

161 ¶ SHIN. Princes persecute me without a cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your word.

I settle it as an established point with me, that the more diligently and faithfully I serve Christ, the greater reproach and the more injury I must expect. I have drank deep of the cup of slander and reproach of late, but I am in no wise discouraged; no, nor by, what is much harder to bear, the unsuccessfulness of my endeavours to mend this bad world. --*Philip Doddridge*.

Mt 5:11* “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Joh 15:20* “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also

Joh 15:25* “But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’

Ver. 161,162. -- God's word, the object of godly fear and godly joy.

1. It makes the heart tremble by its purity and power.

2. It makes the heart rejoice by its grace and truth.

Isa 66:2 For all those *things* My hand has made, And all those *things* exist,” Says the LORD. “But on this *one* will I look: On *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.

The restrainer: Let us be restrained by awe

162 ¶ I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure.

Jer 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

Understanding must be fought for

The profits made in searching the Scriptures were greater than the trophies of war. We too have to fight for divine truth; every doctrine costs us a battle, but when we gain a full understanding of it by personal struggles it becomes doubly precious to us

- (a) By reading.
- (b) By meditation.
- (c) By prayer.
- (d) by Obedience

163 ¶ I hate and abhor lying, *But* I love Your law.

Honesty is the first piece of spiritual armor

Eph 6:14* Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth

The Need for Reality (transparency before God and men

We cant stretch something that is immovable

2Co 13:8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

1. Why I hate lying, because it comes from the devil; it leads to the devil; it is base, dangerous, degrading; it is hated by the Lord .

2. Why I love the law. Because it emanates from God; is the reflection of his character; is the ideal of my character.

164 ¶ Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous judgments.

Seven not only a number of perfection but frequency

Ps 55:17 Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.

**Halal (glory) 1) to shine, to flash forth light
2) to praise, boast, be boastful**

Illumination and fame

Mt 5:16* "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

165 ¶ Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.

Peace: Safety, Soundness, Completeness, Tranquility, Friendship

Joh 14:27* “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Php 4:7* and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

166 ¶ LORD, I hope for Your salvation, And I do Your commandments.

True Faith manifests itself in total dependence

Grace: All David's hope was fixed upon God, he looked to him alone for salvation

Obedience: He must save I must obey

Heb 6:9* ¶ But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.

167 ¶ My soul keeps Your testimonies, And I love them exceedingly.

1. The more we keep God's testimonies the more we shall love them.

Joh 14:21* “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

2. The more we love them the more we shall keep them.

168 I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For all my ways are before You.

This does not mean he kept them perfectly but sincerely

Pr 5:21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, And He ponders all his paths.

Jer 23:24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?” says the LORD; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD.

Heb 4:13* And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.