

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

THE ENTRANCE OF THE WORDS

GIVETH LIFE

PSALMS 119:129-136

Text: Psalms 119:130

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

Introduction:

In our passage tonight (Ps 119:129-136) we find the psalmist revealing how wonderful God's word is for his life, and how God's word brings about understanding, even for those who feel they could never understand it!

He reveals his desire for God and God's word in his expressions and rests on the promise of God to deliver and guide him to where God desired him to go... here we find the psalmist truly dwelling on the goodness of God that is revealed THRU His Word!

Notice:

Sermon Content:

1. THE LAWS IN GOD'S WORD (VS. 129)

Psalm 119:129

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

The testimonies or God's Word is wonderful.

God's Word is full of wonderful revelations, commands and promises.

God's Word is wonderful in its nature, free from error and bearing in itself truth.

It's wonderful that God has given His testimony to sinful men and more wonderful that His testimony is so clear, so full, so gracious, and so mighty.

Note: Psalms 19:7-11

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⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them

is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Note:

- God's Word is Perfect – *“The law of the Lord is perfect”*
- God's Word is Powerful – *“Converting the soul”*
- God's Word is Prudent – *“The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple”*
- God's Word is Pleasing – *“The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart”*
- God's Word is Pure – *“The commandment of the Lord is pure”*
- God's Word is Precious – *“More to be desired are they than gold, yea, much more than fine gold”*

We looked last week at a similar verse not again:

Psalm 119:127

¹²⁷ Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

Do we love God's word above gold?

Understand:

That which we love is that which we desire.

- God's Word is Profitable – *“Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward”*

Note some additional reasons that the psalmist kept God's law:

- For Protection (vs. 11)

Psalm 119:11

¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

- For Power (Hebrews 4:12)

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¹² For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- For Pleasure (Jeremiah 15:16)

Jeremiah 15:16

¹⁶ Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

We have considered The Laws of God's Word note secondly:

2. THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD (vs. 130)

Psalms 119:130

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

Note:

In order to enjoy the light of God's Word there must first be an entrance.

Quote:

With no entrance there will be no illumination.

The mere hearing of God's Word is valuable, but when it enters in the heart then light is shed and is scattered.

Sadly, God's Word finds no entrance into some minds and hearts because they are blocked with conceit, prejudice, indifference, haughtiness and pride, or bitterness.

God's Word gives understanding even to the simple.

God's Word gives not only knowledge, but understanding.

Often the simple are despised, and ridiculed but often those that the world labels as fools are wise if they are taught of God.

God's Word reveals to us:

- Our Sin
- Our Need of the Saviour
- The Results of Salvation and the Results of Rejecting It

Because of the Laws of God's Word and the Light of God's Word note thirdly:

3. THE LONGING FOR GOD'S WORD (VS. 131)

Psalm 119:131

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

In these verses we see the psalmist desire and longing for God's Word and wasn't ashamed to express his desire and longing.

Nothing but God's Word would satisfy that which he panted and longed for.

All the world could offer would never satisfy or bring contentment.

The psalmist longed to:

- Know
- Obey
- Conformed to
- Teach them to others

Because of the Laws of God's Word and the Light of God's Word the psalmist Longed for God's Word note lastly:

4. THE LEANING ON GOD'S WORD (VS. 132-136)

Psalm 119:132-136

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

¹³³ Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. ¹³⁴ Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts. ¹³⁵ Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes. ¹³⁶ Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

A godly individual cannot be long without prayer.

In the previous verses the psalmist was expressing his love and longing for God's Word, but here we see him on his knees again.

This prayer is short but full of substance.

While the psalmist stood panting for the commandments he pleads for God to look upon him and be merciful to him.

He asks for the Lord to order his steps.

The psalmist desired to die to self and for God to direct his steps.

Understand:

As the Lord directs our steps, iniquity cannot have dominion over us as the Lord will never lead us into iniquity.

The psalmist then prays to be delivered from the oppression of men.

Quote:

Oppression often makes wise men mad, and many a righteous man sinful.

Oppression is in itself wicked, and it drives men to wickedness.

In the Lord's model prayer He prays: "Lead us not into temptation" because oppression often leads to temptation.

The psalmist understood the importance of leaning of God and His Word.

Note again the psalmist:

- Plea (vs. 132)
- Protection (vs. 133)
- Promise (vs. 134)
- Pleasure (vs. 135)

But I also want to mention briefly what the psalmist said in verse 136:

Psalm 119:136

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

Note the psalmist wept over those that didn't keep the law of God.

He wept those who were bringing upon themselves the wrath of God.

In this the psalmist was much like the Lord cried:

Matthew 23:37

³⁷ *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*

Though the wickedness we see abounding today often angers us, and anger at times is not bad:

Ephesians 4:26

²⁶ Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

The wickedness we see should also cause us to weep understanding the end of the wicked.

The thought of someone going to Hell should not cause amusement but rather anguish.

Sadly there are many today who rejoice at the destruction of the wicked who are boastful and not broken.

Often the more separated we become; the less our heart is troubled for the wicked.

Remember:

I think that we first must see.

Ezekiel 3:15

*¹⁵ Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and **I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.***

Ezekiel set and saw and what he saw astonished him.

The word astonished means appalled, stunned, devastated.

A tool often used to help fulfill our responsibility to God is understanding and seeing the need of what God wants to do.

What Ezekiel saw had an effect on him.

What we see should cause us to weep.

Psalm 126:6

⁶ He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

- Remember the example of the Lord

Matthew 9:10

¹⁰ And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

Mark 2:15-16

¹⁵ And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. ¹⁶ And when the scribes and

Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?

- Remember the words of the Lord

Matthew 18:11-14

¹¹ For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. ¹² How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? ¹³ And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. ¹⁴ Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

The song writer penned these words:

Win the Lost at Any Cost

(Verse 1)

As we look around us, all the fields are white,

Ripened unto harvest and so swiftly comes the night;

Christians must get busy, there is work to do,

Here's an urgent task awaiting you.

(Verse 2)

Christ our loving Shepherd, went out from the fold,

Seeking for the stray lamb that was lost in darkened
cold;

Tender hands of kindness, raised him from the ground,
Now the little lost one had been found.

(Verse 3)

Check your fold my Christian, are the children in?

Are there yet some straying lost in blackened fields of
sin;

You must go and reach them, go without delay,
Soon the shades of night will end the day.

(Chorus)

Souls are crying, men are dying, Won't you lead them
to the cross?

Go and find them, help to win them, win the lost at any
cost.

Go out and win, rescue from sin, days almost done, low
sinks the sun.

Souls are crying, men are dying, Win the lost at any
cost.

Close:

Let me close and ask is the Word of God wonderful to
you? So wonderful that you keep it?

Are we giving God's Word entrance into our heart and
mind? As we give it entrance, it give illumination.

Do we have a longing for God's Word?

Such a longing that nothing the world can offer will
satisfy or bring contentment.

Do we understand the necessity of leaning on the
Word of God?

Are we amused at the destruction of the wicked or
does our heart anguish over their destruction.