

## **GOD'S WORDS ARE WONDERFUL**

### **Psalm 119:129-136**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- A. In the psalmist's pursuit of a relationship with God, he continues to find it through searching God's law.
  - 1. The psalmist observes God's testimonies because of how wonderful they are.
  - 2. This phrase can mean "to fill the mind with wonder".
- B. Let's look at God's Word today and be filled with wonder and awe at its greatness, but also its simplicity.

#### **I. GOD'S WORDS FILL WITH AWE, vs. 129.**

- A. God Speaks to Us, Hebrews 1:1-2.
  - 1. We know the very name of God, Exodus 3:13-15.
    - a. The Lord, Yahweh, Adonay.
    - b. Deut. 4:35-36, 39 [*Exodus 19 and 20*]
  - 2. God is personal:
    - a. He thinks, hears, wills, judges.
    - b. He makes known His thoughts, will and judgments (*thus says the Lord*).
    - c. NO GUESSWORK!
  - 3. He is interested in His creation and communicates with it.
- B. God Shows His Power in Miracles.
  - 1. We have creation described to us – God speaks into existence, Gen. 1.
  - 2. The flood – saved through one man and his family, Gen. 6.
  - 3. The Red Sea parting for Israel, Exodus 14.
    - a. The production of Moses at Branson – awesome!
  - 4. Israelites cared for in the wilderness.
    - a. Clothes didn't wear out, Deut. 8:4!
    - b. 1500 tons of food daily – 2 trains each a mile long.
    - c. 11 million gallons of water – train with tanker cars 1800 miles long (Monticello to Los Angeles, CA).
    - d. 4000 tons of firewood – more trains each a mile long.
  - 5. Raising of the dead by Jesus (Lazarus) – 3 total.
  - 6. Jesus – up from the grave.
- C. God Tells the Future.
  - 1. Genesis 3:15 – from the "seed of woman" (Galatians 4:4).
  - 2. Micah 5:2 – born in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1).
  - 3. Isaiah 53 – rejection by the Jews (John 1:11).
  - 4. Zechariah 11:13 – sold [betrayed] for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:15).
  - 5. Psalm 22:18 – soldiers cast lots for His clothing (Mark 15:24).
    - a. One thousand years earlier!

#### **II. GOD'S WORDS A LIGHT TO OUR PATH, vs. 130.**

- A. The Children of Israel.
  - 1. The need for guidance after leaving "paganism".
  - 2. A way to live holy before God, Deuteronomy 14:12.

3. The Ten Commandments, Exodus 19.
4. Prophets and priests to guide into holiness, Deut. 31:9-13; Hebrews 1:1.
- B. The Church Today.
  1. Leaving darkness, being led by the light, Romans 13:12; Ephesians 5:8.
  2. Living holy before God, 1 Peter 1:15-16; 2:9.
  3. The Lord's commandments, Matthew 22:37-39.
  4. Words leading to eternal life.
    - a. In Heavenly Love Abiding, Anna Waring (1850).
    - b. *"He knows the way He taketh, and I will walk with Him."*
  6. Can be understood – for the simple and ordinary.
    - a. *"The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple."* Ps. 119:130
    - b. Jesus loves me this I know.
    - c. The church triumphant – eternal life.

### **III. HUNGERING AND THIRSTING FOR GOD'S WORD, vs. 131.**

- A. Psalms of David.
  1. The obvious is Psalm 119.
  2. Psalm 42:2
  3. Psalm 63:1
  4. Psalm 107:9
  5. Psalm 143:6, *"...my soul longs [thirsteth] after Thee, ..."*
- B. *As the Deer pants for the water so my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.*

### **IV. TEARS FOR THE LOST, vs. 136.**

- A. Old Testament.
  1. Samuel for Saul, 1 Sam. 15:35.
  2. David for Absalom, 2 Sam. 18:33.
  3. Ezra for the unfaithful exiles, Ezra 10:6.
  4. Nehemiah mourned for those returned to Jerusalem, Neh. 1:3-4.
- B. New Testament.
  1. Jesus, mourning for His people, Luke 19:41.
  2. The apostle Paul, Romans 9:1-2.
  3. Do we?
    - a. *While We Pray and While We Plead,  
While you see your soul's deep need,  
While your Father calls you home,  
Will you not, my brother, come?*
  4. Enough to do something?