

## A Pastor's Thoughts

*Psalm 119:121-128*

*Ayin*

*I have done what is just and right;  
do not leave me to my oppressors.  
Give your servant a pledge of good;  
let not the insolent oppress me.*

*My eyes long for your salvation  
and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise.*

*Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,  
and teach me your statutes.*

*I am your servant; give me understanding,  
that I may know your testimonies!*

*It is time for the LORD to act,  
for your law has been broken.*

*Therefore I love your commandments above gold,  
above fine gold.*

*Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right;  
I hate every false way.*

Happy is the man, who, acting upon gospel principles, does justice to all around. Christ our Surety, having paid our debt and ransom, secures all the blessings of salvation to every true believer. The psalmist expects the word of God's righteousness, and no other salvation than what is secured by that word, which cannot fall to the ground. We deserve no favour from God; we are most easy when we cast ourselves upon God's mercy, and refer ourselves to it. If any man resolve to do God's will as his servant, he shall be made to know his testimonies. We must do what we can for the support of religion, and, after all, must beg of God to take the work into his own hands. It is hypocrisy to say we love God's commandments more than our worldly interests. The way of sin is a false way, being directly contrary to God's precepts, which are right: those that love and esteem God's law, hate sin, and will not be reconciled to it. - *Matthew Henry, MHCC*