

Desire To Keep and Regret for Not Keeping God's Commands

Psalm 119:129-136

Group ¹	C	V	Description
▣ Pe	119	129-136	A desire for keeping and regret for not keeping God's commands

Reflections

This section begins with the psalmist announcing his desire to keep God's testimonies (v129) and ends with his weeping for not keeping them (v136). The rest of the section follows a similar pattern, as shown below.

- 129 - Desire to keep God's testimonies
- 130 - God's word sheds light into life and gives understanding
- 131 - Thirsting for God's commandments
- 132 - Seeking God's favor
- 133 - Asking for God to direct his feet and keep him from iniquity
- 134 - Asking for deliverance from oppressors
- 135 - Asking for God's face to shine on the psalmist's life
- 136 - Weeping for not keeping God's law

This is a good summary of the struggle that all believers in God face, wanting to keep God's commandments and mourning the fact that we don't always do it. Sometimes we don't keep them because of others who would seek to oppress or hinder us from keeping God's commandments. Other times we give in to the temptations that we are confronted with on a daily basis and fall short. God is a jealous God and wants our all, but He is also gracious to those who love His name (v132). Remember what John wrote in 1 John.

1 John 1:8-10 NASB If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

There and Then: Here and Now

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

- S - Are there *sins* for me to avoid or confess?
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- P - Are there *promises* from God for me to claim?
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- E - Are there *examples* for me to follow or avoid?
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- 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?
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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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