



Yesterday we touched on the importance of falling in love with the commands of the Lord. Today the psalmist continues on that topic and stresses the importance of that very thing.

Read & Dig Read Psalm 119:129-136

TEACH ME YOUR WAYS (vv.129-131)

The Psalmist David is acknowledging the Lord's ways as perfect and valuable. **Side note: We need to remember that prayer is not always asking the Lord for something... we need to practice acknowledging the Lord for who He is and what He has done as well.** He says in v.129 that His testimonies are wonderful, and in v.130 says that His ways are a light, that they give understanding. Then he finishes off that section by relating himself to a dog or animal panting for water... he is saying as a dog thirsts and wants water, that he thirsts and wants to know God's commandments better and deeper.

STEADFASTNESS (vv.130-135)

Here, David is asking the Lord to help him stay steadfast in his walk and pursuit of His ways. He asks the Lord specifically in v.133 to let no iniquity have dominion or victory over him. David knows that Satan is ready to attack and attack hard when he puts his focus on pursuing Christ. He knows that temptation is going to come his way. His prayer is that the Lord will give him victory over temptation and sin so that he can stay steadfast in the Lord. Steadfastness, or steadiness, is not wavering one way or the other... it is to stay straight.

BROKEN FOR THE LOST (vv.136)

If you remember, yesterday we talked about not only growing for ourselves but growing to reach the lost and dark. Here we see the state of heart that David felt for the lost. Read v.136 one more time... we see that David is weeping for the lost. Because he loves the ways of the Lord, it breaks his heart to see other people not experience the goodness of the Lord and His commands, as David has himself.

Apply and GO

As we walk with the Lord, we need to make sure we stop and acknowledge how thankful we are for the ways of the Lord. We need to give thanks to the Lord for His ways and we need to desire them as a dog pants for water... His commands and ways are a need to us... not just something we have when convenient. If a Dog goes without water, what happens? He dies, right? So as a follower, we need the ways of the Lord or we will also die spiritually.

Are we broken for the lost? Does it really break our hearts that people we go to school with, play sports with, or maybe even live with, don't know the Lord and find delight in His ways? **Read John 14:6.** If we truly believe that Jesus is the only way, then it should burden our hearts for the people who don't know that to be true. This burden should urge us on or encourage us to be the vessel that God can and will use to bring that light to these people!