

## Validity of Scripture

### Psalm 119:142

Psalm 119:142 (New International Version) Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true

Psalm 119:142 (King James Version) Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

We will:

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

### Hebrew Meanings

**Righteousness has 2 meanings** in Hebrew the 1<sup>st</sup> righteousness in scripture means rightness, rectitude, justice, virtue or prosperity – 2<sup>nd</sup> meaning in scripture means the right, equity or prosperity (also the same meaning as in verse 143)

**Law** in Hebrew means a precept or especially the decalogue or Pentateuch- law

**Truth** in Hebrew means stability, certainty, truth trustworthiness, assured

This gives you a little back drop of Psalm 119 and to whom might have written it.

From my other Bible study of Psalm 119:151 -- Psalm 119 is considered the longer chapter in the Bible with 168 verses. Though the person to whom wrote Psalm 119 is not for certain. Ezra who helped the exiled out of Babylon is said to have written but that is all speculation. We know for certain that Psalm 119 is divine words that we need to take heed to.

Psalm 119:137-144

*Tsadde is the 18<sup>th</sup> letter in the Hebrew Alphabet, it is said this letter represents a righteous person to whom is a humble servant bending forward is full submission to God – a messenger from God*

137 Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments. (side note this righteous is different meaning just)

138 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful. (side note this righteous is different meaning just)

139 My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 Thy word is very pure: therefore, thy servant loveth it.

141 I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

142 **Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.**

143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

This prayer is profound, because even though we know that God knows all; the writer, in prayer explains what is happening to himself, and around him.

Have you ever seen others that claim to know Christ or they go to church and then they curse, smoke or just truly do not know the Lord in the relationship the Lord desires?

Verse 139 shows us how the writer is witnessing that.

We go to verse 143 where the writer is in despair because of all that is going on around him. Not only in deep despair of what is going on around him, he doesn't lose focus of God's law, God's statutes, God's love, God's judgments, and God's nature.

Today, we have a lot of what is going on in this world today MAY be bringing you into despair, and you are praying for things to change. BUT we must remember that even though we do not understand fully, that God's will is being fulfilled. Those that are against God will see the judgment of God. Praying against the will of God is dangerous and will cause havoc upon your soul if you choose to do so, for your prayers will go unlistened.

Do not consume yourself in what the world is doing and the judgments of God that is taking place. Remember that your name is written in the book of life and as verse 144 states, "give me understanding so I shall live."

The writer remembered how important God's statutes and laws are and didn't worry about tomorrow, didn't worry about what was going on in this world, because what is worrying about this world going to do for you? Is it getting you into heaven, can you take it with you. NOPE, it can't!

The verse comes to mind focusing on things above not beneath. Colossians 3:2, focusing on earthly things and what is happening IS NOT going TO give you a place in heaven.

Focus on your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and how you can lose your place quickly if you focus on the wrong things.

The writer is telling us through his intimate prayer to the Lord that he is humbling himself before the Lord, saying how there are things going on around him that he has no control over BUT, he chooses to focus on the Lord, he chooses to focus on the understanding of the Lord, that HE MAY LIVE.

You focus on the Lord and making the Lord your FIRST responsibility will bring you life.

You have the choice to focus your thoughts on earthly thoughts and if you choose that, then you know the outcome.

The light always prevails even though you don't see the light shining, you just looking in the wrong direction, the wrong place, wrong mindset.

### Study Questions

Are you worrying more about the worldly things? Why are you doing this? And what are going to do to get into the word of God and make that a priority?

When will you stop allowing the ways of people and enemies to consume you, what will you today to put God first and not the ways of this world consume you?

Pray, to the Lord to open your eyes and soul which is your heart to Him. Re-dedicate your life to the Lord, that you will not focus on this world but focus your energy unto the Lord. Begin to be the person you were always supposed to be through Christ.

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