

Psalm 119:105 - Light for your Feet and Path

TSK, HebrewLexicon, Gill, JFB, Delitzsch, Henry, Poole, Geneva, Barnes, Calvin, Clarke, Spurgeon, Trapp, Eclectic, Handfuls, Plumer, Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ: We all have an independent streak (特点, 特征). Why? I believe one of the main reasons we like to have an independent streak is because **we think we know more and we know better!**

This started from the very beginning. **Adam and Eve** had an independent streak when they took the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. Then **Abraham** had an independent streak when he tried to short-circuit (短路, 使失败) God's plan and took Hagar as a concubine (妾) to try to have the promised child. **Samson** had an independent streak when he went and took wives of the Philistines, ignoring the daughters of God in Israel. **Saul** had an independent streak when he tried to be a priest and make sacrifices instead of waiting for Samuel to come. Even a godly man like **Uzziah** had an independent streak and he tried to burn incense to Jehovah, only to be struck with leprosy.

But brothers and sisters in Jesus, there is no safer place than to walk in the path God has marked out for us using the light that he has given to us. This place is not only safer, it also bring more blessings, many, many blessings. You will hear about this path today.

Our headings are:

God's Word and Only God's Word

God's Word Shines on my Feet

God's Word Shines on my Path

Our goals are: **That you will depend on God's Word, and God's Word alone, to guide you in God's paths of righteousness until you reach your heavenly home.**

Psalm 119:105 **Your word** is a **lamp to my feet** And a **light to my path.**

God's Word and Only God's Word

1. The Psalmist points out that it is God's Word, and only God's Word, that bring benefits to man.

God only has one standard. There is no equivalency (等同) between God's Word and the word of any other religion. This **means that no other word is good to guide you.** Let me show you why the Psalmist points specifically to "God's" Word!

2. God's Word is exclusively authoritative (有权威的), and no one is permitted to violate it in anyway, for any purpose.

There are no exceptions to the authority of God's Word. Even if one has a high position, he is still bound to obey it.

Why is it so important that God's Word be the ultimate source of authority?

Men are liars and men often try to promote themselves. (John of Leyden is a famous example. God "told" him to steal.)

Men will reject any word with which their heart does not agree.

Philippians 2:21 For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

Men love to submit to traditions and treat them as law. Since traditions originate from man, they reflect the weaknesses and sin of man. Some are good, some are bad. So traditions are not authoritative.

3. God's Word is clear.

Though some parts are difficult, everything that is essential for your salvation and sanctification is clear in the Word of God.

4. God's Word is sufficient for you; it will meet the need for every man, woman, and child.

2Timothy 3:16-17 **All Scripture is given by inspiration (默示) of God,** and is profitable for

doctrine (教训), for reproof (督责), for correction (使人归正), for instruction in righteousness (义), that the **man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

Doctrine refers to all **truth** regarding **man**. The Bible teaches you everything you need to know about your salvation: **how to be saved, why you need to be saved...and how to live after you are saved.**

Reproof refers to **exposing bad teaching**. As long as you evaluate preaching from God's Words you should not be afraid to expose bad teaching. But be charitable, knowing that you are sinful too.

Correction refers to **exposing bad behavior** and fixing (straightening) what was bent – or twisted. This word was used to describe the setting of bones after they are broken.

Righteousness refers to things which lead to **nurture and growth in your Christian walk**. Do you want to know if something is wrong or right? Do you want to know whom you should marry, or not marry? Do you want to know how to vote at election time? Do you want to know how to be a better husband or wife? Do you want to know how to treat your parents? Do you want to know how to worship God properly? Go to God's Words. In other words, **God's Word, believed and obeyed will make the man, woman, and**

child complete in their respective duty: father, mother, elder, son, prime minister, etc.

5. So don't add or subtract from God's Word, not even a single verse.

Galatians 1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed (被咒诅).

Paul literally was saying that the one who changes God's Word will go to hell.

Revelation 22:18 - For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

God threatens eternal damnation in hell – eternal damnation- on anyone who changes anything in his Word.

God's Word Shines on my Feet

1. God's Word shines on every believer, every child of God; it does not guide the blind children of Satan.

Only the believer who has had his eyes opened to his sins could benefit from the light. Calvin: *David could not have been guided by God's word, unless he had first renounced the wisdom of the flesh...*

2. God's Word shines on "my" (the believer's) feet – making it every personal.

It is easy to assume that your neighbor needs God's Word more than you do. After all: He is the liar. He is the cheater. He doesn't go to church. But God is teaching you, his child! You must say then that God's Word is a light (or candle, or torch) to my feet.

3. God's Word, which shines close to the believer's feet, shows the believer his own mistakes first!

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

Every seen those make-up mirrors with the lights on them? No blemish escapes those bright lights and magnifying glass...so you can cover up those blemishes! Some people think those mirrors are too close and the light too bright! But God wants the believer to see his concerns and get his life right with God.

4. God's Word that shines close to the believer's feet protects the believer.

The light at your feet protects you from stumbling (跌倒) ...

The light at your feet protects you from falling into an abyss (深淵) ...or over a cliff...

The light at your feet protects you from getting trapped by animal traps, briars (荆棘) , and brambles (蒺藜) .

The light at your feet protects you from being bitten by snakes and scorpions (毒蝎) , which were very common dangers at that time.

5. The meaning: God's Word protects you from falling into errors that will harm, you and ultimately lead to death.

This means that you need God's light to identify the lies that false teachers are peddling. Yes, these false teachers are today's snakes and scorpions. This also means that if you reject the Word of God – that light of God's Word- it can be quite painful in the long run. You will fall many times without it!

6. The light at your feet was not intended for your eyes-as something to admire; the lamp was for life.

Ignore it at your own peril (危险) .

God's Word Shines on my Path

1. God's Word shines in the distance so you know where you are going and can see the big picture.

2. God's Word shines on your path in a personal way.

This is why the Psalmist said God's Word shone on "my" path. This is guidance for every child of God. The non-believer is neither interested nor does he have the ability to benefit from God's light. He is blind!

3. Specifically, God's Word shines on your path to protect you.

The light **won't allow you to stray from the right path.**

The light in the distance warns you of **the dangers that are around.** This was a real concern for travelers in Israel. There were not only wild animals but also wild men. Many of them, wild animals and men, moved in packs. You can see Brown Bears Lane, Shark Avenue, and No Exit streets – and avoid them!

4. This means that though life has darkness all around, if you follow God's Word, you will be safely guided to your heavenly home.

You will see where the markings are so that you stay on the road and don't wander into dangerous places. The Word of God is filled with all the clear and beautiful markings.

Psalms 119:9 How can a young man cleanse his way? **By taking heed according to Your word.**

More, this Word of God leads you to heaven.

2Peter 1:19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation (随私意解释) 21 for prophecy (预言) never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Yes, Apostle Peter commends Christians who are faithful – who show their faithfulness in listening to the Word of God - so they could find Christ's salvation.

5. When God's Word shines on your path it removes fears and frustrations.

Nothing scares a child more than darkness. There is uncertainty and panic sets in. But one little light removes that fear. So too with older children – grown-ups. So God gave his Word so you are never uncertain about what is ahead, even what is in the future. Yes, even your future is written in God's Word.

6. Keep that lamp burning.

As long as you are in this world you will need guidance. Don't let the lamp of the Word ever stop being in your house. Read it. Teach it to your children. Insist on the whole Bible being taught in your church. It is the Word of God that includes all the instruction you need. Be in worship so you can be instructed – instructed regularly. **Don't treat God's light as a loose option but as a mortal necessity.**

Conclusion:

All who are Jehovah God's children need his Word. No other word can be trusted. No other word must be trusted. God's Word will guide you in your private life – like the light that is near your feet. God's Word will guide you where you should walk – like the light along the path.

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ:

1. Since everyone needs the Word of God, share the Word directly or through literature and sermons. But you can't always give people the Word of God (there might be restrictions in your workplace or school), so you must surely **let the light of the Gospel shine through your life.** Yes, **God's Word is read in the Bible and relayed through your life.**

2. Study hard so you can live better, so you know what to believe and how to live. In 2Peter 3:15-16, Apostle Peter challenged his readers to work hard at understanding the Bible because some things were not easy to understand and that there were some things that people twist to get their own meaning! In 2Timothy 3:14-15, Apostle Paul challenged Timothy to continue in the things which he learned from the Scripture for they were able to make him wise and learn **how to be saved and how to live after.** Yes, put in the hours. You will honor the Savior.

Finally, since God's Word is the only book that teaches how to be saved from your sins, if you are not a Christian, know your duty: Read, learn, believe, and obey the Bible. You will learn of Christ and salvation. Don't delay.