



## A Light and An Oath!

Are you ready to complete this last section of verses? I hope so... this passage is so rich! Let me take just a moment and express my encouragement to you. I travel and meet people all the time and tell them of our memory projects. It is such a joy to share about each of you who have committed to memorizing. Whether you know it or not, you are an encouragement to many that I meet, knowing that if other believers are trying to memorize God's Word, they can too. Maybe you are feeling a little discouraged because you have not kept up completely.

I want to encourage you that even if you have not memorized the entire passage, you have memorized more than you would have had you not begun at all. This week we are beginning a new section, start fresh there... and see what God might show you.

Let's take a look at our verses for this week,

***“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
I have sworn, and I will confirm it, that I will keep thy righteous ordinances.”  
Psalm 119:105-106(NASV)***

Some of you, like me, might remember the old Amy Grant song that brought verse 105 into our hearts. How many times have we sung those words, “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” This might be a familiar song in our hearts but let's look a little closer at what this verse expresses to us. Verse 105 is obviously talking about lighting up the darkness, and I believe the focus is spiritual darkness. We all know that spiritual darkness can quickly invade the heart and mind at any time, day or night. Verse 105 addresses this. As you might have already noticed, Hebrew poetry is very repetitive, in other words it often says the same things again and again, just expressing it in different ways. So what about this verse; is it saying the same thing two times? Let's look at the words used.

First of all, let's look at the word “lamp”. In the Hebrew language the word for “lamp” is “ryn” and it means exactly what it means in the English language. It is a lamp designed to light up the darkness. In the second line we see the word “light.” In the Hebrew language, the word for “light” is “rwa” and it means many things: light of day, light of prosperity, light of instruction, and light of life. By looking at these two words we see God is saying so much. When it is dark, you need a lamp; use the Word. When it is day, you can still be in spiritual darkness; use the Word, it is the light of day for you. Do you see the point? We need the Word of God in our lives day and night; all the time, as spiritual darkness can invade us at any time.

There is something else to take note of concerning these words. One of these words is a masculine noun and the other is a feminine noun. Is there significance there? Yes... all of human creation needs the Word of God to live in the light and stay on the path that God has planned for them; it isn't for males only or females only, it is for everyone!

If you study the history of Christianity you will see that Satan lied to God's people and told them that they can't understand the Word of God. It was to be left to the priests or to the religious leaders. I praise God for men like Martin Luther who stood up for the Word of God so that it could be available for all men as a light for their path. Don't let Satan lie to you and tell you that it is too hard to understand or to leave it up to your pastor or leader to teach you. Every person needs the Word of God as a light and a lamp in their lives. So take hold of your light!

Is there a connection between verse 105 and 106? I believe so. I don't know if you have ever been in a very dark place or not. If you have and you have been given a light, you quickly realize the value of that light. You might say, “You can be sure and certain I won't ever go in that dark place again without a light!” I see that spirit in verse 106. Once you see the power of the Word of God in this dark world, you won't want to walk through life without it. In the NIV, verse 106 reads,

***“I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.”  
Psalm 119:106 (NIV)***

So have you taken that oath; have you realized the power of the light in your life? The Word is the light for our every step in this darkness and we would all be wise to take an oath to never take another step without it!

**“Forever O Lord, let us walk with Your light leading our way in the darkness!”**