

## **A Pastor's Thoughts**

*Psalm 119:105-112*

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*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

*I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
to keep your righteous rules.*

*I am severely afflicted; give me life,  
O LORD, according to your word!*

*Accept my freewill offerings of praise,  
O LORD, and teach me your rules.*

*I hold my life in my hand continually,  
but I do not forget your law.*

*The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
but I do not stray from your precepts.*

*Your testimonies are my heritage forever,  
for they are the joy of my heart.*

*I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.*

The word of God directs us in our work and way, and a dark place indeed the world would be without it. The commandment is a lamp kept burning with the oil of the Spirit, as a light to direct us in the choice of our way, and the steps we take in that way. The keeping of God's commands here meant, was that of a sinner under a dispensation of mercy, of a believer having part in the covenant of grace. The psalmist is often afflicted; but with longing desires to become more holy, offers up daily prayers for quickening grace. We cannot offer any thing to God, that he will accept but what he is pleased to teach us to do. To have our soul or life continually in our hands, implies constant danger of life; yet he did not forget God's promises nor his precepts. Numberless are the snares laid by the wicked; and happy is that servant of God, whom they have not caused to err from his Master's precepts. Heavenly treasures are a heritage for ever; all the saints accept them as such, therefore they can be content with little of this world. We must look for comfort only in the way of duty, and that duty must be done. A good man, by the grace of God, brings his heart to his work, then it is done well. - *Matthew Henry, MHCC*