

Psalm 119 – Session 2

Week 1, v. 13

What is your response when you receive exciting news? What do you do with the information?

Previous to Psalm 119:13, David praised God and prayed that He would teach him His commands.

Ps 119:12 Blessed art Thou, O LORD; teach me Thy statutes.

Would you say God has given you knowledge of Himself? In what ways? What do you do with it? Look at Psalm 119:13. What did David say he did with the knowledge God taught him?

Ps 119:13 With my lips I have told of all the ordinances of Thy mouth.

[David] did not hide God's word from others, but hid it for them; and, out of that good treasure in his heart, brought forth good things...Those whose hearts are fed with the bread of life should with their lips feed many. Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible

Ps 119:46 I will also speak of Thy testimonies before kings, and shall not be ashamed.

Ps 34:11 Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Ps 37:30 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.

Ps 40:9 I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I will not restrain my lips, O LORD, Thou knowest.

Ps 71:15-18 My mouth shall tell of Thy righteousness, [And] of Thy salvation all day long; for I do not know the sum [of them.] I will come with the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Thy righteousness, Thine alone. O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth; and I still declare Thy wondrous deeds. And even when [I am] old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Thy strength to [this] generation, Thy power to all who are to come.

Ac 4:20 for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard."

Told <caphar> to enumerate; intensively, to recount, i.e. celebrate; declare

Enumerate – to specify individually; to determine the number or amount of

Recount – to narrate or give a detailed account of

Celebrate – to behave as expected...to assign great social importance to

Declare – to state emphatically and authoritatively; to announce publicly or officially; to state firmly that something is true

What can we observe through these definitions and the above scriptures?

Have you ever heard someone say that they witness *just* through their lifestyle? After looking at this section of scripture and the words, what do you think of that statement? What does the Bible say we are to do in lieu of the gift we have been given? What do you need to do in light of these truths?

The knowledge and understanding that God has graciously taught is meant to be shared. Not just shared, but shared with a confidence that God's judgments are true. Do you esteem God's word highly enough to share it?

Spurgeon says this: "Those who can speak should speak" .

The word "ordinances" means a verdict pronounced judicially; divine law. The word is translated as judgments in the KJV.

What are God's judgments?

Judgments. This word seems to mean the decisions of the infinite wisdom and justice of God, whether they concern truth, facts, duties, or persons. By these decisions we ought to judge, and by them we shall be judged. Thomas Scott

Ps 119:66 Teach me good discernment and knowledge, for *I believe in Thy commandments.*

Ps 119:175 Let my soul live that it may praise Thee, and *let Thine ordinances help me.*

Ne 9:13 "Then Thou didst come down on Mount Sinai, and didst speak with them from heaven; *Thou didst give to them just ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments.*

Ps 19:8-9 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; *the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.* The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; *the judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.*

In order to declare God's judgments as true, we need to believe this is so. Do you believe in His commandments? Do you believe God's judgments will help you? Can you say His judgments are just and good? Do you believe that the commandments of the Lord are pure and will enlighten? Can you testify to God's righteous judgments? We are only going to declare those things we are firmly convinced of. If you are hesitant in your speaking of God, perhaps looking at the foundation of your own belief is in order.

### Application Questions

Read Psalm 119:1-16. You may want your "Apply It" bookmark handy along with any notes you may have taken during our study.

Think about the ways God has made Himself known to you. Are you quick to share the wonders of God with others? Look up and read Ps 119:46; Ps 40:9; Ps 71:15-18 and Acts 4:20. What is the commonality of these verses?

We are more likely to share information we have confidence in. Where is your confidence placed? In yourself, others, things or God? What is the usual migration of your conversation with others? What might this suggest?

In Psalm 119:65, David says he "believes in God's commandments. Read Psalm 19:8-9. Can you emphatically agree with each of the statements noted?

What has God pressed upon your heart while studying Psalm 119:13? How will you apply His truth to your life?