

**137 ¶ TSADDE. Righteous are You, O LORD, And upright are Your judgments.**

Da 9:7 “O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to You

**God is always right and active light, which is righteous. Our confidence is that what God both does and says what is right, he cannot deny himself.**

Re 16:7\* And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* Your judgments.”

**A consideration of divine righteousness. Convinces us of sin, reconciles us to trying providence, excites a desire to imitate, arouses to reverent adoration.**

**God is righteous.**

1. In his commands.
2. In his threatenings.
3. In his chastisement.
4. In his judgments.
5. In his promises

**138 Your testimonies, which You have commanded, Are righteous and very faithful.**

**God’s word is not only right but also trustworthy**

Ps 19:9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

De 4:8 “And what great nation *is there* that has *such* statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?

**Like a plumb line from heaven God’s word unveils His perfection in light of our imperfection**

**139 ¶ My zeal has consumed me, Because my enemies have forgotten Your words.**

**David is so consumed with the word of God that he is enraged to see men forget it because to forget his word is to forget Him**

**1Ki 19:14** And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

**"Zeal" is a high degree of love; and when the object of that love is ill treated, it vents itself in a mixture of grief and indignation, which are sufficient to wear and "consume" the heart**

**Joh 2:17\*** Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

**Zeal is the heat or tension of the affections**

**Mt 21:42\*** Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

**Mt 22:29\*** Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God

**There are various kinds of zeal; there is zeal of the world, there is zeal of the flesh, there is zeal of religion, there is zeal of heresy, and there is zeal of the true God. First, we see the zeal of the world make men to labor day and night to get a passing thing. The zeal of the flesh torments men's minds early and late for a momentary pleasure. The zeal of heresy makes men travel both sea and land, for the maintaining and increasing of opinion. Thus we see every man is eaten up with some kind of zeal**

**140 ¶ Your word *is* very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it.**

**Ps 12:6** The words of the LORD *are* pure words, *Like* silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.

Meditation on God's word refines and purifies us

**Eph 5:26\*** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

**It is pure in its sense, pure in its language, pure in its spirit, pure in its influence, and all this to the very highest degree -- "very pure."**

**Joh 15:3\*** “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

**It purifies our heart which gives us Holy vision Matt 5**

**141 ¶ I *am* small and despised, Yet I do not forget Your precepts.**

**Isa 53:3** He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him

**Joh 3:30\*** “He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

**142 ¶ Your righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, And Your law *is* truth.**

**The Eternity of God’s righteousness**

**Ps 36:6** Your righteousness *is* like the great mountains; Your judgments *are* a great deep; O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

**Having in a previous verse ascribed righteousness to God, he now goes on to declare that that righteousness is unchanging and endures from age to age**

**God is not fickle His law is perfect and is not changing**

They had a feeling, or a feeling had them,  
Until another feeling came and took its place.  
When a feeling was there, they felt as if it would never go;  
When it was gone they felt as if it had never been;  
When it returned, they felt as if it had never gone.

– George MacDonald

**T** Truth is universal

**The classic statement “true for you but not for me finds it’s death under this axiom”**

**If Jesus is the truth and the world was made through him, by him, and for him then the truth of who he is; “the author of everthing” would be universally true for everything**

**143 ¶ Trouble and anguish have overtaken me, Yet Your commandments are my delights.**

**The Paradox**

**Overtaken –found: We do not have to look for trouble it found him**

**Crisis in life brings forth clinging to Christ**

**Thus he became a riddle; troubled, and yet delighted; in anguish, and yet in pleasure**

**Ps 42:11** Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

**144 The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting; Give me understanding, and I shall live.**

**Truth has it's anchor in the heart of God therefore it has always been and will always be**

**1Jo 5:20\*** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

**The message can never be told as if we were the first to tell it. God's truth and his story must be the same message that has been carried throughout the ages this is what gives it it's authority.  
If truth changes with time it never was truth,  
Or the truth was or is being misunderstood**