

God's Word Lights My Way

Psalms 119:105-112

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Reflections

The overriding theme of this passage is in verse 105, that is, that God's Word is a light to guide us in how we should live.

Twice in this section of Psalm 119, verses 106 and 112, the psalmist declares that he will keep the statutes of the Lord forever. Additionally, Verse 111 indicates something similar and includes a heart felt response to the joy found in following God's word.

Twice the psalmist declares that he is afflicted by others but offers two different responses. First, in verse 107, the psalmist asks God to revive him in the midst of his affliction, as promised in His word. Second, in verse 110, the psalmists affirms that he has remained faithful through the various afflictions that have been set against him.

The middle two verses 108 & 109, offers two responses to God's faithful word. First, the psalmist asks that his prayers be heard and that the Lord would teach him His ordinances. Second, the psalmist acknowledges that ultimately, his life is in God's hands and that no matter what may come, he will remain faithful.

This is how I've outlined the section which might reflect the use of parallelism that is common in Hebrew poetry. I didn't analyze the original text but reflected on the text and thought this is how it might flow.

Psalms 119:105-112 NASB

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

106 I have sworn and I will confirm it,
That I will keep Your righteous ordinances.

107 I am exceedingly afflicted;
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.

108 O accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,
And teach me Your ordinances.

109 My life is continually in my hand,
Yet I do not forget Your law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me,
Yet I have not gone astray from Your precepts.

111 I have inherited Your testimonies forever,
For they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes
Forever, *even* to the end.

There and Then: Here and Now

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study¹: *my LOG vs others SPECK*. Here are some possible responses I've identified from the text that might apply to

¹ (NASB) "Group" column from the headings in the NASB text.

* *Navigator Bible Study Handbook* (with additions) & Matthew 7:1-5.

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anyone or any situation.

S - Are there *sins* for me to avoid or confess?

- Not trusting in God's word in the midst of crisis
- Not finding joy in following God's word
- Intentionally deceiving someone

P - Are there *promises* from God for me to claim?

- God's word is eternal

E - Are there *examples* for me to follow or avoid?

- Negative: don't set snares for people
- Positive: commit to following God's word forever
- Positive: pray for God to teach us how to follow His word

C - Are there *commands* for me to obey?

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K - How has this passage increased my *knowledge* about God / Jesus / Holy Spirit?

- God is faithful to His word
- God is bigger than whatever may come my way

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