

THE TESTIMONY OF THE OBEDIENT

PSALM 119:161-168

Introduction:

I find great help in being around people who are transparent in their walk with God. They are willing to share with you out of their experience. I enjoy reading honest spiritual autobiographies in which the writer really opens his heart to you. I have found the Great Psalm to be this kind of experience. The young psalmist is very transparent. He documents his life and testifies to what has happened to him in his pursuit of a godly life.

This stanza is all testimony. While the words are addressed to God, we are allowed to listen. As we listen to him we learn some of the true dynamics of a godly and good life. Interestingly this stanza is all testimony—it does not record even one petition. This sets it apart from most of the stanzas which are characteristically filled with petitions.

From this testimony we learn some very basic things about the life of the obedient. What happens when we really do love the law of the Lord? What happens when we make obeying him the first priority of life? What happens in the heart of the person who set on obeying God at all cost?

- I. THE OBEDIENT FEAR—“My heart stands in awe of Your word”.

- II. THE OBEDIENT REJOICE—“I rejoice at Your word”.
- III. THE OBEDIENT PRAISE—“Seven times a day I praise You”.
- IV. THE OBEDIENT HAVE PEACE—“Great peace have those who love Your law.”