

Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet
Psalm 119 Verses 105-112

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- Word is from the Hebrew word: *dabar* (pronounced: daw-baw') a word; a matter or thing; a cause, book, business, chronicles, commandment, communication, counsel, decree, judgment, language, message, promise, provision, purpose, word, work. Thus, we understand that David is speaking of the whole of God's word and promises, as known in his life.
- Lamp is from a Hebrew word: *niyr* (pronounced neer) and means: to glisten; a lamp or light or candle. David means; the word of God and the promises of God are they which lighten the pathway he is living in this world.
- Light is from a Hebrew word: 'owr (pronounced: ore) and means: illumination or (concrete) luminary (in every sense, including lightning, happiness, etc.): bright, clear, the light of day, lightning, morning, sun. David means: the illumination I receive, when I think upon your word and promise, makes the darkest night seem as day time to me.

King David is reassuring himself in the promises of God during a time of distress in his life. He is confessing to God that his word is the thing that has kept him from ruin. David confesses that he has promised to keep God's word. David prays for acceptance by God, and for God to teach him what his word means, and what God would have him to know and understand.

King David confesses "**My soul is continually in my hand:**" or my life is constantly in danger because of the hatred of my enemies. My life is always in danger and yet, by thy grace and mercy, "**do I not forget thy law.**" Thy word is always with me, and this is the only comfort and peace in my life. It is my salvation day by day.

Thus, we see, King David is holding near, and dear, to him God's word of truth and promise. God's word is lighting the path for him to travel down as a lamp in darkness. For us today it would be like carrying a flashlight at night, or in darkness, to illuminate a safe pathway of walk. David says thy word is the one illuminating thing in my life, in the midst of the darkness of the way of death that is laid as a snare around me constantly.

What has this got to do with us today? Grammatically the subject is "**thy word.**" What does the bible tell us about God's word? Let's look at a scriptural description: **Joh 1:1-5; 1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.**" Here we see; "**thy word**" is defined as Jesus the Christ, the promised Messiah, who is the salvation of all of God's people.

When we understand this, we understand what King David was saying. God was David's continual salvation day by day. The same is true for the Christian today. Consider; Jesus is the Word and what it means to us:

- Jesus is the promise of God for our eternal salvation and eternal life.
- Jesus is the fulfillment of our salvation here in time when we are born-again.
- Jesus is the Word, meaning he is the King James bible, which is the testimony of who Jesus is, and what Jesus did, and what Jesus will yet do.
- King David had the promises of God's covenants, and the law commandments, which he observed and remembered continually. We have the bible, and it contains all that we need in this life to keep us from falling, if we are faithful to the words of God and Christ.
- **"In him was life; and the life was the light of men."** Jesus is our life, and our light as Christians.
- **"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."** Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, in our lives as Christians, seen in: **Joh 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."**
- **"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."** Jesus is what the bible portrays to us, and is the light of illumination in our world of death, and darkness of sin, and the depravity of mankind, when seen by the eye of faith with the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

"I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments." When you are born-again and join the church, you are promising God, as King David promised God, that you will keep the whole of God's commandments, and word of truth, first and foremost in your life as a Christian, by which you will bring glory to the names of God, and Christ.

Now I ask you, and me, these questions:

- Is the bible a constant source of light to you in this world?
- When the trials, troubles, temptations of life are upon you:
 - Do you think upon God's word of testimony and see that God is your deliverance?
 - Do you remember the promises of God and find peace and comfort in them?
 - Does God's word, and promises, fill you with peace and comfort in your darkest hours?
- Do you have a ready answer from God's word, the bible, when temptation is upon you? If not; what is your excuse? You have made your public confession to be a Christian, and you have the bible, there is no reason that you shouldn't have a ready answer, unless you have not fulfilled your promise to God, and Christ, and left off reading, studying, and meditating, upon the bible and Jesus Christ the author of our salvation.

As a born-again Christian: you are like King David. How you ask? God had a purpose, and fulfilled the promises he made, in the life of David. God trained David: first as a shepherd, and then as a warrior, preparing him to rule over God's people. God put constant strife, and temptation, in David's life so he could not forget his need of God. The same is true for each Christian. God purposed and promised, before the world was, to procure a people unto himself, seen in:

- **2Ti 1:8-10; 8 "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; 9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world**

began, 10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:"

- ***Tit 1:2-3; 2 "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; 3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching,"***

Christ also told us that in: ***Joh 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."***

In summation: As we suffer through the trials, tribulations, and temptations, of life; we should be able to witness with King David, and the description of his life given to us in our text: ***"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments. I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word. Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments. My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law. The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts. Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end."***

May God bless us all, to be fervent in prayers of righteousness to God, in the name of our Saviour, and Lord Jesus. May the anointing of the Holy Spirit be upon us, that we may render to God, and to all those with whom we have contact, a true testimony of our lives as Christians. Praise, and glory, and honor, to our Saviour, who has provided the way of salvation, and eternal life, which is a sure promise! Jesus set the example, of fulfilling the will of God the Father, only, in his own life in incarnation. May we likewise be found always ready to do God's bidding, according to God's will and not our own.

There are many other lessons to be learned from this text but may this suffice, to bring us to remembrance of our duties and obligations to Christ.

We love you all in Christ Jesus. May God bless and keep you, is our humble prayer; for Christ's sake, in whose name we pray, Amen!