



Your Testimonies are  
Wonderful

Psalm 119:129-136

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my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me. Redeem me from the oppression of man, That I may keep Your precepts. Make Your face shine upon Your servant, And teach me Your statutes. Rivers of water run down from my eyes, Because *men* do not keep Your law.

(Psalm 119:129-136 NKJV)

# Psalm 119:129-136 - Pe

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Verse	Text	Subject
129	Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore, my soul keeps them	Awe for God's word
130	The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple	Acknowledgement of their illumination
131	I opened my mouth and panted, for I longed for Your commandments	Expression of longing for His scriptures
132	Look upon me and be merciful to me, as your custom is toward those who love Your name	A plea for God's mercy
133	Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me	A request for God's guidance
134	Redeem me from the oppression of man, that I may keep Your precepts	An entreaty for redemption from oppression
135	Make Your face shine upon Your servant, and teach me Your statutes	An appeal for God's favor
136	Rivers of waters run down from my eyes, because me do not keep Your law.	Mourning over Iniquity

# “Your testimonies are wonderful...”

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- “Your testimonies are miracles.”
- “Pala' is used primarily with God as its subject, expressing actions that are beyond the bounds of human powers or expectations.” – Brown Driver Briggs
  - Used first in Genesis 18:14 – Of Sarah giving birth (Rom. 4:18)
  - Of the plagues against Egypt – Exodus 3:20

PRESENTATION TITLE

**H6382**

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pele'

**BDB Definition:**

1) wonder, marvel

1 a) wonder

(extraordinary, hard to understand thing)

1 b) wonder (of God's acts of judgment and redemption)

**Part of Speech:** noun masculine

**A Related Word by BDB/Strong's**

**Number:** from **H6381**

“The entrance of  
Your word gives  
light...”

- ▶ Light is frequently used as an image of God's word (27:1; 43:43; 119:105; Acts 26:23)
- ▶ God's word gives understanding (Psalm 19:7) 2 Timothy 2:14-15





“I longed for Your commandments...

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- The wonders and illumination of God's word produces an intense longing for more.
- We should cultivate this desire.
  - Like a deer for water  
Psalm 42:1
  - Like a newborn babe  
1 Peter 2:2

“Look upon me  
and be  
merciful...

- ▶ God is rich in mercy  
Ephesians 2:1-5
- ▶ But we must show  
mercy to obtain  
mercy! – Matthew  
5:7; Matthew 6:12,  
14-15 (James 2:13)



# “Direct my steps by Your word...”

- ▶ This Psalm is focused on God’s word!
- ▶ The psalmist asks to be guided *by God’s word!*
- ▶ Many people want God’s guidance but will not regard His word. (Luke 16:27-31)







“Redeem me from the oppression of man...” 9

- It is difficult to focus on spiritual values when we are suffering material.
- It is vital that we place God's kingdom and righteousness **first!** - Matthew 6:33
- It is permissible to pray for self interests, if we do not forget God or others. (Luke 12:16-21)
- It is not permissible to pray for our lusts! – James 4:1-5

# “Make Your face shine upon Your servant...”

- ▶ The Aaronic Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26)
- ▶ Showing one's face is indicative of favor, hiding one's face is of derision. (Esther 4:11,16)
- ▶ The difference between *mercy* and *favor (grace)*.



“Rivers of water run  
down my eyes...

- ▶ It is never right to rejoice in iniquity – 1 Corinthians 13:6
- ▶ We may not participate or approve of unrighteousness – (Ephesians 5:11; Romans 1:32)
- ▶ If we *mourn* for sin (vs. 136), we will be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)



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