In this stanza, the Psalmist is again seen suffering persecution. He spoke of “oppressors” [verse 121], meaning persecutors and tormenters.

In the midst of this persecution and abuse, the Psalmist maintained his integrity—“I have done judgment and justice” [verse 121].

In the midst of this mistreatment, he remembered his position and responsibility before the Lord, three times identifying himself as “thy servant” [verses 122, 124, 125]. A “servant” exists for the interest of his master, and is a position of humility and submissiveness. In the midst of circumstances that the Psalmist would not have chosen, he not only continued to realize that he was the “servant” of God, BUT HE MAINTAINED HIS DESIRE TO SERVE GOD!

Feeling the torment of his persecution, he earnestly seeks God in prayer, thus showing his knowledge of, and his confidence in the Lord. He prays “leave me not to mine oppressors” [verse 121], and in verse 122 he prays that God would take up his interests and stand for him as his representative. He realized his just desert, so he pleaded for God’s mercy—“Deal with thy servant (distribute and allocate to me), according (in compliance with) unto thy mercy” [verse 124]. He seeks and desires God’s intervention [verse 126].

In the midst of his adversity, having earnestly prayed, he maintained a posture of waiting upon the Lord—“Mine eyes fail for thy salvation” [verse 123]. He wept, waited, and watched for the Lord’s deliverance [Psalm 25:4-5; 37:7-9; 40:1, 3; 62:1, 5; Isaiah 40:31].

In the midst of his oppression he maintained a right attitude toward that which is contrary to, and set in opposition against the Word of God—“I hate every false way” [verse 128].

In his persecution, the Psalmist also maintained a right attitude and spirit toward the Word of God, he did not allow his adverse circumstances to divert him from God’s Word.

1. HE CONTINUALLY DESIRED TO BE TAUGHT THE WORD OF GOD: “teach me thy statutes” [verse 124]. In the midst of adverse circumstances, he had a yearning and craving to be educated, trained, illuminated, and indoctrinated in the Word of God. He had this craving to have the Word of God more fully demonstrated and explained to him.
2. HE DESIRED TO KNOW THE WORD OF GOD:
“give me understanding, that (in order) I may know thy testimonies” [verse 125].
“Understanding” is “the ability to discern” He is saying “allow me to be able to separate error from truth,
grant me the ability to separate God’s truth from everything else that wants to encroach upon it” He is saying
“Enlighten me, so that I can make personal application of God’s Word” he desired this “understanding”
so that he could know the Word of God. The Psalmist continually desired to be informed, to be acquainted with, to be cognizant of, and to personally experience the Word of God.

3. HE CONTINUED TO POSSESS A LOVE FOR GOD’S WORD:
It was a love that made the Word of God a priority in his life [verse 127]. The Word of God continued to have a place of preference, it was the treasure of his heart! HE PRIZED THE WORD OF GOD ABOVE ALL THAT THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER!

4. HE CONTINUED TO HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE WORD OF GOD:
“I esteem (respect, admire, and reverence) all thy precepts (principles) concerning all things (showing the wide extent of God’s Word) to be right” In the midst of adverse circumstances, he maintained confidence that the Word of God was absolutely correct, accurate, exact, and precise in all matters. HE HAD NO DOUBT CONCERNING THE WORD OF GOD!

Concerning all things, the Psalmist was sure, he was certain, he was absolutely positive, and fully convinced that the Word of God was correct! In the midst of flux and change, GOD’S WORD IS A SOLID ROCK! In the midst of a desert of shifting sand, GOD’S WORD IS ABSOLUTE! No one ought to be more confident, more certain, and more sure than the one who stands upon the Word of God, IT IS A SOURCE OF CONFIDENCE!