



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

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*God's Word Provides Direction. And Order*  
*Verses 129-136*

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This stanza opens with the *Psalmist* proclaiming the **wonder** of God's Word-"***Thy testimonies are wonderful***" [verse 129]. The Word of God is a great **wonder**, because of its **author**, because of its **character**, because of its **content**, because of its **purpose**, and because of its **affect!** The *Psalmist* embraced the fact that the Word of God was a marvelous **miracle**, he viewed it as something truly **incredible** and **awesome!** HE FULLY EMBRACED THE WONDER OF GOD'S WORD! He had earlier prayed "***Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law***" [verse 18]. EMBRACING THE WONDER OF GOD'S WORD ENABLES ONE TO MOVE BEYOND THE COMMON LIFE INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE!

In this stanza the *Psalmist* not only recognized the **wonder** of God's Word, but also a twofold **value, advantage, benefit, and helpfulness** of the Word of God-"***The entrance*** (entry and admission), ***of thy words giveth light*** (illumination, manifestation), ***it giveth understanding unto the simple***" [verse 130]. Reading through this stanza, we see the affect that the **wonder** and **benefit** of the Word had upon the *Psalmist*.

**1. HE HAD A LONGING TO KEEP THE WORD OF GOD:**

He had kept the Word of God-"***therefore*** (with reference to the wonder of God's Word), ***doth my soul keep them***" [verse 129], and he desired and was determined to continue to "***keep***" the Word of God [verse 134].

**2. HE HAD A LONGING FOR THE WORD OF GOD:**

***"I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments"*** [verse 131]. Here the *Psalmist* draws a word picture to express the **inclination** of his heart, the **passion**, the **fervor**, and the **intensity** of his desire for the Word of God. Spiritual longing (desire) is necessary for good spiritual health and maturity. The *Psalmist* expressed his longing for spiritual things [Psalm 27:4; 38:9; 63:1; 73:25], and *Jesus* taught the blessing of such [Matthew 5:6]. The *Psalmist* longed to **learn** the Word of God [verses 12, 26, 33]. He longed to be able to **see** clearly the meaning of the Word of God [verse 18], and to **understand** the Word of God [verses 27, 34]. He longed to **obey** the Word of God [verse 80]. The 119th Psalm is the writing of a man who desired to be saturated with the Word of God!

**3. HE HAD A DESIRE FOR HIS LIFE TO BE ORDERED BY THE WORD OF GOD:**

**“Order my steps in thy word” [verse 133].** This is the prayer of one who **had convictions concerning the Word of God**-He **believed** the Word of God [verse 66], to be right [verses 7, 39, 43, 128], and to be trustworthy [verses 42, 86]. This is the prayer of one who **had been affected by the Word of God**-As you read through this **Psalm** you see one who had been greatly impacted by the Word of God. This is the prayer of one who **was aware of his own weakness**-he was fully aware that if left to himself, left to his own ways, left to his own reason, left to his own pursuits, left to his own desires, and left to his own conclusions that sin would overpower him and take control of his life-**“let not iniquity have dominion over me”** This is the prayer of one who **was fearful of sin.**

**“Order my steps in thy word”** This is a prayer concerning the **minute details of life.** A **“step”** is a small detail concerning our walk. A **“step”** is a small detail that results in the ways and actions of our lives. When the **Psalmist** said **“my steps”** he was not looking at the big picture of his life, he was looking at the most minute details that made up the big picture! **BY TAKING CARE OF THE MINUTE STEPS WE TAKE CARE OF THE BIG PICTURE!** The word **“steps”** teaches us that no action of a life is unimportant! We either gain or lose by each step!

**“Order my steps in thy word”** This is a prayer for **personal order.** He is praying **“Entrench my steps in thy word, dispose, incline, and fix my steps in thy word, anchor my steps in thy word”** The word **“order”** implies **conformity, priority, and consistency!**

**“Order my steps in thy word”** This is a prayer to be **governed.** It is not **“Order my steps by thy word”** but **“in thy word”** **THIS IS THE PRAYER OF ONE WHO IS PERFECTLY SATISFIED WITH GOD GOVERNING EVERY ASPECT OF HIS LIFE!** It is as if he prayed **“Lord I am afraid to take a single step without thine orders”**

**4. HE HAD A DESIRE TO BE TAUGHT THE WORD OF GOD [verse 135].**

**5. THE WORD OF GOD CAUSED HIM TO HAVE A BURDEN:**

He wept in sympathy, pity and grief for those who lived their lives in disobedience to God’s Word [verse 136]. This is indicative of the **reverence** and **love** that he had for God and His Word, and is also indicative of the **conviction** that he had concerning the Word of God.

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In this stanza we see the heart of one who was greatly impacted by the Word of God! We see the heart of one who had great confidence in the Word of God, and who truly desired for the Word of God to influence every detail of his life.

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