



Outline – Sunday School April 08, 2018

Sermon Title: “The Power of Spiritual Illumination Amidst Affliction”

Text: Psalm 119:105-112, Nun

***The NT Principle Evidencing and Exposing the Spirit’s Work: Eph 1:17-21/Col 1:9-13**

The Power of the Spirit’s Illumination produces:

1. **The Effectual Work of the Word in Life** (vv105-107) He is empowered to obey because the Spirit
– Illuminated Word is the source of light and life.

a) **As light, illuminating him and his path** (v105) – An exegetical, experiential, comprehensive statement – A 2-fold indicative of the Word’s function, together granting Discernment: v104, 130/Prov 6:23

(1) “Lamp unto my feet,” *niyr*, candle, vessel, contains the light, but is not the light itself = commandment (mitzvah) The WHAT, imperative, mandate, compels to action. Ex 25:37 – (first mention)

(2) “Light unto my path,” *owr*, light = law (torah) /The HOW, instruction, explanation, clarifies for execution.

Prov 4:26-27/2 Peter 1:19

– The Essence of this light? Christ! Prov 4:18-19/John 8:12/

– Ps 27:1/2 Peter 1:19

– The Effectual Power of this light? The Spirit! Ex 27:20 (oil)/ Ps 18:28/Matt 25:1-13

b) **As Light, giving and sustaining Life** (v106)

c) **As Light, stirring up his volition** (v107)

– Compelled to take an oath – Ps 40:7/Is 42:21

– Bound and determined to “walk IN the light” (i.e., obey).

(John 3:20-21/Eph 5:8-10)

2. **The Sacrificial Worship through the Word when Suffering** (vv108-110) He is empowered to suffer because the Spirit – Illuminated Word is the means of perseverance and preservation.
- a) **A Sacrifice of Praise** (v108)
– Rooted in humility, sincerity, not mere religiosity! –
Ps 51:14-17/*Do you truly desire to offer God acceptable worship?* Deut 23:23/ Hos 14:2/Heb 13:15
- b) **A Sincere Confession** (v109) “My soul is continually in my hand” = Taking the risk for God’s honor
- c) **A Surprising Testimony** (v110) The snare was not successful!
3. **The Personal Worth of the Word for Endurance** (vv111-112) He is empowered to endure because the Spirit – Illuminated Word is the source of joy and honor
- a) **God’s Witness is a Glorious Inheritance** (v111) Eph 1:18- 21/1 Peter 1:3-5/1 John 5:5-12/
Rom 8:16-17
– The means of building “monuments of faith” God’s Faithfulness: Prov 13:22; 14:18/Jer 16:19
– Rejoicing the heart – Ps 19:8/The Word preserved for us, bring joy
- b) **God’s Honor is his Inclination** (v112) He has matured in this area (v36) – This is the Spirit of Christ! Ps 40:8