



The Wonder Of God's Word
Psalms 119

God's Word Is Right
Verses 137-144

This stanza opens with a declaration concerning God-”**Righteous art thou, O LORD**” [verse 137]. This statement is made with great **confidence** and **assurance**, and with a sense of **awe** and **esteem**. “**Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments**” This is a proclamation that God is **true**, **pure**, and **perfect**, and that He always does that which is **right!** That being said, a book takes on the character of its author, and since God is the author of the Bible, it has the very character of God! God is above all, and since the Bible is God’s book, it surpasses everything else [Psalm 138:2].

God’s Word has the very characteristics of God Himself. Like God, His Word is **righteous** [verse 138]. The Word of God is ethical, honorable, always correct and accurate, and always valid!

Like God, His Word is **faithful** [verse 138]. Because it is God’s Word it is constant, dependable, reliable, and trustworthy!

Like God, His Word is **pure** [verse 140]. The Bible is literally a God-breathed book, and must therefore be pure [Psalm 12:6; 19:8; Proverbs 30:5]. The Word of God is without taint, therefore it is flawless and perfect!

Like God, His Word is **truth** [verse 142]. God is so true that He cannot lie [Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18]. The world abounds with error and falsehood, but THE WORD OF GOD STANDS AS A PILLAR OF UNSHAKABLE TRUTH! The **Psalmist** stated in Psalm 119:160 “**Thy word is true from the beginning**” It is called the “**scripture of truth**” [Daniel 10:21], and the “**word of truth**” [II Timothy 2:15; James 1:18]. God’s Word is so true that whatever is contrary to it is a lie [Romans 3:4], and utterly false [Isaiah 8:20]. THE WORD OF GOD DOES NOT NEED HUMAN AUTHORITY FOR ACCREDITATION!

Like God, His Word is **everlasting** [verse 144]. God’s Word is not fickle or uncertain, it is **settled**, **determined**, **fixed**, **sure**, and **immovable!** While kings, emperors, and nations have used all the powers possessed by them in attempting to destroy it, THE WORD OF GOD STILL STANDS! Unbelief and rejection does not alter the message of the Word of God [II Timothy 2:13]. THE WORD OF GOD CANNOT BE EXTINGUISHED [Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35; I Peter 1:25].

The *Psalmist*, with full conviction concerning the character of God's Word states the **influence** and the **significance** that the Word of God had in his life.

1. HE STATES HIS ZEAL FOR THE WORD OF GOD:

*"My **zeal** (love, passion, fervor, and devotion) **hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words**" [verse 139].* The sight of man's disregard for the Word of God stirred up the **love, passion, and devotion** he had for the Word of God!

2. HE STATES HIS LOVE FOR THE WORD OF GOD:

Because of the purity of God's Word, the *Psalmist* **loved** it [verse 140]. He declared such love in **verses 47, 163**. Since God's Word takes on the very character of God, **love for God and love for His Word coincide!**

3. HE STATES HIS REMEMBRANCE OF GOD'S WORD [verse 141].

4. HE STATES HIS DELIGHT FOR GOD'S WORD:

Adverse circumstances did not dampen his feelings toward the Word of God-*"Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my **delights**" [verse 143].* The Word of God **captivated** him, it was something that he found **pleasure** in, it was something that brought **jubilation** to his heart.

The *Psalmist* realizing the greatness of God and His Word had an overpowering and compelling **passion** and **devotion** for the Word of God! With such passion and devotion, he closes the stanza with the prayer *"**give me understanding, and I shall live**" [verse 144].* A true understanding of God's Word will cause one to live life in accordance with His Word.
