the **blindness** of humanity.
- Who is able to know the secret and hidden things of the Scriptures unless **Christ** opens his eyes?
- The prayer request is not for a **new** revelation, but that he *may behold* the *wondrous things* that he already possesses in God's law.

### 19. I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

- As we travel through life, the Bible should be our road **map**, pointing out safe routes, obstacles to avoid, and our final destination.
- We must recognize ourselves as pilgrims, travelers here on earth who need to **study** God's map to learn the way.

## 20. My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

- David had such reverence for the word, and a desire to know it, that his longings caused his **heart** to break.
- It is a blessing when all our **desires** are after the things of God.
- We should avoid being **satisfied** in our position with our Lord.

## 21. Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments.

- Proud men are **cursed** men: nobody blesses them, and they soon become a burden to themselves. - C. Spurgeon
- Humble hearts are obedient hearts, because they are **willing** to yield to God's rules and God's leadership.

## 22. Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

- It is **common** for a Christian to be scorned and ridiculed by the world.
- The writer is asking God to show him favor, and not let him **suffer** reproach and contempt from ungodly people.

## 23. Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

- The armor that David used to **protect** himself against his enemy was God's *statutes*.
- Their could easily be persons who *sit and speak against* you, but Christians have a **resource** (God's Word) that can give us strength in difficult times.

## 24. Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.

- The writer of Psalms not only used God's Word for meditation, but also as a source of delight and means of **guidance**.
- In a dark world, full of temptation, we need wise counsel. But all of us carry an **evil** counselor within us, and it is foolish listen to this voice. God has given us His Word as a sure counselor, and "he who hearkens to its counsel is wise." - C. Bridges

In order to keep God's word, must we not pray to understand it? What then is the prayer? Not - give me a plainer Bible - but open my eyes to know my Bible.

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