

# **Defying God's Law**

***Ps. 119:121-128***

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א ב ג ד ה ו ז ח ט י כ ל מ נ ס ע פ צ ק ר ש ת

Aleph - Ox (A)

Beth - Tent (B,V)

Gimel - Camel (G, GH)

Daleth - Door (D)

Heh - Window (H)

Vav - Stake (U,V,W)

Zain - Sword (Z)

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Cheth - Fence (Ch)

Teth - Serpent (T)

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Yod - Hand (I,Y,J)

Kaph - Palm (K,Kh)

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Lamed - Ox-goad (L)

Mem - Water (M)

Nun - Fish (N)

Samekh - Prop (S)

Ayin - Eye (Aa)

Peh - Mouth (P, Ph)

Tzaddi - Fishhook (Tz)

Qoph - Ear (Q)

Resh - Head (R)

Shin - Tooth (Sh)

Tau - Cross (Th)

# Introduction

- Attributes of God's word:
  - Righteous. (v-75)
  - Fixed, firm. (89)
  - Wonderful. (129)
  - Upright. (137)
- Proper response to God's word:
  - Delight in and receive counsel from. (24)
  - Meditate. (23)
  - Observe with whole heart. (34,1)
  - Love. (97,127)
  - Hide in our heart. (11)

# Ps. 119:121-128

- 121 I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.
- 122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.
- 123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.
- 124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.
- 125 I *am* thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.
- 126 ***It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.***
- 127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.
- 128 Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts *concerning* all *things to be* right; *and* I hate every false way.

# “They Have Made Void Thy Law”

- “They have broken it. They have set it at defiance. They regard and treat it as if it had no claim to obedience; as if it were a thing of nought. This the psalmist urges as a reason for the putting forth of power to arrest the evil; to bring people to repentance; to secure the salvation of souls. By all the evil done when the law of God is set at nought, ... Compare Psa 119:136.” (Barnes)

# *By Treating It As Nothing More Than The Word of Man...*

- By denying the inspiration of the word of God.
  - Just the writings and thoughts of mere men.
  - No more inspired than the poems of Poe or the plays of Shakespeare.
  - Makes every word of God suspect and produces a “cafeteria” style of religion.
  - God is the source of His word. (Ps. 69:25; Acts 1:17-20; I Cor. 2:13; II Pet. 1:20-21; II Tim. 3:16; Eph. 3:3-5)
- By denying the validity and truthfulness of God’s word.
  - The Devil was the first to do this. (Gen. 3:1-4; II Cor. 11:13-15)
  - Denial that God will do what He says. (Mal. 2:17; 3:13-14)
- By denying the authority of God’s word.
  - I Pet. 4:11; Jn. 12:48; Matt. 7:21-23

# *By Human Traditions*

- The Pharisees of Jesus day were guilty of holding to human traditions over the word of God. (Matt. 15:1-9)
- Some human traditions of today:
  - “Join the church of your choice”. (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4)
  - “Does not matter how you worship”. (Jn. 4:24; Heb. 11:4)
  - “Saved by faith only.” (Js. 2:24,26; Mk. 16:16)
  - “Once saved, always saved.” (Gal. 5:4; Heb. 3:12)

# ***By Lawless Conduct***

- “Respectable Lawlessness”. Sins that have worked their way into the “mainstream” of this nation.
- Murder. (Prov. 6:17; Lk. 1:41; 2:16)
- Divorce. (Mal. 2:14-16; Matt. 19:9)
- Homosexuality. (I Cor. 6:9-11)
- Obscenity. (Matt. 5:28)
- Vile language. (Eph. 4:29)
- Lying. (Eph. 4:25; Rev. 21:8)