

Your Word is Wonderful

Psalms 119:129-136

Introduction: The Wonder of the Sequoias

The Light of the LORD's Word (129-130)

The Word Awakes Wonder (129; 139:4-7; Matt. 28:18-20)

Psalm 139:4-7 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. ⁵ You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

Did Not Heart Burn (130; Lu. 24:30-32)

Luke 24:30-32 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

The Panting Pursuit (131-132; 42:1-2; Rom. 8:28)

Psalm 42:1-2 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

The Redemption that Liberates (133-134)

The Inward Battle with Sin (133; Rom. 7:22-25)

Romans 7:22-25 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Outward Battle with Oppressors (134; 56:1-4)

Psalm 56:1-4 *For the director of music. To the tune of "A Dove on Distant Oaks." Of David. A miktam. When the Philistines had seized him in Gath.* Be merciful to me, O God, for men hotly pursue me; all day long they press their attack. ² My slanderers pursue me all day long; many are attacking me in their pride. ³ When I am afraid, I will trust in you. ⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

The Light of the LORD's Face (135-136)

Where the Word Shines, the LORD's Face Shines (135; Numb 6:24-26)

Numbers 6:24-26 "The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." '

Streams of Tears (136; Rom. 9:2-4)

Romans 9:2-4 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel.

Conclusion: May the LORD Fill Us with the Wonder of His Word