



The Wonder Of God's Word
Psalms 119

God's Word. A Source Of Light
Verses 105-112

This stanza opens with a joyful declaration of the magnitude and worth of the counsel of God's Word in the various aspects of life [verse 105]. The **Psalmist** used a twofold statement to declare this. ❶ **"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet"** The word **"lamp"** speaks of a small bowl like container, much like a lantern, which provided **enough light for each step taken**, indicated by the word **"feet"** ❷ **"a light unto my path"** The word **"light"** speaks of that which is much broader and far reaching, and the word **"path"** speaks of the general course of our life, going beyond just the steps! The words **"feet"** and **"paths"** speak of the various aspects of life **GOD'S WORD IS A SOURCE OF LIGHT FOR OUR STEPS, AND OUR PATHS!**

The Word of God as a source of **"light"** brings some **clarity** in a world of confusion. The Word of God as a source of **"light"** **reveals!** The Word of God as a source of **"light"** **dispels darkness** [Psalm 18:28], **"darkness"** being emblematic of that which is **mystifying**, and of **ignorance, error, sin, and wretchedness**. The Word of God as a source of **"light"** provides **guidance, direction, and instruction** [Romans 15:4]. The Word of God as a source of **"light"** provides **warning** against danger, [Psalm 19:7-11], and **protection** and **safety** in the midst of danger! God's Word as a source of **"light"** is **needful, available, always sufficient, and inextinguishable!** They, who with the **Psalmist**, acknowledge the Word of God as such will have the personal characteristics revealed in this stanza of the **119th Psalm**.

1. THE ONE WHO TRULY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD'S WORD AS A SOURCE OF LIGHT WILL BE ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED TO FULFILL GOD'S WORD:

His **seriousness** is seen in the words **"I have sworn** (promised), **and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments"** [verse 106]. He earnestly desires to **hold** on to, and to **retain**, to **continue** and **persist** in, and to **comply** with the Word of God. He states his **determination** and the **disposition** of his heart to **carry out, accomplish, achieve, and implement** the directions of God's Word in **verse 112** **"I have inclined mine heart to perform** (carry out, accomplish, achieve, and implement) **thy statutes always, even unto the end"**

2. THE ONE WHO TRULY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD'S WORD AS A SOURCE OF LIGHT DESIRES TO BE TAUGHT GOD'S WORD:

He knew that God's Word was given to give **training, preparation, grounding,** and **guidance** for every step in the paths of life, so he prayed ***"teach me thy judgments"*** [verse 108]. He desires for God to **instruct** him in the Word, to **show** him the Word, to **explain** and to **demonstrate** the Word of God to him.

3. THE ONE WHO TRULY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD'S WORD AS A SOURCE OF LIGHT DESIRES NEVER TO FORGET WHAT HE HAS BEEN SHOWN:

The *Psalmist* states ***"My soul is continually in my hand"*** [verse 109]. With those words, he was expressing the fact that he was always exposed to danger. He is saying, *"I walk in the midst of dangers"* but in the midst of such circumstances, he said ***"yet*** (nevertheless, in spite of that), ***do I not forget thy law"*** [verse 109]. He did not fail to **remember, recall,** and **think** of the Word of God. He did not **ignore** and **disregard** the Word of God.

4. THE ONE WHO TRULY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD'S WORD AS A SOURCE OF LIGHT DESIRES NOT TO ERR FROM IT:

The *Psalmist* states ***"The wicked have laid a snare*** (trap), ***for me"*** and then he went on to say ***"yet*** (nevertheless, in spite of that), ***I erred not from thy precepts"*** [verse 110]. He was not **entrapped** or **robbed** because he followed the ***"light"*** of God's Word! THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD WILL PREVENT ONE FROM BEING ENTRAPPED!

5. THE ONE WHO TRULY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD'S WORD AS A SOURCE OF LIGHT, WILL MAKE IT PREDOMINATE IN THEIR LIFE:

"Thy testimonies have I taken (laid hold of), ***as an heritage*** (history, tradition) ***for ever"*** [verse 111]. This means that he had purposely taken the Word of God to be **foremost** in his life, that the Word of God was a **fundamental** factor in his life, that its teachings were **vital** and **essential** to him, **overriding** all else! The Word of God was his **practice** and **habit!**

6. THE ONE WHO TRULY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD'S WORD AS A SOURCE OF LIGHT FINDS IT TO BE A MATTER OF REJOICING:

"for they (thy testimonies), ***are*** (present tense), ***the rejoicing of my heart"*** [verse 111]. The more **predominant** the Word of God is in one's life, the more they find it to be a source of inward **pleasure** and **gladness**, which in turn leads to an inward **strength, health,** and **fortitude.**

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" This was the **realization,** the **belief,** the **assurance,** and the **conviction** of the *Psalmist*, and such is manifest in throughout the **119th Psalm.** The child of God need never to walk in the dark!
