Validity of Scripture

Study Guide

Psalm 119: 160

Psalm 119: 160 (New International Version) All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.

Psalm 119: 160 (King James Version) Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

We will:

- 1. Review the scripture
- 2. Review the scripture in Hebrew
- 3. Look at the validity of scripture

Righteous in Hebrew means right, equity, prosperity

Judgments in Hebrew means verdict, law, determination, a sentence

Look at the scripture prior and after Psalm 119:153-168

<sup>153</sup>Look on my suffering and deliver me, for I have not forgotten your law. <sup>154</sup> Defend my cause and redeem me; preserve my life according to your promise. <sup>155</sup> Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek out your decrees. <sup>156</sup> Your compassion, LORD, is great; preserve my life according to your laws. <sup>157</sup> Many are the foes who persecute me, but I have not turned from your statutes. <sup>158</sup> I look on the faithless with loathing, for they do not obey your word. <sup>159</sup> See how I love your precepts; preserve my life, LORD, in accordance with your love. <sup>160</sup> All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.

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<sup>161</sup> Rulers persecute me without cause, but my heart trembles at your word.
<sup>162</sup> I rejoice in your promise like one who finds great spoil.
<sup>163</sup> I hate and detest falsehood but I love your law.
<sup>164</sup> Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws.
<sup>165</sup> Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.
<sup>166</sup> I wait for your salvation, LORD, and I follow your commands.
<sup>167</sup> I obey your statutes, for I love them greatly.
<sup>168</sup> I obey your precepts and your statutes,

for all my ways are known to you.

The first look at the versions had me thinking. Judgement in this verse is so important and the importance has been minimized because the NIV version has taken the scripture and choose the word law. This changes the whole context of the scripture. Let's break it down

When you think of the word "law", it is an instruction, a direction, you have the choice to follow or not to follow. Psalm 105:45 states, "That they might observe his statues and keep his laws. Praise ye the Lord. Laws in Hebrew in this scripture means "a precept or a statute.

A law is an instruction to obey a command, a set of instructions per sa, hence a judgement is the decision on how you carry out the law, how you carried out the set of King Jesus commands and/or instructions per sa.

Let's not get confused because when King Jesus arrived in flesh in the New Testament, the laws of old was set apart, because Christ had made all things new. Romans 3:21-22.

Therefore, if the scripture is read only in the NIV, it will be misunderstood.

The scripture is speaking about the God's righteous decisions that last forever, hence his decisions upon the laws and the instructions He has set for you to obey and follow. How you react to His instructions. How you change your mindset and your heart. Psalm 119:160 goes much deeper than the New International Version takes the reader. So, remember read the scripture in King James Version

The scribe is so thankful to the Lord, for preserving His live, in the midst of his enemies and how he sees the wicked and is reminded that keeping God's word deep within him is so important.

The word is shown to be on the scribe's heart so deep, that he continues to pour out his soul to the Lord in the midst his enemies, he does not let the fact that his enemies maybe near, but he is grieved for them and yet sees how important the word is so much more important for his walk.

We feel the anguish again in these verses of how the word of God is His lifeline.

The Lord is showing us how important that we too, make God's word our lifeline.

Living, breathing and engulfing our minds into the precepts, that we will know that how we respond whether good or bad will be a decision He will make, and it have ever lasting consequences to it. Whether good or bad, blessings or curses, heaven or hell.

Study Questions:

How thankful are you to the Lord? For your breath for your job, that you are still alive?

Do you see how the wicked have not listened – are you keeping the word of the Lord, so you don't end up like the wicked? And how are you doing this?

Is King Jesus grieved at your decisions that you have made? What are you going to do to change that?

How important is the word of God, have you changed your mindset, have you changed you?

If you say you trust the word, how have you shown the Lord, that you trust what He says is the truth?

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