



*The Wonder Of God's Word*  
*Psalms 119*

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*God's Word. A Source Of Confidence*  
*Verses 121-128*

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In this stanza, the **Psalmist** is again seen suffering persecution. He spoke of “**oppressors**” [verse 121], meaning persecutors and tormenters.

In the midst of this **persecution** and **abuse**, the **Psalmist** maintained his integrity-“**I have done judgment and justice**” [verse 121].

In the midst of this **mistreatment**, he remembered his **position** and **responsibility** before the Lord, three times identifying himself as “**thy servant**” [verses 122, 124, 125]. A “**servant**” exists for the interest of his master, and is a position of **humility** and **submissiveness**. In the midst of circumstances that the **Psalmist** would not have chosen, he not only continued to realize that he was the “**servant**” of God, BUT HE MAINTAINED HIS DESIRE TO SERVE GOD!

Feeling the **torment** of his persecution, he earnestly seeks God in prayer, thus showing his knowledge of, and his confidence in the Lord. He prays “**leave me not to mine oppressors**” [verse 121], and in **verse 122** he prays that God would take up his interests and stand for him as his representative. He realized his just desert, so he pleaded for God’s **mercy**-“**Deal with thy servant** (distribute and allocate to me), **according** (in compliance with) **unto thy mercy**” [verse 124]. He seeks and desires God’s intervention [verse 126].

In the midst of his **adversity**, having earnestly prayed, he maintained a posture of **waiting** upon the Lord-“**Mine eyes fail for thy salvation**” [verse 123]. He **wept**, **waited**, and **watched** for the Lord’s deliverance [Psalm 25:4-5; 37:7-9; 40:1, 3; 62:1, 5; Isaiah 40:31].

In the midst of his **oppression** he maintained a right attitude toward that which is contrary to , and set in opposition against the Word of God-“**I hate every false way**” [verse 128].

In his **persecution**, the **Psalmist** also maintained a right attitude and spirit toward the Word of God, he did not allow his adverse circumstances to divert him from God’s Word.

**1. HE CONTINUALLY DESIRED TO BE TAUGHT THE WORD OF GOD:**

“**teach me thy statutes**” [verse 124]. In the midst of adverse circumstances, he had a yearning and craving to be **educated**, **trained**, **illuminated**, and **indoctrinated** in the Word of God. He had this craving to have the Word of God more fully **demonstrated** and **explained** to him.

## 2. HE DESIRED TO KNOW THE WORD OF GOD:

**“give me understanding, that (in order) I may know thy testimonies” [verse 125].** **“Understanding”** is *“the ability to discern”* He is saying *“allow me to be able to separate error from truth, grant me the ability to separate God’s truth from everything else that wants to encroach upon it”* He is saying *“Enlighten me, so that I can make personal application of God’s Word”* he desired this **“understanding”** so that he could **“know”** the Word of God. The **Psalmist** continually desired to be **informed**, to be **acquainted** with, to be **cognizant** of, and to personally **experience** the Word of God.

## 3. HE CONTINUED TO POSSESS A LOVE FOR GOD’S WORD:

It was a love that made the Word of God a **priority** in his life [verse 127]. The Word of God continued to have a place of **preference**, it was the **treasure** of his heart! HE PRIZED THE WORD OF GOD ABOVE ALL THAT THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER!

## 4. HE CONTINUED TO HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE WORD OF GOD:

**“I esteem (respect, admire, and reverence) all thy precepts (principles) concerning all things (showing the wide extent of God’s Word) to be right”** In the midst of adverse circumstances, he maintained confidence that the Word of God was absolutely **correct**, **accurate**, **exact**, and **precise** in all matters. HE HAD NO DOUBT CONCERNING THE WORD OF GOD!

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Concerning all things, the **Psalmist** was **sure**, he was **certain**, he was absolutely **positive**, and fully **convinced** that the Word of God was correct! In the midst of flux and change, GOD’S WORD IS A SOLID ROCK! In the midst of a desert of shifting sand, GOD’S WORD IS ABSOLUTE! No one ought to be more **confident**, more **certain**, and more **sure** than the one who stands upon the Word of God, IT IS A SOURCE OF CONFIDENCE!

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