

The Word of God Illuminates

Introduction

In this lesson, the writer of Psalms 119 gives praise to God's light giving Word. He also shows his affection for it, prays for grace (God's power) to keep it and mourns for those who do not. -- Adam Clarke.

129. Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

- God's Word is wonderful because of what is inside it, the manner in which it is written, and the effect it has upon the person who follows it.
- If you don't have a high regard for God's testimonies (the Scriptures), you will not obey them.

130. The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

- The spiritual light that has come into this dark world, has come from God's Word.
- The simple that submit themselves to God have their eyes opened and their minds illuminated, as soon as they begin to read God's word.
- God's Word gives understanding to those who realize that they themselves are simple and therefore they know they need help.

131. I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

- *I opened my mouth, and panted* is an illustration of the child of God intensely desiring God's commandments.
- Panting for holiness is a rare hunger that you don't see too often in people and it is the evidence of much grace (God's power) in the believers life.
- *I longed for thy commandments* is a desire that God wants to satisfy.

**132. Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me,
as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.**

- Notice how humble this prayer is - He doesn't ask God to do something for him, he only asks God to smile down on him. - a good look is all he needs.
- We should be content if God deals with us as He has always dealt with his people.

**133. Order my steps in thy word:
and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.**

- The right path for us to walk is - in thy word, and the help we need to order (control) our steps, comes from God.
- One of the distinguishing marks of the Christian, is that he or she wants to be delivered from the power and guilt of sin.

**134. Deliver me from the oppression of man:
so will I keep thy precepts.**

- Many of the afflictions of the righteous come from outside enemies - *the oppression of man*.
- Those who come against God's people are limited, they can only move under the overruling guidance of our Father's wisdom and love.

**135. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant;
and teach me thy statutes.**

- Like a child, David is looking for approval and help from his Father.
- The correct way to serve God, is with a child-like faith.

**136. Rivers of waters run down mine eyes,
because they keep not thy law.**

- When the world is sinning the church should be weeping.
- Christians should get emotional over the fact that many people are violators of God's law, and those same people are exposed to its penalty.

It is a most striking instance of Divine condescension, that this word—so wonderful in its high and heavenly mysteries—should yet open a path so plain, that the most unlearned may find and walk in it.

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