

Psalm 119:129-144

Open It:

1. What does zeal mean? What are you zealous for? How does that impact your daily life?

Explore It:

Read Psalm 119:129-136 *Pe*

2. What two descriptions does the Psalmist give for the Word of God in this stanza? What do these descriptions mean? What impact do these descriptions of God's Word have on his life.
3. Who is the Word of God for (v. 130)?
4. How has the word unfolded for you, brought light, and understanding for you?
5. What does the psalmist desire for God to do in his life?
6. What does it mean to love God's name (v. 132)?
7. What does the Psalmist desire to do? Do you desire these same things?

8. What brings the Psalmist sorrow?

Read Psalm 119:137-144 *Tsadhe*

9. Five times in the NIV the author uses the word “right” or “righteous.” What does this word mean? What does he declare to be right or righteous?

10. What does he mean that the Lord’s statutes are “trustworthy” and that “his promises have been thoroughly tested?”

11. How have you tested the Lord’s Word? How have you discovered the Word to be trustworthy?

12. What does he mean by “my zeal wears me out?”

13. How is he able to endure trouble and distress?

“Life’s adversities should drive us all the more to our Bibles.”

Alec Motyer

14. What does the psalmist ask God for in this stanza?

“The way you tell me to live is always right; help me understand it so I can live life to the fullest.” *The Message*

Apply It:

15. In verse 131 the psalmist declared that he desired God's Word like a thirsty animal. Do you truly long for God's Word? How can you increase your longing for it?

16. In verse 133 he writes, "**Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.**" Can this honestly be said of you? Do you have sin in your life that is ruling over you?

17. Daniel L. Akin in his commentary on Psalm 119, entitles his chapter on v. 129-136, "Do you weep over sin?" And he divides the chapter into three sections, three questions, that each one of us should ask for ourselves:
 - a. Do you have a passion for God's Word (v. 129-131)?
 - b. Do you seek God's favor so that you may honor Him (v. 132-135)?
 - c. Do you grieve when people disobey our Lord's Word (v. 136)?

Homework:

Read Paul's final charge to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:10-17. What does Paul say about the importance of God's Word in this passage?

The Word unfolds can mean to open a door. The Word of God opens the door of understanding to us. It can also mean to unsheathe a sword. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit, the weapon of spiritual advance. It can also mean to engrave on a tablet or stone. The Word of God is designed to be engraved on our souls. It also can mean to open the mouth in order to teach. The opening of the mouth in the teaching of the Word gives light. Gene Cunningham.