

# Psalm 119

## A Verse-by-Verse Study TZADDI (A Righteous Person)

**137** Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, and upright *are* thy judgments.

- God is Righteous!
  - **Deuteronomy 32:4** *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*
- We are not righteous
  - **Romans 3:10** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
    - 11** There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.
    - 12** They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
    - 13** Their throat *is* an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips:
    - 14** Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness:
    - 15** Their feet *are* swift to shed blood:
    - 16** Destruction and misery *are* in their ways:
    - 17** And the way of peace have they not known:
    - 18** There is no fear of God before their eyes.
  - This is quoting several different OT passages
  - We must understand that we, without Christ, can never reach a state of righteousness in God's eyes

- God Gives Us His Righteousness IN Christ
  - **2Corinthians 5:21** For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
- God is Upright to do so
  - His judgment of/on sin is true
  - His judgment was satisfied in Christ

**138** Thy testimonies *that* thou hast commanded *are* righteous and very faithful.

- **All that God Does is Good, True, Right, Pure...Perfect**
  - **Psalm 19:7** The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
  - **8** The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.
  - **9** The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**139** My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

- Elijah looked to the enemy without and was overwhelmed
  - **1 Kings 19:14** And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.
- We cannot look at the enemy

- Our focus has to be on what is **Good, True, Right, Pure...Perfect**
  - **Philippians 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.
- So, our Psalmist changes their focus...

**140** Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

- **Psalm 12:6** The words of the LORD *are* pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
- **Psalm 18:30** *As for* God, his way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.
- **Proverbs 30:5** Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.
- Now with our focus where it ought to be, our perspective is biblical

**141** I *am* small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

- The outside enemies who have forgotten God's Words are not the problem
- When we forget God's Word...we are the enemy...the problem
- When we see God's Word in its place in our lives, we see who we are without His Spirit and His Word
- Then our conclusion should be like our Psalmist's...

**142** Thy righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and thy law *is* the truth.

**143** Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments *are* my delights.

**144** The righteousness of thy testimonies *is* everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

- God is right, I am not...His Word is Truth
- Circumstances, whether of my own doing, or by God's design do not change God's direction for my life
- When things become too much for me, I can look to God's Word and His Spirit will give me understanding and life
  - **2Corinthians 4:6** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.