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There are many words that we could use to define God. When we look at the character of God, one of the best words is the word righteous. God is intrinsically righteous. What does that mean? It means that because God is righteous, everything that he says everything that he does, everything that he commands, is also righteous. And it's very important that we understand this concept in the right way. See, many people believe that there is righteousness, and therefore God does something and we take that concept of righteous, and we measure it against what God does, this is not correct. God defines what is righteous. In fact, God defines what is holy, what is pure, what is good, because God is all of these things, and more. Therefore, whatever he does, whatever he says, Whatever He commands, is also all of these things, holy, good, pure, and of course, righteous. Now, the reason why I'm emphasizing this word righteous is that we are in the midst of our study of the book of Psalms, and for the last several weeks. In fact, for the last few months, we have been studying one psalm, Psalm 119. We all know that this psalm is comprised of 22 sections. Why? Because there's 22 primary letters in the Hebrew alphabet. And every eight verses, we have a new letter. So we begin with the first letter, Aleph, we continue on and to the 22nd, one Tov, and every eight verses, we have a new letter, the right letter, according to the order of the Hebrew alphabet. And now we're ready for the section that begins these eight verses all start with the Hebrew letter, Saudi. And the most famous word from this letter is word Sadek, meaning the Righteous One. And of course, the Righteous One is indeed God. Take out your Bible, and look with me to that location, the book of Psalms, and Psalm 137. Notice how it begins, we read here, righteous, are you, oh, Lord. So again, the first thing that we see in this verse is that God, and we're speaking about the Lord Almighty, God is righteous, He says, righteous are you, oh, Lord, and straight or upright is your judgments. Now, what we see here is this, what God judges and this is a

word as we've talked about, in other studies, a word of evaluation. The word judgment can be a punishment, a discipline, an act of God, but also judgment in this context, is saying that what God decides God's values and estimation of something is always always righteous. So he is righteous, and we could say His ways are righteous, his values are righteous. How God evaluates something is according to righteousness. Now, there is that other word here the word Yashar which means straight. So when we behave righteously, it is going to bring efficiency into our life. Here's the biblical truth, when we are led astray when we listen to the wrong information, when we succumb to the wrong influence in our life It makes her life in efficient, we do things that we should not. And the outcome of that is that we waste time. It is only when we are totally obedient to the Word of God, the instructions of God, the law of God, the testimonies of God, only then, are we going to have a spiritually efficient life. That word straight means we're gonna go from one thing that God has commanded us to another, we're not going to give off course, we're not going to waste time, we're going to accomplish the purposes of God. And why is that? Because we agree with his judgment, his evaluations, we apply his righteous words to our life, so that we can as well demonstrate by our actions, what is right, and therefore what is wrong. Look at the next verse, verse, What 38 begins with a verb. And he says, You have commanded, and what is God commanded? It speaks of here, your righteous testimonies. Now, this word for testimony, is not only what God has said, but it's also a behavior. It is also a lifestyle. It is relating to a way of life. And what the psalmist is saying is this. God, you have commanded that we behave according to a righteous testimony. And what that is speaking about is this, when we affirm that God is righteous, and there's no one else but him. And of course, I'm speaking of God, the Father, God, the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit. When we affirm that God is righteous, it brings a efficiency to our life to our behavior. And therefore, we're going to have a testimony that is righteous. Why? Well, what God has commanded. They are righteous testimonies, and not only that they are very, and the next word relates to the word faith, we probably would translate it here, faithful. So God, He Himself is righteous and faithful. He brings efficiency into our life. And as it says, here in this psalm, Psalm 119, verse 138, you have commanded your righteous testimonies, and they are very faithful. Verse 139. Now he's going to be speaking here, the Somis, about those who have forgotten the Word of God, forgotten that his his commandments are true. So he says, Here,

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I have been over whelmed. I have been overwhelmed with my zeal. Why? Because your words are forgotten by my enemies. Now, what the psalmist is saying is this, there are those and they are his enemies, why? They are opposed to the righteous testimonies. They're not interested in the right way. They're not interested in bringing a spiritual efficiency into their life, what are they wanting, they want what they want. And because it's rooted in their desires, it's not righteous, that has to be connected with the Word of God, the testimonies of God, the will of God, but what do they want? They want what they want, and therefore their desires, caused them to forget your your words. And here again, I think it's very important here, that now we're dealing with the Word of God, and God's words, when we forget them, what does it make us an enemy and enemy to the people of God because when we ignore the Word of God, we're going to be an enemy to God Himself. verse, verse 140, he says here, and it begins with the word for refining. And that's what God does. God works in our life. We can use another word that's maybe a little bit more common and more understood from the perspective of the the Brit haha the Shah, the New Covenant or the New Testament. This is a word for being refined. The word I'm thinking of is the word edification. We're more familiar with that New Testament concept of God

being an edifying influence in our life. How does he do that? He refines us. Now that word refinement as it's the first word in this text, it relates to through difficulties, hardships or course, refinement is usually when when something is set on fire or burned or melted down because of heat. And what happens, the impurities rise up and they can be taken away. So refinement brings about a purification, a removal of those things that are contrary to the objectives the purposes of God. So what refines us what he tells us, says here, your word refines, and then we have the word may owed, which means greatly, literally its word vary. And I would suggest you as others that this word may owed in Hebrew, very or exceedingly, is a word that relates to a kingdom. And sometimes we're talking about that kingdom character. So God's word goes to work in our life to bring about a refinement. So he says, Your word refines exceedingly, and your servant, and it's very important here, one that God is going to edify. One that God's going to refine, is someone who sees himself or herself as a servant of the Lord. And that's why it says, look at the end of verse, verse 140, your servant loves it, what's the it the Word of God. So you can't be a true servant of God, unless you love His Word. And you want to take his word, apply it to your life, knowing that his word just doesn't bring a spiritual efficiency. But the next thing we learn is that it brings about a spiritual purity. It prepares us to accomplish the will of God. And that's where joy is found. This is where God's provision is going to be experience. When we are walking in truth, when we are committed to the things of God. And when we rely upon His Word, to be a refining aspect in our life. Look now to diverge 141. Now, this one is clearly zealous for the Word of God. He is over whelmed when others are forgetting the Word of God. This one is committed to what God says. And when we look at this next verse, notice how the world views him. It says here, Sai ear. Now, in one sense, this word means young. But But if we look at how it's used, in most places, in the the Hebrew Scriptures, it's word of something that is small or insignificant. Or if we keep reading, he says, Here, I am, small and despised. Now, what it's saying is this, when you are committed to the Word of God, when you are someone who the Lord is building up, edifying, refining, when you are someone that makes your evaluation, how you see things, according to God's evaluation, his judgment, of of matters and issues and things, when you are committed to righteousness, God is going to work, he's not only going to bring efficiency into your life, but you are going to be someone who by the world is saw as insignificant, and not only that, the world is going to despise you. And it says here, that that your your commands, and this is the word for these oral commands, your commands, I have not forgotten. Does it matter where what the world thinks of him? Doesn't matter what he's going through? What is experiencee this one is faithful, this one is committed. This one is zealous for the things of God. So let me ask you a question. As you hear this section of Psalm 119. Does this describe you? Do you see yourself in in that way, someone who is committed to righteousness, and the only way and learn this, the only way that you can be committed to righteousness is if you esteem you place great value, you have great respect for the Word of God and you engage the Word of God realizing it. It is God's word to humanity. That's the attitude that we should have looked down to verse, verse 142, where he says you're her righteousness is an eternal righteousness. And your law is truth. Now, I hope you see that there is a connection between the law and righteousness. And what's so important here is look carefully at this word, where it says CIT caca, your righteousness. Set ik Leo Lum, is an eternal righteousness. And I want to remind us that this word eternal is a kingdom word meaning this, when we come across the word eternal, the word everlasting. That word is connected to the kingdom. And we see a connection between the kingdom and righteousness that shouldn't surprise us. What does Messiah say? He says, Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. That's what we experienced in the kingdom of God, His righteousness, we can say differently, his glory, but but once more.

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Your righteousness is an eternal righteousness, and your law is truth. Now, again, we're seeing here that the law of God is true. And it's the law. When we apply it rightly, what does that mean applied, rightly, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, very important that you hear this? We're not talking about legalism. See, Legalism is a dogma that says you have to do A, B, and C, in order to be welcomed into the kingdom by God, to have your sins forgiven. This is not at all what we're speaking about. In this study. What we're saying is this. We are saying that those who are in a new covenant relationship with God, they need to be servants of God, and they need to be people who are edified by God. And that edification, that efficiency of the Holy Spirit, working in ministry and growing us. All comes about when we are committed to righteousness. And we demonstrate that by submitting to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. I've said many times, that the Holy Spirit, He wants to bring God's order into our life. And when we are committed to the order, when we are seeking to obey the order of God, understand something that is going to bring blessings into our life, joy into our life edification into our life and efficiency into our life. We're not going to waste time, but we're going to make the most of the time that we have. Now, look at verse 143. Here, he's talking about trouble. And we could say affliction is a word that speaks about those things that cause pain, adversity, those things that are our grievances in our life, those things that are troubling, so he says, trouble, and we could say mischief, something along those lines have found me. So now this one is suffered. He is suffering greatly that that that second word here for mischief, or affliction is a word must soak. And much soak speaks about great suffering. Then he says, Your commandments are my delight. And the word here is a word that in modern Hebrew, it relates to a playground where children go to have fun, where they go to delight themselves. And what we see here is he saying that your commandments, oh, God, are a delight to me. And finally, the last verse, verse 144, where he says, again, righteous are your testimonies for ever. Now, again, it's just not eternal. But remember what I said a few minutes ago, this word is related to the kingdom. So when he says, your your testimonies are forever, and they're righteous, what he's saying, is this, your testimony, yes, it is righteous, and it's related to a kingdom, meaning this the more we understand God's behavior, we understand his behavior through His commandments. And when we are led by the Spirit to submit to the commandments of God, it is going to manifest righteousness, not to save us but because we have been saved. And then he says, look at the last part, the last two words in Hebrew how Have in any which means basically, grant me understanding, bring into me understanding from your point of view. And what happens, he says, and I will live. Now he's not talking here about salvation. He's talking here about a lifestyle that reflects the character of God. And that's what you and I are called to do. Our utmost responsibility as a disciple of the Messiah is to live in a way that manifests the righteous testimonies of God. And how do we do that? By taking his commands His words, His laws, and applying them to our life, how being led by the Holy Spirit. That's what I want to emphasize. Romans eight, four, we refer to that scripture line. Word says, Those who walked not in the flesh, but in the spirit fulfilled the righteousness of the law. Paul says that again, Romans chapter eight, verse four, that is our objective, that is the call that we have in our life, to utilize the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the anointing of the Holy Spirit, in order that we can fulfill the righteous purposes of God that we took and have a righteous testimony. And when we do that, God is going to move in our life, he is going to give us greater wisdom, greater understanding, greater knowledge, so that we can grow spiritually, and make wise perceptive Decisions, decisions of discernment. That's what we're called to do. That's who we are in Messiah. So every believer, every believer, who is Kingdom minded is going to be committed

to a righteous lifestyle. They're going to be praying for God to move to God to bless, to God to provide and God to give illumination. So we can make God honoring decisions, we can see things truly, and see what is righteous and see which is unrighteous. So that we can cling to that which is righteous, and reject the things that are not so that we live a spiritually efficient life, one that is pleasing to God and one that reveals to other who we belong to. Well, I'll close with that. Until next week, again, may God bless you, Shalom from Israel.

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