Psalm

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[0:00] I'm seeking the Lord's help. I direct your attention this morning to the book of the Psalms, Psalm 119, reading verses 129 and 130.

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The psalmist in this long psalm opens up his heart that we may see what the Lord has taught him.

[1:27] And he speaks of things which he understands and knows. They are things which God himself has shown him.

And he can speak of them. He has heard the voice of his God. He knows in his heart what it is to commune with his God.

To speak to him. To listen to him. To hear his voice. And the big question with us is this.

Do we know the same? It is one thing to hear about God. It is one thing to know about his name.

It is an entirely different matter to know him. When the apostle Paul was writing his letter to the church at Philippi.

[2:46] He opened up his heart to us. And showed us his prayer. And his prayer was this. That I might know him.

And we know that the apostle did know him. He had heard his voice on the road to Damascus.

He knew the testimonies of his God. And he could in the opening words of our text here this morning say that that was wonderful.

Remarkable. Incredible. Something that in life's pathway he would never ever forget.

The testimony. The witness. In his soul of Christ. Speaking to him with almighty power. Commanding him.

[3:49] His ears open to hear the voice of his God. I read the fifth chapter of the gospel of John this morning. There the Lord Jesus spoke of his divine testimony as he came into this world.

The witness of himself. The mighty power of his works. The revelation of his power as the eternal son of God. The son of his father.

And he bore witness. In the heart. Of the man who had laid at Bethesda pool. By the mighty act of healing. That he was the son of God.

It was wonderful. To that dear man who had laid thirty and eight years. That here was one. Who could speak. With a divine testimony in his soul.

And say to him rise. Take up thy bed and walk. There was something which was never to be forgotten. But as the Lord gave him that testimony.

[4:59] That witness of his spirit. In his soul. He received at the same time. The divine grace and strength. To do what his God commanded him.

And there are those in his work. When we look at his dear apostles. They had a divine testimony. And it was this. Follow thou me.

Their ears were opened. They were quickened. By the spirit of God. And brought. To obey. The Lord Jesus commandments.

When we ask ourselves. And would search our hearts. What. Have we got. That the Lord has given to us.

What. Has he spoken to us. How has he. Dealt with us. What. Testimony have we received. Of him.

[5:58] In our hearts. The means that the. Lord has ordained. In his holy word. For giving. Divine testimonies. Are very clear.

One of them. Is the foolishness. Of preaching. The other. Is his holy word. Of truth. They are the. Two means.

Which he has ordained. To give in the hearts. Of his dear church. Divine testimony. And our mind goes. At this moment. To the road.

To Emmaus. And those. Men. Who traveled that day. In sadness. When Jesus drew near. And went with them. And he used.

This word of truth. Moses. Who testified. Of him. He used. That word.

[6:53] In his. Sermon that day. As he traveled with them. To Emmaus. He spoke to them. Of himself. Recorded in this word of truth.

Beginning at Moses. And all the prophets. He expanded unto them. In all the scriptures. The things. Concerning himself. And you know. They could truly say.

That his testimony. Was wonderful. When he was vanishing. Out of their sight. And was gone. They said. Did not. Did not. Our heart. Burn. Within us.

While he talked with us. By the way. And while he opened to us. The scriptures. And you know. That tells us. Something about. The blessed work.

Of God's spirit. And the work of Christ. In his own day. In these. Divine. Testimonies. The truth. Of what the Lord said.

[7:52] Was witnessed. In their heart. As they received it. In the love of it. And their heart. Burnt in them. With joy. And peace. And faith.

And hope. As the Lord. Spoke of himself. And all the scriptures. That referred to him. And they saw it. They understood it.

They believed it. It entered their heart. And when he broke bread. In that house. At Emmaus. They saw. The last supper. They had such a sight.

Of that ordinance. Which they had attended. Originally. And they could see. The glory of it. And how it. Pointed to Christ. And we read. Of the. Wonderful nature.

Of the testimony. Of God. In their souls. That they went. On their way. Rejoicing. The Lord. Had used.

[8:49] The preaching. Of his holy word. By his own lips. He had used. The scripture. Of truth. And this power. Of the Holy Spirit.

Had come. And attended. That truth. And they could truly say. In the experience. Of it. That this testimony. Was wonderful.

But when we come. To look. At the. Nature of these. Testimonies. Of God. In the soul. That are wonderful. And mine goes.

To. God's. Holy law. And his presence. When the Lord. Would teach. In the way. Everlasting.

He brings. The sinner. To his holy law. And establishes. It in his heart. And shows him. That he has broken it. In every particle.

[9:44] He uses. His holy law. As his. Schoolmaster. To bring. The sinner. To Christ. To give him. A blessed. Testimony. Of Christ. He prepares.

The ground. To receive. The testimony. He shows. By his law. Sin. In our hearts. And he brings. Condemnation.

Into our souls. It is his work. To show us. Himself. And to show us. Ourselves. And to bring us.

Down at his. Mercy seat. To ask. For testimonies. When the psalmist. David. In the 51st psalm. Prayed that.

Prayer. After his great sin. Of adultery. And murder. He prayed. Wash me. He was asking. For a divine.

[10:41] Testimony. When he said. Purge me. With hyssop. And I shall be clean. He was asking. For a divine. Testimony. He was asking.

For the testimony. Of the blood. Of Jesus Christ. In his own heart. And in his own. Conscience.

We read. Of the. Apostle Peter. Speaking in this way. Of Christ. Who his. Own. Self. Bore.

Our. Sins. In his. Own. Body. On the tree. He had received. A divine. Testimony. In his soul.

That the blood. Of Christ. Had cleansed him. From all sin. We read. Of this. Again. And again. In scripture. John the divine. Speaks. Of that.

[11:37] Precious blood. Of Christ. And. The apostle. Peter. Speaks of it. As much. As ye know. Ye were not. Redeemed. With corruptible.

Things. As silver. And gold. But. With the. Precious. Blood. Of Christ. As of a lamb. Without spot. And without.

Blemish. All the. Testimonies. Of God. Are precious. Peter knew it. He knew the. Blasphemy.

And the unbelief. And the fear. And the solemn cursing. That he had. Entered into. In the judgment hall. When he denied. His savior.

And he knew what it was. To go out and weep bitterly. And receive a divine testimony. That that. Precious. Blood of Christ. Had touched. His heart.

[12:31] And he could truly speak. Of the nature of that. Pardon. And he could say. It was precious. Here. The psalmist. Had received.

Testimonies. The testimony. The testimony. He says. Are wonderful. He knew them. In his own soul. He could measure them. And value them.

When we think. Of the Lord's servant. Hezekiah. As he walked in that. Solemn path. Of death. In eternity. Before him. Set. Thy house.

In order. For thou shalt die. And not live. He came. He came. To cry out. Before God. Under his burden. And to seek. The pardoning. Blood of Christ.

And he came. To the Lord. In prayer. In the feebleness of it. As a crane. Or a swallow. He says. So did I chatter. And in that.

[13:27] Remarkable way. The Lord. Brought him. To his knees. And he cried out. Oh Lord. I'm oppressed. Undertake. For me. And the Lord answered. He says.

In love. To my soul. Thou hast delivered it. From the pit. Of corruption. For thou hast cast. All my sins. Behind thy back.

And he received. A testimony. From his God. And he could. Describe that. Testimony. As wonderful. I come back. To the.

Question again. This morning. What have we received? What. Testimonies. Have we got. From this. Same.

Jesus. What has he. Spoken. To us. Has he said. Anything. To us. Do we know. His voice. Have we.

[14:23] Heard. His voice. Can we. Speak. Of the. Nature. Of these. Testimonies. Are they. Wonderful. Have we. Understood.

The. Value. Of them. What has the Lord. Spoken. To us. In our soul. What. Precious. Promises. Has he.

Given to us. Have we. Wrestled with him. Have we. Cryed to him. Have we. Come to him. Under the. Burden of sin.

And in the pathway. Have we. Sought his. Face. And has he. Answered us. And can we then. Speak. In the way.

That the psalmist. Speaks. The whole. Of this. 119th psalm. If you read it. Is again. And again. A very. Sweet.

[15:18] Blessed. Opening. Of the. Psalmist's. Heart. As he. Speaks. Of the way. The Lord. Has dealt with him. And what he has done.

For him. What he has been. To him. What he has revealed. Of himself. In his heart. Thy. Testimonies. Are wonderful. Therefore.

Does my. Soul. Keep them. You know. It is very. Simple. Really. We cannot. Keep. What we have not. Been given.

The. Psalmist. Kept. In his. Heart. The. Precious. Nature. Of what he. Received.

He. Kept. Them. In his. Soul. I think. Of Jacob. What. Testimony. Did Jacob.

[16:16] Receive. At Bethel. The testimony. He received. From God. Was this. Sinner. That he was. Having. Just. Deceived. His. Aged.

Father. And. Stolen. His. Brother's. Birthright. Known. In. Scripture. As. The. Supplanter. The. Deceiver. He. Went. Out. From his.

Home. With all. The. Sorrow. And. Hatred. That. Followed. Him. And. As. He. Came. To. Bethel. And. Laid. His. Head. On. That. Pillow. Stone. That. Night.

The. Remarkable. Nature. Of. The. Work. Of. God. That. He. Should. Move. At. Such. A. Moment. In. Such. A. Sinner's. Life. So.

Undeserving. Testimony. Was. This. I. Be. With. The. And. All.

[17:08] Places. With. This. Over. They. Go. I. Not. Leave. I. Brought. The. Again. To. This. Place. And. The. Lord. Did. Bring. Him. To. Bethel. Again. He. Called. It. El.

Bethel. The. God. Of. The. House. Of. God. But. He. Received. A. Divine. Testimony. And. Do. You. Know. He. Kept.

That. All. The. Days. Of. His. Life. It. Was. Precious. To. Him. I. Believe. When. He. Came. To. Peniel. And. His. Brother. Was. Coming. To. Meet. Him. When.

He. Came. With. Armed. Men. And. He. Feared. The. Wiping. Out. Of. His. Whole. Family. And. Death. Then. He. Went. To. The.

Thou. Bless. Me. And. The. Lord. Blessed. Him. There. And. What. Did. He. Plead. At. Bethel. I. Believe. The. Testimony. He. Pleaded. At. Peniel. Was.

[18:06] The. Blessing. Of. Bethel. The. Blessing. That. His. God. Had. Given. To. Him. The. Lord. Helped. Him. There. To. Plead. With. Him. And. When. He. Came. To. The. End. Of. The. Journey.

And. Was. Blessing. Ephraim. And. Manasseh. There. He. Could. Speak. Of. The. Testimony. Which. He. Kept. All. The. Days. Of. His. Life.

And. He. Could. Say. The. Lord. That. Redeemed. Me. From. All. Evil. Bless. The. Lands. He. Knew. The. Redeeming. Love.

And. Blood. Of. Christ. And. The. Big. Question. Here. This. Morning. Is. This. Have. I. In. My. Heart.

In. My. Soul. Any. Testimony. Of. God. Which. I. Have. Kept. Which. I. Am. Keeping. Which.

[19:01] God. Has. Given. To. Me. Which. Is. Mine. Which. I. Can. Plead. Again. And. Again. Which. I. Can. Bring. To. His. Mercy.

Seat. And. Say. To. My. God. Lord. Thou. Say. Jacob. Could. Go. To. His. God. And. Quote.

From. The. Days. Of. His. Youth. At. Bethel. The. Promise. That. His. God. Had. Given. Him. He. Had. A.

Blessed. Promise. And. He. Knew. The. Testimony. That. His. God. Had. Given. Him. And. We. See. This. In. The. Case. Of. So.

Many. The. Lord. Gave. To. His. Dear. Servants. Again. And. Again. Blessed. Promises. Divine. Testimonies. Which. They.

[19:54] Kept. And. Which. They. Used. Which. They. Pleaded. I. Think. Of. Joshua. When. Moses. Died. And.

The. Office. Fell. Upon. Joshua. The. Lord. Gave. Him. A. Sacred. Word. It. Was. This. As. I. Was. With. Moses. So.

Will. I. Be. With. The. I. Will. Not. Leave. The. Nor. Forsake. The. He. Had. A. Promise. He.

Had. A. Testimony. He. Had. A. Word. Of. His. God. And. Truly. He. Could. Say. Of. That. Word. My. Therefore.

Doth. My. Soul. Keep. It. He. Had. Something. Upon. Which. He. Could. Come. To. His. God. Something. He. Could. Say.

[20:48] To. His. God. Lord. Thou. Say. We. Keep. Many. Things.

In. Life. Which. We. Have. Valued. But. Often. As. We. Grow. Older. We. Value. Them.

Less. In. My. Youth. When. I. Was. Building. Up. My. Library. And. Collecting. My. Books. In. My. Library. My.

Spiritual. Books. I. Valued. Them. Greatly. As. Life. Has. Gone. On. I. Have. Come. To.

Value. Them. Less. And. To. Value. God's. Holy. Word. More. There. Is. One. Word. The. Testimony. Of. God. Which. We. Do. Not. Value.

[21:39] Less. And. So. It. Is. With. God's. Word. In. Our. Hearts. When. He. Speaks. To. Us. The. Older.

We. Grow. The. Nearer. We. Approach. To. Eternity. The. More. Searching. The. Light. Of. God's. Truth. Is. In. Our. Soul. And. The.

More. We. Long. For. The. Blessed. Testimities. Of. God. In. Our. Heart. And. There. Is. A. Burning. Up. Of. The. Wood. Hay. And. The. Stubble. Of.

That. Which. Is. Not. Spiritual. And. There. Is. A. Ballying. Of. What. The. Apostle. Speaks. Christ.

Jesus. And. We. Are. Searched. And. Searched. In. Our. Hearts. And. What. Do. We. Keep. That. Which. Will. Never. Be. Taken. From. Us. Those.

[22:34] Things. Which. Can. Never. Be. Shaken. Those. Things. Which. Will. Abide. And. They. Are. The. Word. Of. God. To.

Us. In. Our. Hearts. The. Blessed. Word. Of. His. Spirit. You see. Solemnly.

We. Read. In. The. Scriptures. In. The. Parable. The. Sower. Of. The. Seed. And. We. Read. Of. It. Scattering. And.

We. Read. Of. Its. Fruit. And. There. Is. A. Solemn. Difference. Some. Of. The. Seed. Of. God. Word. Falls. To. The.

Ground. To. The. Wayside. Some. Falls. Into. Stony. Ground. Some. Is. Choked. With. The. Thorns. And. Cares. Of. This. World. And.

[23:29] Some. Bears. Fruit. And. The. Scriptures. Are. Very. Clear. He. That. Endureth. Unto. The. End. Says. The. Scripture. Shall. Be.

Saved. And. It. Is. That. The. Work. Of. God. Will. Be. Manifest. In. The. Trials. Temptations. Tribulations.

And. Pathway. Of. Life. That. It. Endures. To. The. End. Some. Fall. Away. Solemnly. Depart. From. The. Truth.

Go. Back. They. Did. In. Jesus. Day. There. Were. The. Disciples. Who. Went. Away. And. Departed. From. The. Truth. And. The. Lord. Said. Of.

Them. To. His. Disciples. Will. Ye. Also. Go. And. They. Responded. To. Whom. Else. Shall. We. Go. Thou. Hast.

[24:21] The. Words. Of. Eternal. Life. All. To. Be. Given. Grace. We. Know. That. Only. Those.

Who. Are. Kept. By. The. Power. Of. God. By. His. Spirit. Are. Kept. From. Falling. Away. But. We. Read.

In. The. Fifth. Of. John. This. Morning. Solemnly. Will. Not. Come. To. Me. That. He. Might. Have. Life. They. Were. With. Him. They. Were. Listening.

To. Him. And. Yet. They. Would. Not. Receive. Him. They. Couldn't. Say. Like. The. Man. At. Bethesda. Paul. Thy. Testimonies. Are. Wonderful. Therefore.

Doth. My. Soul. Keep. Them. They. Hated. Him. Without. A. Cause. They. Hated. Him. Because. He. Said. He. Was. The. Son. Of. God. They.

[25:15] Did. Not. Believe. Him. They. Denied. Him. But. We. See. Here. There. Were. Those. Who. Received. His. Testimonies. And. They. Kept.

Them. They. Valued. Them. They. Loved. Them. They. Were. Precious. To. Them. They. Were. Something. That. Didn't. Grow. Old. They. Were.

Were. Fresh. They. Were. Something. They. Could. Plead. Before. Their. God. They. Were. Their. Lifeline. Their. Communication. With. Heaven. And.

They. Were. Treasures. Which. They. Took. With. Them. To. Glory. Precious. Words. Which. The. Lord. Had. Spoken. To. Them. Sacred. Communications.

Of. God. To. Their. Soul. And. You. See. The. Lord. Is. No. Age. Or. Person. A. Mind. Has. Gone. This. Morning. To.

[26:09] The. Dying. Thief. Called. By. God. In. His. Dying. Hour. My. Mind. Goes.

To. Samuel. Called. By. The. Lord. In. His. Youth. As. A. Child. To. Moses. In. The. Cradle. Called.

In. His. Adolescence. In. The. Court. Of. Pharaoh. Choosing. Rather. To. Suffer. Affliction. With. The. People. Of. God. Than. To. Enjoy. The. Pleasures. Of.

Sin. For. A. Season. Esteeming. The. Reproach. Of. Christ. Greater. Riches. And. The. Treasures. Of. Egypt. The. Lord. Begins. Samson.

Was. Called. In. His. Dying. Hour. Oh. How. Solemnly. We. See. It. David. In. His. Use. On. The. Hills. Of. Judah. As. He. Fought. The. Lion. The.

[27:01] Bear. Turned. To. Heaven. And. Sought. His. God. And. Received. A. Divine. Testimony. In. His. Deliverance. And. When. He. Came. To. Fight. Goliath. He.

Could. Truly. Say. The. Lord. That. Delivered. Me. From. The. Lion. And. The. Bear. The. Testimony. That. God.

That. He. Has. He. Your. Voice. Here. The. Psalmist. Could. Speak. Of. It. Thy. Testimonies. Are. Wonderful.

And. Therefore. Doth. My. Soul. Keep. Them. And. You. Know. It. Is. Very. Simple. Here. The. Soul. Keeps.

Them. Locked. In. Their. Heart. As. Their. Own. Possession. Because. They. Are. So. Wonderful. So. Blessed. So.

[28:02] Valuable. So. Great. They. Are. God's. Word. To. Them. That. One. Day. He. Will. Take. Them. To. Be. With. Himself.

Where. He. Is. And. It. Is. Established. In. Their. Hearts. That. He. Has. Loved. Them. With. An. Everlasting. Love. We. Go. On.

To. The. Second. Verse. The. Giveth. Light. What. Is. This. I.

Believe. Very. Simply. It's. This. God. Speaks. In. The. Souls. Of. His. Dear. Children. Every. One. Of. Them. My.

Sheep. Hear. My. Voice. And. I. Know. Them. And. They. Follow. Me. It. Is. So. Simple. The. Entrance. Of. Thy. Words.

[28:55] All. Has. The. Word. Of. Christ. Entered. Your. Heart. Have. You. Heard. His. Voice. The. Apostle.

Did. There. Was. A. Light. That. Shone. For. The. Apostle. Paul. On. The. Road. To. Damascus. And. The. Words. Of. Christ. Entered. His.

Heart. And. Whilst. His. Sight. Natural. Sight. Was. Taken. From. Him. He. Was. Given. In. That. Moment. And.

The. Words. Of. Christ. Entered. His. Soul. With. Almighty. Power. And. His. Response. Was. Lord. Beautiful. Word. Lord. The.

Jesus. Whom. He. Had. Denied. Whose. Name. He. Had. Blasphemed. Whose. Followers. He. Had. Stood. By. And. Watched. Them. Die. As. He. Did. Stephen. Now.

[29:48] In. Sovereign. Grace. Spoke. In. His. Soul. With. Almighty. Power. And. It. Ended. His. Heart. Who. Art. Thou. Lord.

I. Am. Jesus. Whom. Thou. Persecuted. And. What. Light. The. Light. Of. The. Glory. Of. God. In. The. Face. Of. Jesus. Christ. Entered.

His. Heart. And. He. Knew. At. Once. That. The. Jesus. Whom. He. Denied. Was. Speaking. To. Him. What.

And. The. Lord. Brought. Him. To. His. Knees. And. You. Know. When. The. Lord. Spoke. To. Ananias. To. Send. Him. To. Paul. The. Lord. Said. To. Ananias.

Behold. He. Prayeth. The. Apostle. Paul. Had. Prayed. Many. Times. As. A. Pharisee. He. Was. Full. Of. Religion. But. Now.

[30:44] The. Lord. Himself. Said. Behold. Prayeth. What. Prayer. That. Was. It. Was. Real. It. Was. Genuine.

It. Was. The. Substance. Of. The. Man. Who. Went. Up. Into. The. Temple. To. Pray. And. Said. God. Be. Merciful. To. Me. A. Sinner.

Here. Was. The. Truth. The. Entrance. Of. Thy. Word. Giveth. Light. It. Is. The. Light. To. Be. Brought. Face.

To. Face. With. The. Eternal. God. Father. Son. And. Holy. Spirit. And. To. Bow. Before. Him.

Not. Now. In. Blindness. And. Darkness. And. Death. As. Those. Men. That. Turned. Away. From. Jesus. She. Would. Not. Come. Will. Not.

[31:39] Come. To. Me. That. You. Might. Have. Life. There. Was. A. Will. Be. Described. In. The. Scriptures. They. Should. Be. Will. In. The. Day. Of. My. Power.

And. The. Lord. Brings. His. Dear. Children. To. His. Mercy. See. His. Word. Enters. Their. Heart. With. Almighty. Power. Ask.

Yourself. This. Question. This. Morning. Has. The. Word. Of. God. Through. The. Foonishness. Of. Preaching. Through.

His. Holy. Word. Entered. Your. Heart. With. Divine. Power. Oh. It. Does. I.

Have. Known. In. My. Own. Heart. In. Holland. In. Listening. To. Some. Of. The. Dutch. Ministers. The. Sweet. Power. The. Spirit. Some.

[32:35] Sundays. In. My. Journeys. In. Holland. I. Shall. Never. Forget. And. The. Godly. Men. I. I. Have. Heard. The. Power. That. Has. Entered. My. Soul. And. I. I. Have. Known.

It. In. My. Own. Churches. Here. The. Power. Of. God's. Holy. Word. To. Enter. The. Beautiful. Expression. The. Entrance. Of. Thy. Word.

Giveth. Light. And. It. Goes. On. This. Text. Does. It. Giveth. Understanding. To. The. Simple.

Oh. The. Entrance. Of. His. Word. What. Light. What. Understanding. It's a beautiful expression. The.

People. Of. God. Brought. To. Be. Simple. Like. The. Apostle. Paul. How. Simple. When. The. Lord's. Word. Entered.

[33:28] His. Heart. Lord. What. Would. They. Have. Me. To. Do. What. A. Simple. Answer. It. Was. Give. His. Understanding. To. The. Simple.

The. Lord. Said. In. His. Own. Lifetime. Except. Ye. Become. As. Little. Children. He. Shall. In. No. Wise. Enter. The. Kingdom. Of. God. Oh.

To. Have. Given. Us. The. Entrance. Of. His. Word. Into. Our. Hearts. Of.

That. Truth. In. Our. Souls. And. To. Be. Given. Grace. To. Follow. Him. To. Be. Given. Divine.

Understanding. And. To. Know. The. Eternal. God. Is. Our. Refuge. And. That. Underneath. Our.

[34:22] His. Everlasting. Arms. We. Leave. The. Subject. There. This. Morning. Thy. Testimonies. Are. Wonderful.

Therefore. Doth. My. Soul. Keep. Them. The. Entrance. Of. Thy. Word. Giveth. Light. It. Giveth. Understanding.

To. The. Simple. Amen.