

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
PSALMS-LESSON 24
WEEK OF MARCH 15–MARCH 20
TRUSTING AND OBEYING THE WONDERFUL AND RIGHTEOUS WORD
PSALM 119:129-144

This week we study two stanzas of **Psalm 119**. The first, **verses 129-136** is designated with the Hebrew letter "**Pe**". In this stanza, the psalmist declares the Word is wonderful (NASB, LSB) and he expresses his desire to more deeply understand it and to grow in obedience to the Word. In the next stanza, **verses 137-144**, designated "**Tsadhe**", the psalmist stresses "the integrity and reliability of the Word of the Lord: it is eternally righteous because the Lord is righteous; it is true and faithful because the Lord is...Because God is (dependably) righteous, His Word is everlastingly righteous and a comfort in times of anguish." The Psalms, Vol. 3, Allen P. Ross, pg 547.

In both of these stanzas, it is clear the psalmist is experiencing opposition, trouble, oppression and is despised by the wicked who have no regard for God's law. Yet, in the challenges of life, the psalmist affirms his devotion and desire to obey the Word.

Read Psalm 119:129-144

1. What does the psalmist tell us about the challenges and afflictions he is experiencing as he writes these two stanzas? Give the verse references and the description of the afflictions and difficulties.
2. What does the psalmist request of the Lord related to his afflictions and troubles described in question #1?

Read Psalm 119:129-136 Wonderful Word of God "Pe"

3. Read verse **119:129** and **Ps.119:18**. How does the psalmist describe the Word (*testimonies* in **vs 129**)? How does he respond to the Word?
4. How does the psalmist describe the wonder and blessing of the Word in **verse 130** and his thirst and desire for the Word in **verse 131**?
5. As the psalmist considers the wonder and blessing of God's Word, what requests does he make of the Lord in verses:
 - **132**
 - **133**
 - **135**
6. When you experience "*oppression of man*" (**134**) or nagging challenges or conflicts with others, what sins or iniquities could gain dominion over you (**vs.133**)?
7. Who is "*they*" in **verse 136**? Why is the psalmist weeping?

Read Psalm 119:137-144 Righteousness and Purity of Wonderful Word “Tsadhe”

The psalmist continues his expression of devotion to the wonderful Word in this stanza of the psalter. Here, he proclaims the Word is wonderful because it is an expression of God’s righteous character. Righteousness is an attribute of God meaning rightness, morally pure, perfectly just, without flaw, blemish or impurity.

8. In **Psalm 119:137-138** what does the psalmist say about God’s attributes and the word He has authored?

9. In **verse 139**, what is the object of the psalmist’s zeal and what stirred him?

10. How does the psalmist describe God’s Word in these verses:

- **140**

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- **142**

- **144**

11. In **verse 143**, when the psalmist experiences trouble and hardship, how does that affect his commitment to obedience to the Word? How are you challenged by the psalmist’s commitment to obey and trust His Word when encountering difficult circumstances in your life?

“This affliction may have arisen from his circumstances, from the cruelty of his enemies, or from his own internal conflicts, but it is certain that he was the subject of much distress- a distress that seized him and carried him away as a captive to its power....He was troubled, and yet delighted; he was in anguish, and yet content. The child of God can understand this enigma for he well knows that while he is cast down on account of” [his difficult circumstances or] ”what he sees within himself, he is all the more lifted up by what he sees in the Word.” The Golden Alphabet, C. H. Spurgeon, page 226- 227

12. From **verse 144**, how does the psalmist show his dependence upon God’s provision?

13. What actions are you taking to grow in your understanding of the Word, your trust in the truth of the Word and your obedience to the Word?

“Believers today build their lives on the Word; but the more they do, the more they find that people around them are uncomfortable with it. If believers are zealous to defend and proclaim the Word, they will find strong opposition. And so they should do as this psalmist did, prove it to be true by relying on it, so that in times of opposition the Word will increase their joy and comfort.” The Psalms Vol. 3, Alan P Ross, pg 574.