

## May 25 Answers

- 1) As the psalmist studied and meditated on God's word, he took delight in the many benefits of Scripture. First, the law gives **liberty**: "And I will walk in liberty, For I seek Your precepts" (v. 45 NASB). This teaches us that liberty is the ability to do what we **should**, not the freedom to do what we **want**. The service of sin is **slavery**; the service of God is liberty. Those who seek "the free life" will only find it in the careful observance of God's commands. Second, the law gives **light**: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (v. 105). This light is a light to walk by, and it will keep us from stumbling into sin. For this reason the psalmist repeatedly asked God for **understanding**, and he recognized that "the unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple" (v. 130 ESV). Third, the law gives **life**: "I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life" (v. 93). Those who keep God's word will be restored (v. 37) and refreshed (v. 50). God's commands bring life because they turn our hearts toward Him, the **source** of life. It's no wonder that the psalmist rejoiced in the law: "I find my **delight** in your commandments, which I love" (v. 47). When we love God's law, we love **God**, for His word is a revelation of Himself. When we **keep** His law, we show our love for Him, for Jesus said, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23). I say, 'Here is my heart, enter in!'