This stanza opens with a joyful declaration of the magnitude and worth of the counsel of God’s Word in the various aspects of life [verse 105]. The Psalmist used a twofold statement to declare this. ➊ “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet” The word “lamp” speaks of a small bowl like container, much like a lantern, which provided enough light for each step taken, indicated by the word “feet” ➋ “a light unto my path” The word “light” speaks of that which is much broader and far reaching, and the word “path” speaks of the general course of our life, going beyond just the steps! The words “feet” and “paths” speak of the various aspects of life GOD’S WORD IS A SOURCE OF LIGHT FOR OUR STEPS, AND OUR PATHS!

The Word of God as a source of “light” brings some clarity in a world of confusion. The Word of God as a source of “light” reveals! The Word of God as a source of “light” dispels darkness [Psalm 18:28], “darkness” being emblematic of that which is mystifying, and of ignorance, error, sin, and wretchedness. The Word of God as a source of “light” provides guidance, direction, and instruction [Romans 15:4]. The Word of God as a source of “light” provides warning against danger, [Psalm 19:7-11], and protection and safety in the midst of danger! God’s Word as a source of “light” is needful, available, always sufficient, and inexinguishable! They, who with the Psalmist, acknowledge the Word of God as such will have the personal characteristics revealed in this stanza of the 119th Psalm.

1. THE ONE WHO TRULY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD’S WORD AS A SOURCE OF LIGHT WILL BE ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED TO FULFILL GOD’S WORD:

   His seriousness is seen in the words “I have sworn (promised), and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments” [verse 106]. He earnestly desires to hold on to, and to retain, to continue and persist in, and to comply with the Word of God. He states his determination and the disposition of his heart to carry out, accomplish, achieve, and implement the directions of God’s Word in verse 112 “I have inclined mine heart to perform (carry out, accomplish, achieve, and implement) thy statutes alway, even unto the end”
2. THE ONE WHO TRULY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD’S WORD AS A SOURCE OF LIGHT DESIRES TO BE TAUGHT GOD’S WORD: 
He knew that God’s Word was given to give **training, preparation, grounding, and guidance** for every step in the paths of life, so he prayed **“teach me thy judgments”** [verse 108]. He desires for God to **instruct** him in the Word, to **show** him the Word, to **explain** and to **demonstrate** the Word of God to him.

3. THE ONE WHO TRULY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD’S WORD AS A SOURCE OF LIGHT DESIRES NEVER TO FORGET WHAT HE HAS BEEN SHOWN: 
The Psalmist states **“My soul is continually in my hand”** [verse 109]. With those words, he was expressing the fact that he was always exposed to danger. He is saying, **“I walk in the midst of dangers”** but in the midst of such circumstances, he said **“yet (nevertheless, in spite of that), do I not forget thy law”** [verse 109]. He did not fail to remember, recall, and think of the Word of God. He did not ignore and disregard the Word of God.

4. THE ONE WHO TRULY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD’S WORD AS A SOURCE OF LIGHT DESIRES NOT TO ERR FROM IT: 
The Psalmist states **“The wicked have laid a snare (trap), for me”** and then he went on to say **“yet (nevertheless, in spite of that), I erred not from thy precepts”** [verse 110]. He was not entrapped or robbed because he followed the **“light”** of God’s Word! THE LIGHT OF GOD’S WORD WILL PREVENT ONE FROM BEING ENTRAPPED!

5. THE ONE WHO TRULY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD’S WORD AS A SOURCE OF LIGHT, WILL MAKE IT PREDOMINATE IN THEIR LIFE: 
**“Thy testimonies have I taken (laid hold of), as an heritage (history, tradition) for ever”** [verse 111]. This means that he had purposely taken the Word of God to be **foremost** in his life, that the Word of God was a **fundamental** factor in his life, that its teachings were **vital** and **essential** to him, **overriding** all else! The Word of God was his **practice** and **habit**!

6. THE ONE WHO TRULY ACKNOWLEDGES GOD’S WORD AS A SOURCE OF LIGHT FINDS IT TO BE A MATTER OF REJOICING: 
**“for they (thy testimonies), are (present tense), the rejoicing of my heart”** [verse 111]. The more **predominant** the Word of God is in one’s life, the more they find it to be a source of inward **pleasure** and **gladness**, which in turn leads to an inward **strength, health, and fortitude**.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” This was the **realization**, the **belief**, the **assurance**, and the **conviction** of the **Psalmist**, and such is manifest in throughout the **119th Psalm**. The child of God need never to walk in the dark!