



**I. In God's Service (vv. 121-128)****A. The Servant of YHWH (vv. 121-125)****B. The Supplication of the Servant to YHWH (v. 126, cf. 121a, 122a, 124a)**

- ✓ The same term in Hebrew (עֶבֶד) links v. 121 with 126:
  - The LORD's servant sees, in spite of his determination to be a light in the world, oppressive and arrogant people seemingly becoming dominant:
  - How much longer can he hold out (v. 123)?
  - I have 'done' but I don't know how much more I can do:
  - **The servant's zeal is for the LORD's honor (v. 126b)**
  - **Divine truth has been discounted and he desires divine action:**

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- C. The Servant's Continued Commitment to YHWH (vv. 127-128)**
  - 1. **The Servant Loving What is Right (vv. 127-128a)**
    - a) **The Word is His Chief Treasure (v. 127)**
    - b) **The Word is Complete in Correctness (v. 128a)**
  - ✓ Note the threefold usage of (כָּל-כִּלְיָי)
    - "All Your precepts in every matter"
    - A by-product of the Word's universally applicable infallible standards is a hatred of all expressions and exhibitions of falsity:
  - 2. **The Servant Loathing What is Wrong (v. 128b)**

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- Affirmations (vv. 129-131)
- Petitions (vv. 132-135)
- Summation (v. 136)

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- A. The Appreciation of the Word by the Psalmist (v. 129)
  - B. The Psalmist and the Obedient (vv. 130-132)
    - a. Light and the Word – Illumination, Propositional (v. 130)
      - b. Divine Mercy (vv. 131-132)
    - B' *The Psalmist and the Disobedient (vv. 133-135)*
      - b' *Divine Redemption (vv. 133-134)*
        - a' *Light and the Lord – Illumination, Personal (v. 135)*
        - A' *The Lack of Appreciation of the Word by Others (v. 136)*

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- A. The Psalmist and His Affirmations (vv. 129-131)**
  - 1. **The Extraordinary Nature of the Word (v. 129a)**
  - 2. **The Value of Illumination from the Word (v. 130)**
  - 3. **The Insatiable Desire for the Word – The Hungry Soul (v. 131)**
    - a) **"Opened my Mouth" (פָּתַח פִּי) – Expecting to be Fed:**
      - b) **"Panted" (רָצַח) – Eager for Full Sustenance and Satisfaction:**

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- A. The Psalmist and His Affirmations (vv. 129-131)**
- B. The Psalmist and His Needs (vv. 133-135)**
  - 1. **The Need for Stability – Stabilize My Steps (v. 133)**
  - 2. **The Need for Deliverance (v. 134)**
  - 3. **The Need for Communion (v. 135)**
    - a) **The LORD's Personal Blessing – Grace (v. 135a)**
    - b) **The LORD's Personal Instruction (v. 135b)**

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- B. The Psalmist and His Needs (vv. 133-135)**
- C. The Psalmist and His Burden (v. 136)**
  - 1. **The Effect of His Burden (v. 136a)**
  - 2. **The Reason for His Burden (v. 136b)**
    - Tears stream down from my eyes like a river, because people do not obey Your teachings:

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- III. With God Striving – God's Way the Right Way (vv. 137-144)**
  - The psalmist enthusiastically praises YHWH and the Torah:
  - The two go hand-in-hand, because the LORD perfectly and eternally expresses and conveys Himself in His word:
    - a) He is righteous (v. 137)
    - b) His Testimonies are Commanded in Righteousness (v. 138)
    - a) His own Righteousness is Everlasting (v. 142)
    - b) His word is righteous (v. 144)
  - **The match between the two is perfect:**

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- III. With God Striving – God's Way the Right Way (vv. 137-144)**
  - A. The Word Expresses the LORD (vv. 137-138)**
    - 1. **It Reveals His Decisions (v. 137b)**
    - 2. **It Reveals His Mind (v. 138a)**
    - 3. **It Reveals His Will (v. 138a)**
    - 4. **It Reveals His Righteousness (v. 137, 142, 144)**

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  - A. *The Word Expresses the LORD* (vv. 137-138)
  - B. *The Word Captivates the LORD's Servant* (vv. 139-140)
    - 1. My Zeal Consumes Me (אֶזְרָאֵהוּ אֶמְסֹחֵהוּ) (v. 139a)
    - 2. My Heart Goes Out in Love (אֶהְבֵּהוּ) (v. 140b)

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  - C. *The Word Pre-Occupies the Servant's Mind* (vv. 141-142)
    - 1. Regardless of My Status ("small") (v. 141a)
    - 2. Regardless of My Repute ("despised") (v. 141a)
    - 3. Unimportant to Holding the Word Clearly in Mind (לֵא שֶׁקֵּוֹתָהּ) (v. 141b)

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  - D. *The Word Brings Vitality to the Servant* (vv. 143-144)
    - Trouble and anguish can threaten quality of life (v. 143a)
    - But the Word imparts a different quality – Delight (v. 143b)
    - Hence the prayer for understanding (v. 144b)