

The ABC's on the Word of God

Devoted Entirely to the God of Revelation:

- The Word of God is Central to the Life of God's people:
- The One who is Not Right with the Word will not be Right with God:
- There is Need for Personal Involvement in the Word:
 - 1) The Personal Pronouns – From they, to we, to me (vv. 1-8)
 - 2) The Personal Appropriation:
 - God's Word Becomes My Word (v. 13)*
 - God's Word is My Counsel (v. 28)*
 - God's Word Teaches Me Fear (v. 38b)*
 - God's Word is the Content of My Testimony and Witness (vv. 42-43, 46)*
 - God's Word is the Content of My Songs (v. 54b)*
 - God's Word is My Delight (v. 103)*

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 - Before Dawn (v. 147)*
 - Daily (v. 97)*
 - 7 Times Daily (v. 164)*
 - Nightly (vv. 55, 148)*
 - Midnight (v. 62)*
 - 3) The Personal Interaction with God and with His Word:

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 - 4) The Personal Encounter (vv. 105-112)
 - "My Foot" (v. 105a)*
 - "My Path" (v. 105b)*
 - "My Mouth" (v. 108)*
 - "My Soul, My Hand" (v. 109)*
 - "My Heart" (v. 111, 112)*

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העמים שנבאתי ותורתך אהבתי:
 סתרי ומגני אמתה לדברך ונחלתי:
 כורר וממני מרעים ואצורה מענות אלהי:
 סמכני כאמרתך ואתנה ואלי-תבישני משבתי:
 סענני ואנשעה ואשעה בהסוד תמיד:
 קלית פלי-שונים מחסוד פיי-שקר תרמיתם:
 סגים והשבת כלי-רשעי-ארזו לזנו אתבתי עדתיה:
 סגר מפחדך בשני וממשפתיך נראתי:

- I. The Word of God a Constant Guide – Illumination (vv. 105-112)
- II. The Word of God and Commitment – Single-mindedness (vv. 113-120)
 - A. *The Discernable Commitment:*
 1. The Streams of Thought:
 - a) *The Relationship of the Child of God, to God, and to God's Word (vv. 113b, 114, 115b, 116, 117, 120)*
 - b) *The Lack of Relationship of the Wicked, to God, and to God's Word (vv. 113a, 115a, 118, 119)*

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 1. The Streams of Thought:
 2. The Structure of the Text:

A. Love (אהבה) and Protection (vv. 113-114)

True Commitment Takes Our Affections

A' Love (אהבה) and Fear (vv. 119-120)

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 B. Discriminating Way of the Godly (v. 115)

Dissociation is a Form of Commitment

B' Discriminating Way of God (v. 118)
 A' Love (אהבה) and Fear (vv. 119-120)

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- C. Petition for Support (סיוע) (v. 116)
- Divine Assurance and Assistance – Not Self-sufficiency**
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- B' Discriminating Way of God (v. 118)
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 - A. The Discernable Commitment:
 - B. The Discernable Distinctives of Commitment:
- The psalmist stands in contrast to the –
- 1) Undecided (v. 113a)
 - 2) Evildoers (v. 115a)
 - 3) Wanderers (v. 118a)
 - 4) Wicked (v. 119a)

**No
Compromise
to any
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 - 1. The Way of the Ungodly:
 - a) They Have no Hope:
 - (i) Deceitful (רמיה) (v. 118b)
 - Their 'deception', i.e. their hollow pretenses and arguments by which they attempt to validate their position, is "utterly false";
 - Based entirely on lies ultimately will result in disappointment:

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 - 1. The Way of the Ungodly:
 - a) They Have no Hope:
 - (i) Deceitful (רמיה) (v. 118b)
 - b) They Do not Draw Near to God or His Word:
 - (i) Unstable (עלבים) (v. 113a)
 - (ii) Distorted (מקרינים) (v. 115a)
 - (iii) Astray (שגגו) (v. 118a)
 - (iv) Polluted (שחיתו) (v. 119a)

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 - 1. The Way of the Ungodly:
 - 2. The Way of the Godly:
 - a) They Have Hope:
 - (i) "I wait in hope for Your word" (v. 114b)
 - b) They Draw Near to God and His Word:
 - (i) "I love Your law" (תורתך) (v. 113b)
 - (ii) "That I may keep the commands of my God" (צויתך) (v. 115b)
 - (iii) "I will always have regard for Your decrees" (v. 117b)
 - (iv) "Therefore I love Your testimonies" (v. 119b)

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 - C. The Distinguishing Reality of Commitment:
 - 1. Hoping in the Word is Sheltering in the Lord (v. 114)
 - 2. Fearing the Word and Fearing the Lord God Hand in Hand (v. 120)
 - אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה יִרְאוּ
 - The presence of God is a reality for the psalmist:
 - This is a physical reaction to a psychological state – he responds to God in spirit and body:

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 - A. The Discernable Commitment:
 - B. The Discernable Distinctives of Commitment:
 - C. The Distinguishing Reality of Commitment:
 - D. The Distinctive Person of Commitment:
 - 1. Inward (v. 113)
 - The antithetical bicolon that there is no divided affection, for there is nothing 'unstable' or 'double-minded' about the law – it is clear, direct, unmistakable:
 - 2. Upward (v. 114)
 - "My hiding place" (מִקְוֵי)
 - "My Shield" (מִגְדָּן)
 - 3. Outward (v. 115)

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 - E. The Discriminating God and Commitment:
 - 1. "You have rejected" (v. 118a)
 - 2. "You have removed" (v. 119a)