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97 O how I love Your law!  
It is my meditation all the day.

98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies,  
For they are ever mine.

99 I have more insight than all my teachers,  
For Your testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the aged,  
Because I have observed Your precepts.

101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way,  
That I may keep Your word.

102 I have not turned aside from Your ordinances,  
For You Yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are Your words to my taste!  
Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 From Your precepts I get understanding;  
Therefore I hate every false way.

97 מִה־אֶהְבֶּתִי תוֹרַתְךָ כָּל־הַיּוֹם הִיא שִׁיחָתִי :

98 מֵאֵיבֵי תַחֲכַמְנִי מִצְוֹתֶיךָ כִּי לְעוֹלָם הִיא־לִי :

99 מִכָּל־מְלַמְדֵי הַשִּׁפְלָתִי כִּי עֵדוּתֶיךָ שִׁיחָה לִּי :

100 מִזְקֵנִים אֶתְבוֹנֵן כִּי פִקּוּדֶיךָ נִצְרָתִי :

101 מִכָּל־אֲרָח רָע כָּל־אֲתִי רַגְלִי לְמַעַן אֲשַׁמֵּר דְּבַרְךָ :

102 מִמִּשְׁפָּטֶיךָ לֹא־סָרְתִי כִּי־אַתָּה הוֹרַתָּנִי :

103 מִה־נִּמְלָצוּ לְחַכִּי אִמְרֹתֶיךָ מִדְּבַשׁ לִפִּי :

104 מִפִּקּוּדֶיךָ אֶתְבוֹנֵן עַל־כֵּן שָׁנֵאתִיו כָּל־אֲרָח שֶׁקֶר :

מ: The youngest of believers has the deepest of wisdom when he abides in the Word of God.

1. Mem signifies water. The Psalmist finds great refreshment as he bathes in the depths of God’s Word.
2. Lamedh & Mem is where “precepts” take center stage (ψ<sup>119</sup>93,94,100,104) and meditation (ψ<sup>119</sup>97,99) becomes the activity of love and hate (ψ<sup>119</sup>97,104).
3. The issue for the Psalmist is not that he loves the Torah, but how he loves the Torah (ψ<sup>119</sup>97). The manner in which he loves motivates the manner in which he does whatever he does (Jn. 3:16; Rev. 2:4,5).
4. Meditation on the word of God is the highest expression of devotion, humility and worship (Deut. 6:6-9; 17:18-20; Josh. 1:8; Job 15:4; Ps. 1:1-3).
5. The Psalmist has more wisdom (ψ<sup>119</sup>98), insight (ψ<sup>119</sup>99), and understanding (ψ<sup>119</sup>100) than his enemies (ψ<sup>119</sup>98), teachers (ψ<sup>119</sup>99), and elders (ψ<sup>119</sup>100). The Word of God provides maturity beyond temporal-life understanding (Job 32:6-10; Ps. 105:22).
6. Believers must restrain their feet from evil ways (ψ<sup>119</sup>101) or simple side-tracks (ψ<sup>119</sup>102). This requires the deepest of soul searching (Ps. 17:3-5; 139:23-24).
7. Beyond being nourishing (Deut. 8:3; Job 23:12), the Word of God is delicious! (ψ<sup>119</sup>103 cf. Ps. 19:10; Prov. 24:13,14)
8. The maturing process strengthens godly love and godly hatred (ψ<sup>119</sup>104,128,163 cf. Ps. 31:6; 97:10; 101:3; Prov. 8:13; 13:5; Am. 5:15; Rom. 12:9; Jd. 23).