

Shin
Psalm 119:161-168
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I'm pretty sure I've never mentioned this before, but my family is Jewish. Did you know that? We're named after the 21st letter of the Hebrew language. If you look at the heading above Ps 119:161-168, what do you see? A letter that looks kind of like our *W*. What's its name? *Shin*. *S-H-I-N*. When my family migrated to America they added an *N* to Americanize it. Believe that? You shouldn't. I'm as Jewish as I am Korean! *Shin* is the Hebrew letter equivalent to our *S*. Today we come to the 2nd to the last section of this great psalm praising the Word of God & the God of the Word. On the inside of the Gideon's NTs it says this:

The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, & the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, & its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, & practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, & comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, & the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, & the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good the design, & the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart, & guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, & prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, & a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, & be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, & will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

As we've journeyed through the panorama of wonders & majesty & the grandeur & greatness of God revealed in Ps 119, I hope your heart echoes the words of vs 161, **my heart stands in awe of Your words**. The supremacy & sufficiency of Scripture should leave us at times speechless, enthralled, & awe-inspired. Albert Einstein has been quoted as saying: *He who can no longer pause to wonder, is as good as dead*. If you have not & do not wonder at God's Word, you may very well be spiritually dead & need God to regenerate you. One thing that stands out in this stanza, in contrast to almost all others, is that there are no petitions, no requests to God in it. This whole passage is awe-filled praise to God for His amazing Word. Recently we've seen the psalmist ask for many things:

vs 144b – **give me understanding**
 vs 145 – **I cried with all my heart; answer me**
 vs 146 – **I cried to you; save me!**
 vs 153 – **look upon my affliction & rescue me**

vs 154 – **plead my cause & redeem me; revive me, revive me, revive me** (156, 159)

But in today's passage he doesn't ask for anything. Instead he verbalizes awe, admiration, amazement, & astonishment before the God who would condescend to reveal Himself to us. He's filled with praise because God has given us a book sufficient for all of life. It is supremely satisfying because it shows us how to fulfill our purpose on this planet to glorify God & enjoy Him forever. The reason for this change of tone isn't that his worries are gone, just the opposite. Princes are persecuting him (161), but his worries have been lost in wonder, his petitions have been consumed with praise, his anxiety replaced with awe. It's certainly appropriate at times to pray & make requests for our spiritual, physical, & emotional life but there should also be times when we pray simply to praise God for His Word & for who He is. Stand as we read God's Word to us this morning. **161-168**

Thus says God's holy, inspired, & inerrant Word. May He write its truths upon each of hearts & souls this morning. PRAY

This morning I want to look at 8 results, 8 blessings of knowing & being in God's Word consistently. But remember, the author loves God's Word because it reveals God Himself. We've emphasized that from the very beginning of this psalm. The psalmist never separates the Word of God from God Himself. It's always, **Your Word, O Lord**. It's not just *the Word*, it's **Your Word**. God & His Word go together. The psalmist loves what God's Word reveals about the Lord. Of course, because God's Word reveals God Himself, it also reveals His grace & mercy. It's not just commandments, it's not just the moral law or the ceremonial law that's revealed. It's God's plan of salvation, it's God's plan of grace & mercy that is revealed in God's Word & culminates in Christ Jesus. So what's the 1st result or blessing we see here of being in God's Word on an ongoing basis?

1. Tremble 161

In the KJV the Hebrew word **awe** is usually translated as *fear* or *afraid*. In the NASB it's also translated as dread, trembling, shaking, being terrified, in light of something awesome in the deepest sense of the word. This root word is also used in vs 120 where we read, **My flesh**

trembles for fear of You, & I am afraid of Your judgments. The word **judgments** is a synonym for God's Word, as almost every verse in this Psalm contains a synonym for God's Word. This **fear** or *trembling* isn't only directed toward God but toward His Word as well. Scripture repeatedly tells us we aren't to fear man, (Ps 56:4, 10-11; 118:5-9; Prov 29:25; Mt 10:28; Acts 5:29; etc), but we are to fear the King of Kings before whom all princes & every other knee will bow & confess He is Lord (Phil 2). When Jesus (who Jn 1 calls **the Word**) came to earth, the gospels frequently use similar language in response to His words & works. A few examples

Lk 5:26: **They were all struck with astonishment & began glorifying God; & they were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen remarkable things today."**

Lk 7:16: **Fear gripped them all, & they began glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" &, "God has visited His people!"**

Lk 8:25: **They were fearful & amazed, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that He commands even the winds & the water, & they obey Him?"**

God is glorified by amazement, astonishment, & fear filling or gripping people in response to the Word of the Lord when they recognize that the One behind those words is God Himself. The greatest fear of the guy who wrote Ps 119 wasn't what man had to say, but what God had to say. Not how man might mistreat him but how he might mistreat or mishandle God's Word. He dared not trifle with the Bible's contents, he trembled at them because they revealed the God who wrote them. This is a mark of the godly:

Isaiah 66:1-2, 5 – **Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne & the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? & where is a place that I may rest? For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble & contrite of spirit, & who trembles at My word... Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at His word.**

Where are those today who tremble at God's Word? Isaiah trembled at God's Word (Is 6). He was terrified at the thought of him, a sin-filled human, speaking the Word of a God who is Holy, Holy, Holy. He trembled & cried, **woe is me**. We should too. Ezra spoke of those who **trembled at the words of God** (Ezra 9:4) & he called for repentance **according to the counsel of my lord & of those who tremble at the commandment of our God** (10:3). Moses hears the Word of God at Mt Sinai & we read that **Moses said, "I am full of fear & trembling"** (Heb 12:21). Daniel heard the Word of God through a messenger & says, **when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling**

(10:11). Jeremiah received the Lord's word to preach judgment & his whole body shook inside & out at the enormity & implications of the task. He says, **My heart is broken within me, All my bones tremble ... Because of the Lord & because of His holy words** (23:9). Habbakuk received God's Word & wrote: **I heard & my inward parts trembled, At the sound my lips quivered. Decay enters my bones, & in my place I tremble** (3:16). Are there still those today who tremble at God's Word? Do I? Do you? Do we tremble at God's Word? Those who have changed the world did so because the Word made them shake & tremble before it. The Reformers didn't fear the Pope but the pulpit made their knees knock because of God's sacred & holy Word. When the Scottish reformer John Knox 1st felt called to preach the Word, in anticipation of it he locked himself in a room & wept for days, trembling at the gravity & seriousness of being *called to this holy task, he was broken in his spirit & continually in tears over the awesomeness of such a calling & his unworthiness. & God used him to influence his nation & beyond.*¹ Paul described his own ministry of the Word as being **in weakness & in fear & in much trembling, & my message & my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit & of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God** (1 Cor 2:3-5). Israel as a nation received the Word of God from Sinai beginning with the Ten Commandments. After #10 we read **they trembled & stood at a distance... Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you in order that the fear of Him may remain with you or before you so that you may not sin'** (Ex 20:18-20). There's a type of fear we are NOT to have (self-centered fear that paralyzes us so we do nothing) but there is a type of fear we are to have. We must have a God-centered, healthy fear of God Himself that keeps us from sin & motivates us to obey His Word. Is 8:12-13 says, **You are not to say, 'It is a conspiracy!' In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy, & you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it. It is the LORD of hosts whom you should regard as holy. & He shall be your fear, & He shall be your dread.** The awe of vs 161 has been called...

...a holy reverence or godly fear – a loving trembling of the heart ... like Thomas Cranmer who in 1555 was martyred, yet had a profound reverence for the Word, he wrote much about. Speaking

¹John MacArthur, *Rediscovering Pastoral Ministry*, p 147

to students he said – “I would advise you all, that come to the reading or hearing of this Book, which is the Word of God, the most precious jewel, & the most holy relic that remaineth upon earth, that you bring with you the fear of God, & that you do it with all due reverence, ... to the honor of God, increase of virtue & edification both of yourselves & others.”²

Or as the psalmist said back in vs 38, **Establish Your word to Your servant, as that which produces reverence for You.** Awe for God’s Word results in trembling at it, now the 2nd result or blessing.

2. Joy 162

Again, he tells us what he delights in. **I rejoice at Your word like...** How would you finish that sentence? *I rejoice at the study of God’s Word like...?* How would you finish it? What’s his answer? **I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil.** *Your Word is like a hidden treasure, a secret treasure that I’ve found, O Lord. I love Your Word like pirates love booty.* Jay Adams writes that this word for **spoil** refers to plundered treasure.

Typically, it would be hidden or buried somewhere. Here, the picture is of one coming upon such a ... large & very valuable treasure. Such a find would make a person very happy... In this Book are treasures that are greater than riches untold. They are treasures that cannot be lost, that will not pass to another, that one can carry with him when he dies.³

There’s a lust for God’s Word. There’s a greed for it. There aren’t many times in life where it’s right to lust or be greedy, but it’s okay to lust & be greedy for God’s Word. We should delight in it, treasure it, & want to study & store it up. & again, what you delight in tells a lot about you. What you delight in is a really important question. & the psalmist says, *I’ll tell you what I delight in. I delight in God’s Word.* We’ve seen this before in Ps 119. For example, vs 14 says, **I rejoice in the way of Your testimonies as much as in all riches.** Treasure, riches, booty, & silver & gold aren’t usually found without hard work & diligent searching. The same is true of God’s Word. The spoil or plunder from battle in ancient times had to be fought for. The rejoicing mentioned here brings to mind a jubilant celebration of soldiers cheering after battle, raising the spoils of war above their heads for others to see. Spurgeon wrote:

Contention for the truth of God was greater than all the trophies that can be gained in war. Grace divides greater spoil than falls to the lot of sword or bow. In the evil times we have to fight hard for divine truth: every doctrine costs us a battle. But when we gain a full understanding of eternal truth by personal struggles it becomes doubly precious to us. If we have unusual battling for the Word of God, may we have for our spoil a firmer hold upon the priceless Word!

² Herbert Lockyer, *Psalms*, p 606

³ *Counsel from Psalm 119*, p 132

Perhaps the passage may mean that the Psalmist rejoiced as one who comes upon hidden treasure for which he has not fought, in which case we find the analogy in the man of God who, while reading the Bible, makes grand & blessed discoveries of the grace of God laid up for him — discoveries which surprise him, for he looked not to find such a prize. Whether we come by the truth as finders or as warriors fighting for it, the heavenly treasure should be equally dear to us.⁴

Jesus Himself described the gospel with the image of a treasure in a field, more pure & precious than gold or even a pearl of great value. Why? Because of its supreme worth. Because of his great joy in it, a man sells everything he has to buy the field, not just for the sake of the land, but for the treasure that is there (Mt 13:44-45). We see this throughout Scripture. Prov 2 tells us, **My son, if you will receive my words & treasure my commandments within you, Make your ear attentive to wisdom... If you seek her as silver & search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will discern the fear of the LORD & discover the knowledge of God (1-5).** Jesus tells us, **Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Mt 6:21).** Do we treasure God's Word? Do we rejoice in His Word as unspeakable riches? Paul says, **To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ (Eph3:8).** Paul, as an unworthy sinner, never got over the unfathomable, uncountable, unattainable, & unexplainable riches found in this Word which made him rejoice with a joy unmatched & unsurpassable. To the Colossian Christians he wrote,

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching & admonishing one another with psalms & hymns & spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father (3:16-17).

If God's Word richly dwells within you, it will produce joy in you, which can be measured by your thankfulness through the day. Which brings us to the 3rd result of awe for Scripture, which shouldn't surprise us.

3. Hate 163

He has gotten to the point where he hates falsehood. He's been the victim of falsehood & when you've been on the receiving end of someone who's told things that are untrue about you, that will certainly make you hate falsehood. Rom 12:9 tells us to **abhor what is evil.** Want to know

⁴ *Golden Alphabet*, www.gospelweb.net/SpurgeonGoldenAlphabet/FS_GoldenAlphabet.htm

more about this? Check out the website & the sermon on this verse.⁵ The hatred & love in this verse fit together perfectly. One who truly loves the pure truth of God will naturally hate lies & evil.

4. Love 163

If you rejoice in God's Word as great riches or treasure, & truly believe it has priceless value, if you hate all falsehood you'll also love God's Word because it is truth. The psalmist has repeated this frequently (47, 48, 97, 113, 119, 127, 140, 159, 163, 165, 167). If we believe Paul that **all Scripture is inspired & profitable** (2 Tim 3:16) then we must love it cover-to-cover. & as strongly as we love God's truth we should equally hate & despise all that opposes God's truth. May we deplore & abhor all error because we adore God's truth. The poet that he has gotten to the point where he loves the Word more than the sin he could have been loving. In other words, the sin of falsehood is defeated with a superior love. You get into the Word, you study the Word, you begin to love the Word, & the Word exalts in truthfulness, in truth-telling. How do you fight against the habit of falsehood? Through a superior love, the love of what the Lord teaches in His Word. The psalmist is telling us something about his heart. He's in awe of God's Word, he delights in God's Word, & he loves God's Word. & that love for God's Word, that delight in God's Word, that awe of God's Word helps him in obeying God's Word! It helps him fight the fight of faith. Studying your Bible will help you fight sin. I know that's simple but it's so easy to forget. Loving the Word of God, studying the Word of God, coming to delight & admire what God teaches in His Word is one of the things that the Holy Spirit will use to help you fight sin in your life.

5. Praise 164

Notice that the **praise** here is for, or because of God's **righteous ordinances**. His loving of God's Word in vs 163 led to his praising of God's Word in vs 164. We all praise what we love. There are many reasons to praise the Word throughout Ps 119. Here's a few:

- 9 – it helps a young person keep his way pure
- 11 – it helps us not to sin as we hide it in our heart
- 24 – it counsels us
- 25 – it revives us, gives us life

⁵ True Love Hates, 10/23/16

26 – it teaches us
 27 – it gives understanding
 28 – it strengthens us
 41 – it brings salvation
 45 – it gives freedom
 49 – it provides hope
 50 – it comforts, & on & on it goes.

Do we praise God for His Word? How often? Do we praise Him 7x a day? Have we even praised Him one time in the last 7 days? In the past week how often have you praised God at all? How often have you thanked Him for His Word? This is thanksgiving week. We usually focus on the physical blessings God has given us, but make a point this week of thanking & praising Him for His Word. What's up with the 7x? Daniel prayed 3 a day (Dan 6:10-28). Does that mean the psalmist is more spiritual? More than twice as spiritual? No. **7x** in vs 164 signifies perfect or perpetual praise, complete or continuous in Hebrew thought. Rather than 7 prescribed times for prayer, this is permeating praise, praise without ceasing, an attitude & heart of thankfulness that is always on the tip of our tongue, the back of our mind, & the natural overflow of our heart. Don't get all legalistic about this & set 7 times during the day where you're going to praise God for His Word. The point is, you know how symbolic the #7 is in Hebrew thought. It's a complete or perfect number. This means, *Lord, I praise You all the time*. The psalmist is telling us that his life is a life of praise. He's praising God all the time, not just when he gathers with the people of God to worship. Praise is always coming from his mouth & mind. Do you find yourself muttering praise to God under your breath throughout the day? We all know the familiar verse, **pray without ceasing**. In context, the vss right before & right after helps us understand what praying continuously looks like. **Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus** (1 Thes 5:16-18). We of all people should be the most thankful because we have been blessed so much. Think of it: We have the entire Bible readily available to us to read (unlike most everyone in world history)! & we can gather each week to hear God's Word preached without having our lives in danger (unlike many in the world)! Think of it: you can listen to God's Word being proclaimed on TV, radio, podcasts, & the internet at all times. Be

careful though, not all religious programming is biblical. Be discerning! The point is, we should be giving God constant praise for His Word.

6. Peace 165

We've seen the blessings of God's Word here include love, joy, & peace. Does this sound familiar? The fruit of the Spirit begins with those as well. Being Spirit-filled & Word-filled are closely related ideas. Peace isn't the absence of problems. He isn't saying, *I met Jesus & everything has been perfect ever since*. He's not saying, *I embraced the gospel & my life has been perfect ever since*, because this section started with princes persecuting him, very powerful people wanting to do bad things to him. So the peace he's talking about is that great peace which passes understanding which even the grieving can have, which even the lonely can have, which even the betrayed & broken can have. This vs doesn't promise peace to those who perfectly keep God's Law, because no one can keep it. It promises peace to those who love God's Law, which means, I believe, those who love it because they've found God to be merciful & gracious by reading it. Isaiah had much to say about peace, beginning with & flowing from the Messiah, **the Prince of peace** (9:6). Isaiah 26:3 says, **The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You**. Isaiah 66:12 says the Lord extends peace like a river. When that *peace like a river attends our way*, we are able to say in the most difficult storms of life, *it is well with my soul*.⁶ This isn't only peace, but **great peace** for those who love God's Word despite great difficulty & sorrow & persecution. The 2nd half of the vs explains that those with this **great peace** will have nothing that **causes them to stumble**. In other words, circumstances can't trip up or destroy this peace, which is supernatural & surpassing human explanation. Phil 4 promises peace that transcends all understanding for those who put into practice & dwell on God's Word. **165**

If we find ourselves easily offended by other people, then we ought to take the verse to heart. To those who love God's law, nothing will cause them to stumble, nothing will defeat them, everything fits, they won't stumble around in the dark, they're completely secure. Therefore, they aren't upended. It's a promise of a personal security in a topsy-turvy, dangerous, uncertain,

⁶ *It Is Well with My Soul*, Horatio Spafford, #407 in our hymnal

& sometimes very hostile world. There is a source of security in God's Word that gives us **great peace** & keeps us upright when everything else is upside down. As you think about this verse, & contemplate what it promises & what it requires, ask God to give you a true & deep & lasting love for His Word. Ask for it. Seek it. Tell the Lord you want to be more than a reader of the Word & more than a student of the Word. Tell Him you want to love His Word. Ask Him for that love. Pray that it might be implanted in your heart. If we ask in sincerity, that's a prayer God will be pleased to answer.

7. Hope 166

We've looked at this idea of **hope** before (49, 116), so we don't need to spend much time here, but remember that **hope** means a confident expectation or trust, a patient waiting. We don't hope in ourselves, our hope is in what God has said & is & does. This hope is very much like faith. As Charles Bridges writes, *Faith is the exercise of the soul in a sense of need, in desire, & in trust. Faith goes to God on the ground of the promise; hope in the expectation of the thing promised. Thus hope implies the operation of faith.*⁷ We read that people hope in God or Christ, in God's steadfast love (Ps 33:18; 147:11), in God's Word (Ps 119:81, 114, 147; 130:5), & in the promise of God (Acts 26:6). Biblical writers set their hope on God (Jer 14:22; 1 Tim 5:5), on Christ (Eph 1:12) & on **the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ** (1 Pt 1:13). They hope for God's salvation (Ps 119:166) & a future restoration from exile (Jer 31:17). We also read about the hope of God (Jer 17:13), the resurrection of the dead (Acts 23:6), sharing the glory of God (Rom 5:2), glory (Col 1:27), salvation (1 Thes 5:8) & eternal life (Titus 1:2). Obviously, biblical **hope** is centered on God & His Word & attributes. Unlike how we use *hope* in English, biblical **hope** is a certain assurance of what we don't yet have, but in confident trust we wait for it. This is the hope a believer has in salvation, because God has saved him & changed him & is producing obedience in his life (v. 166b). It's through the Word that we have **hope**, not through our works. But our assurance can be increased by God-produced works in our life, which will tie

⁷ *Exposition of Psalm 119*, <http://gracegems.org/26/bridges7.htm>

in with our last point of obedience. Assurance of salvation should never prevent obedience, it should prompt it. **166**

Spurgeon says the psalmist's **hope** was fixed on God.

He looked to Him alone for salvation; & then he endeavored most earnestly to fulfill the commands of His law. Those who place least reliance upon good works are very frequently those who have the most of them: that same divine teaching which delivers us from confidence in our own doings leads us to abound in every good work to the glory of God. In times of trouble there are 2 things to be done, the 1st is to hope in God, & the 2nd is to do that which is right. The 1st without the 2nd would be mere presumption; the 2nd without the 1st mere formalism.⁸

Obviously, both are essential.

8. Obedience 167-168

Knowing that all our ways are before God is a great motivation to obedience, as this last verse says. Perhaps an even stronger motive is seen in vs 167 where we see he loves God's Word **exceedingly**. The more we see of the surpassing riches of the Bible, the more our love will exceed measure & expression. This is the 3rd time in this stanza he speaks of his love for God's Word. It's not hard to respond to what or who you love. It's actually the most natural thing. True love for the Lord & what He says will naturally result in our responding to what He's said to us. What motivates the writer to obedience? Not fear but love. Love of God & love of His Word motivates him to be obedient. One of the most important things we do in the Christian life is make sure that we're doing what we're called to do for the right reason with the right motivation. & the psalmist says, *Lord, one of the reasons I do what You command is because I love You & I love what You command*. Is that one of your motivations for obedience in the Christian life? You love the Lord & you love what He commands? It's a beautiful description of the way it ought to be for us. Jesus tells us,

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments ... He who has My commandments & keeps them is the one who loves Me; & he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, & I will love him & will disclose Myself to him. ... If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; & My Father will love him, & We will come to him & make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words (Jn 14:15, 21, 23-24).

Jesus couldn't be clearer: this is a salvation issue. Not that obedience makes someone a Christian, but Jesus said obedience marks someone who is a Christian. I can't assure you of the

⁸ *Golden Alphabet, Psalm 119*, www.gospelweb.net/SpurgeonGoldenAlphabet/FS_GoldenAlphabet.htm

hope of salvation in vs 166 if vss 167-168 aren't true of your life. No, not perfect obedience & not perfect love for the Word, but a pattern of your life. If that isn't the direction of your life & the desire of your heart, you need to take your spiritual pulse because it's possible you don't have any spiritual life at all. In Jn 8 Jesus said those who abide in His Word are His true disciples & those who love Him keep His Word (not perfectly, but they resolve & determine & purpose to). 2 Thes 2:10 speaks of many who will perish eternally **because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved**. Love of God's Word is equated with salvation there. Those who have no delight in God's Word are referred to as unbelievers. Jer 6:10-12 tells us, **To whom shall I speak & give warning That they may hear? Behold, their ears are closed & they cannot listen. Behold, the word of the LORD has become a reproach to them; They have no delight in it...** He goes on to say that judgment falls on those who do not love & listen to God's Word. Believers don't always love & delight in Scripture as much as we should, but if any one truly loves the Lord, there's a love for what God says & there will be a desire to love Christ more & obey more of what He says. If you've never truly loved the Lord & His Word, I urge you to come to Christ & plead with Him to be your Savior & Lord & love of life. Be willing to give up everything, sell everything to have Jesus as your treasure, as your all & all.

1. Tremble at His Word as a lowly sinner & beg the Lord to have mercy on your soul through the work of Christ on the cross.
2. Rejoice that His Word proclaims the unfathomable riches of Jesus
3. Hate & despise falsehood & evil
4. Love the Word more because you love the God of the Word
5. Praise the God you love for His supreme & sufficient Word & its many blessings
6. Experience peace from the Word
7. Hope through His Word
8. & commit, by God's grace, to obey all His commands which are for our good & for His glory