

God's Word Gives You A Righteous Desire

① FOR THE WORLD OF GOD

- 129 Your testimonies are wonderful;
 WHY? → They give "testimony" to Θ
 therefore my soul keeps them. → "Keeping" proves your view of the Bible
 Note Relationship → Whole person
 ↳ If you're convinced this = Θ's Word, how could you respond any other way?
- 130 The unfolding of your words gives light;
 "opening"
 ↳ Like a door letting light in
 ↳ How are the Scriptures it normally opened? Study/Teachers
 imparts understanding to the simple.
 ↳ Imagine walking out of afternoon movie
 ↳ Smallest light is "super bright"
 ↳ Don't avoid study b/c you ARE simple!
- 131 I open my mouth and pant,

* To keep, understand, & long for Θ's Word is a work of grace - 1 Cor. 1:18-2:16

because I long for your commandments.
 ↳ He wants more b/c ① he knows they are Θ's commandments
 ↳ That's why you need it
 ② he knows they are WONDERFUL

② FOR THE GOD OF THE WORLD

- 132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,
 ↳ Θ doesn't "turn" → Pay attn. to me & give me grace!
 as is your way with those who love your name.
 ↳ All Θ is + does
 ↳ Objectively + experientially
 ↳ What are all the things a person could "love" instead of Θ inside the Church?
 - Nice community/friends
 - Place of comfort
 - Singing - Potluckes
 - Preaching
 * Θ is to be your love!
- 133 Keep steady my steps according to your promise,
 - Great prayer in check-out line, bookstore, movies, etc.
 and let no iniquity get dominion over me. → 1 Pet. 2:11
 ↳ You are in a war!
 ↳ Pray + act
 ↳ Rm 6:12-14
- 134 Redeem me from man's oppression,
 that I may keep your precepts. → He is faithful in persecution + waits to be obedient w/o it

③ FOR THE ENEMIES OF GOD

- 135 Make your face shine upon your servant,
 "Approval"
 and teach me your statutes. → Notice how he sees Θ's grace to him (v. 132) + Θ's approval
 ↳ Many of us think our obedience will magically start after this hard season
 * Be faithful Now!
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears,
 * Why is he broken-hearted?
 ↳ because people do not keep your law.
 ↳ This hurts when it is family/friend
 ↳ + another "xian"
 ↳ Results in his learning so he can keep so he can be happy
 ↳ He knows Θ's glory matters!
 ↳ But he weeps over his enemies!
 ↳ He knows their future!

Θ's WORD GIVES YOU A RIGHTEOUS STANDARD

① His Word REFLECTS HIM

137 Righteous are you, O Lord, → In all things ⊙ all times! DO YOU BELIEVE THAT?

His Word reflects Him!

and right are your rules. → The Bible will err as soon as Θ does!

↳ Θ always judges/rules/decides the right thing

Remember this when obedience doesn't make sense!

138 You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

His right. & faithfulness mean His word is always good & trustworthy!

139 My zeal consumes me,

They don't "remember" it

because my foes forget your words.

↳ This happened to X

140 Your promise is well tried,

- like when someone bites gold

↳ This is a Θly jealousy for Θ's glory
↳ Phinehas experienced this (Num 25)

and your servant loves it.

↳ He has applied Θ's Word & the result is he loves it

* Θly men/women refuse to stand by silently when Θ's glory is at stake

141 I am small and despised,

even in persecution

yet I do not forget your precepts. → Faithfulness can't be intimidated

↳ v.139

↳ We expect this from the world but sometimes this is from "Xians"

142 Your righteousness is righteous forever,

* Notice the world treats Θ's Word the same way they treat Θ

and your law is true.

Neither Θ nor His

Word will change on this Nor be changed

↳ This is why he has security & will always keep Θ's Word

143 Trouble and anguish have found me out,

- Probably persecution

↳ Sinners will have their own zeal

against your zeal for Θ

but your commandments are my delight.

↳ Θ's promises are so nice!

144 Your testimonies are righteous forever;

↳ Not just 1 time in 1 society

↳ For Xians, the best is yet to come!

give me understanding that I may live.

↳ All humans will "live" only when they live on light of Θ's Word → sin brings death

② His Word REFLECTS HIS FAITHFULNESS

③ His Word REFLECTS HIS RELEVANCY