

“DEPENDING ON THE LIGHT OF GOD’S WORD”
PSALM 119:29-144 (STANZAS 17-18)

Because God’s Word gives light in this crooked world, let us delight to walk in His righteous Word

17. Pe: The wonder-working light of God’s Word (vv. 129-136). In the seventeenth stanza, the psalmist shows us how to treasure the light of God’s Word. On one hand, to treasure the light of God’s Word is to rejoice in the wonderful wisdom of His Word (vv. 129-132). It is not only that the psalmist has a high view of Scripture but a deep hunger for its truths (v. 131; Matt 5:6). Do we? On the other hand, to treasure the light of God’s Word is to be heart-broken by those who refuse to walk in the light of His Word (vv. 133-136). After receiving God’s grace (v. 135), the psalmist is broken and weeping for those who refuse to “taste and see that the LORD is good” (Ps 34:8; Lk 19:41-44). Like the psalmist, let us rejoice in the riches of God’s Word and be prayerfully broken for those who choose not to treasure it.

18. Tsadhe: The enduring righteousness of God’s Word (vv. 137-144). In the eighteenth stanza, the psalmist moves from praising God for the “light” of His Word in this dark world (vv. 130, 135) to the “righteousness” of His Word in this crooked world (vv. 137, 138, 142, 144). First, the psalmist not only believes the Word to be true but has “well tried” and loves the faithfulness of God’s Word (v. 137-140). Like the psalmist, have we tested and relied upon the promises of God (v. 140)? It is the only sure thing that cannot and will not disappoint. Second, delighting in the righteousness of God’s Word gives the psalmist strength to endure the trials of this world (vv. 141-144). To live out this passage, let us try and rely upon the promises of God for they are always faithful and will all be fulfilled.

APPLYING THE WORD

The light of God’s Word (vv. 129-132)

- According to this stanza, what do zeal and passion for God’s Word look like (vv. 129, 131, 136)?

The light of God’s grace (vv. 133-136)

- How does the grace of God in your life move you to study the Word of God more in your life (v. 135)?

- Where is God’s Word calling you to become more heartbroken and sorrowful over sin (v. 136)?

Trying the righteous Word (vv. 137-140)

- Like the previous stanza, what do zeal and passion for God’s Word look like (vv. 139, 140, 141, 143)?

- Practically, what does it look like for us to say with the psalmist: “your promise is well tried” (v. 140)?

Delighting in the righteous Word (vv. 141-144)

- How does Christ’s righteousness for you move you to delight in God’s righteous Word (vv. 142-144)?

WALKING IN THE WORD THIS WEEK

17. Pe (vv. 129-136)

Prayer Lord, keep me in the wonder-working light of your Word and of your grace.

Practice Move toward the sin of others with gospel tears not selfish anger (v. 136).

18. Tsadhe (vv. 137-144)

Prayer Lord, I love your righteous (v. 137), faithful (v. 140), and eternal (v. 144) Word.

Practice Like the psalmist, prayerfully put the promises of God to the test (v. 140).
