

- 129 Your testimonies are wonderful;  
Therefore my soul observes them.
- 130 The unfolding of Your words gives light;  
It gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I opened my mouth wide and panted,  
For I longed for Your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
After Your manner with those who love Your name.
- 133 Establish my footsteps in Your word,  
And do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Redeem me from the oppression of man,  
That I may keep Your precepts.
- 135 Make Your face shine upon Your servant,  
And teach me Your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of water,  
Because they do not keep Your law.

- 129 פְּלֹאֹת עֲדוֹתֶיךָ עַל-כֵּן נִצְרָתָם נַפְשִׁי :
- פֶּתַח דְּבָרֶיךָ יָאִיר מִבֵּין פִּתְיִים : 130
- פִּי-פָעַרְתִּי וְאֶשְׁאַפָּה כִּי לְמִצְוֹתֶיךָ יֵאָבְתִי : 131
- פִּינְהֵ-אֵלַי וְחַנּוּנִי כִּמְשַׁפֵּט לְאֶהְבִּי שְׁמֶךָ : 132
- פַּעְמֵי הָכֵן בְּאִמְרֹתֶךָ וְאַל-תִּשְׁלַט-בִּי כָל-אָוֶן : 133
- פִּדְנִי מֵעֶשֶׂק אָדָם וְאַשְׁמְרֵה פְקוּדֶיךָ : 134
- פְּנִיךָ הָאֵר בְּעַבְדֶּךָ וְלִמְדֵנִי אֶת-חֻקֶּיךָ : 135
- פְּלִגְי-מַיִם יִרְדּוּ עֵינַי עַל לֹא-שְׁמָרוּ תוֹרֹתֶךָ : 136

פ: Believers who long for God’s Word enjoy freedom from iniquity’s dominion.

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| <p>1. The Pe is a mouth. The Psalmist’s panting mouth (ψ<sup>119</sup>131) longs for maximum teaching from God’s Word. Phinehas (“mouth of a serpent”) is the best known proper name word study for this strophe.</p> | <p>4. The unfolding and illuminating nature of God’s Word is efficacious for even the simple to apprehend God’s Truth (ψ<sup>119</sup>130 cf. Ps. 19:7; Prov. 1:4,22,23; Matt. 11:25).</p> | <p>7. The Psalmist commits himself to the Lord for becoming a doer and not merely a hearer of the Word (ψ<sup>119</sup>133a; Jer. 6:16; Jer. 42:1-6; Jas. 1:21-22).</p>                           | <p>10. The shining light of God’s daily presence wards against sin and provides an urgency to God’s instruction (ψ<sup>119</sup>135; Ex. 34:29-35; Num. 6:25; 12:8; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 4:5; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 3:18; 4:6).</p> |
| <p>2. Pe is the fifth and final strophe to contain all eight words for the Word ( פ י ח ו ט ז פ ).</p>  | <p>5. The wideness of the panting mouth shows the human thirst for teaching (ψ<sup>119</sup>131 cf. Job 29:23; Ps. 42:1-2; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 2:2).</p>                                   | <p>8. This practice will keep him secure against the dominion of sin (ψ<sup>119</sup>133b; Ps. 17:5; 19:13; Rom. 6:12-19).</p>  | <p>11. In spite of how devoted the Psalmist is to the Lord, he grieves over the time he has wasted in carnality (ψ<sup>119</sup>136 cf. Ps. 126:5-6; Lam. 2:18-19; Lam. 3:39-50).</p>  |
| <p>3. The testimonies of God’s Word unfold the wonders of heavenly glory (ψ<sup>119</sup>129 cf. vv.18,27 See א; Ex. 15:11; Ps. 77:11,14; 88:10,12; 89:5; Isa. 9:6; 25:1).</p>  | <p>6. Positive volition will always find Divine provision (ψ<sup>119</sup>132; Ex. 4:31; Ps. 22:26; 107:9; Isa. 55:1-2; Matt. 5:6).</p>  | <p>9. The Christian Way of Life requires believers to remain outside the sphere of darkness (the oppression of man) (ψ<sup>119</sup>134 cf. Isa. 59:9-15a; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 1:6-7; 2:8-11).</p> |  |