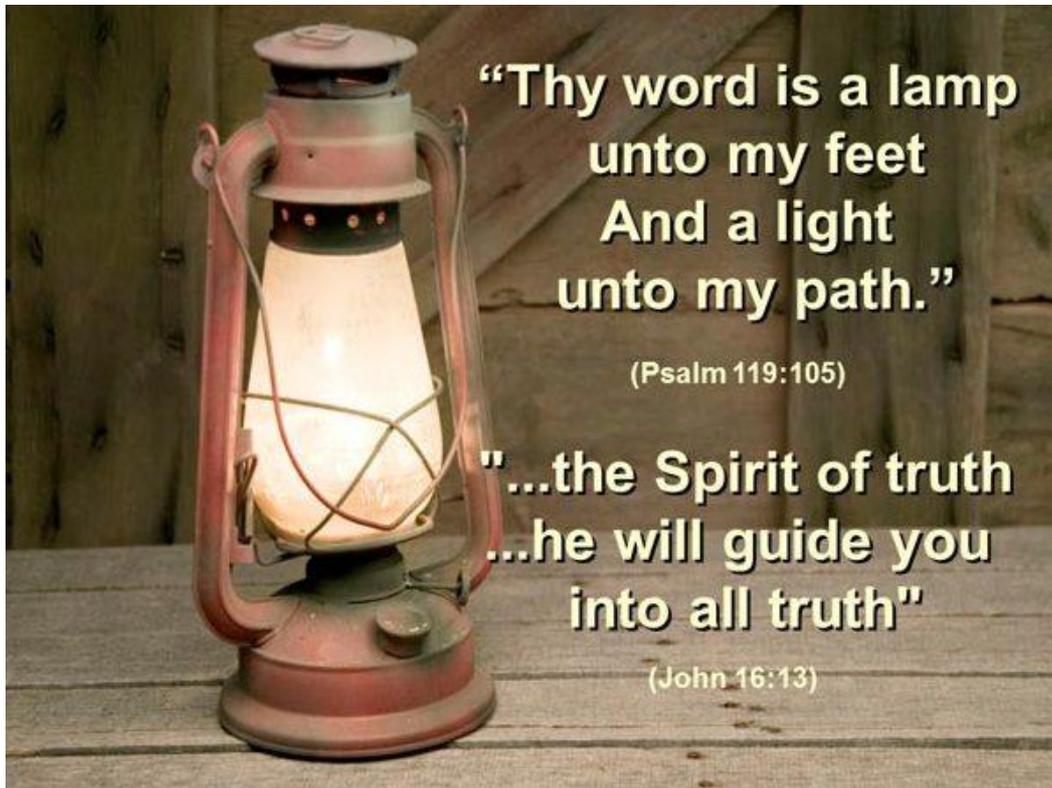


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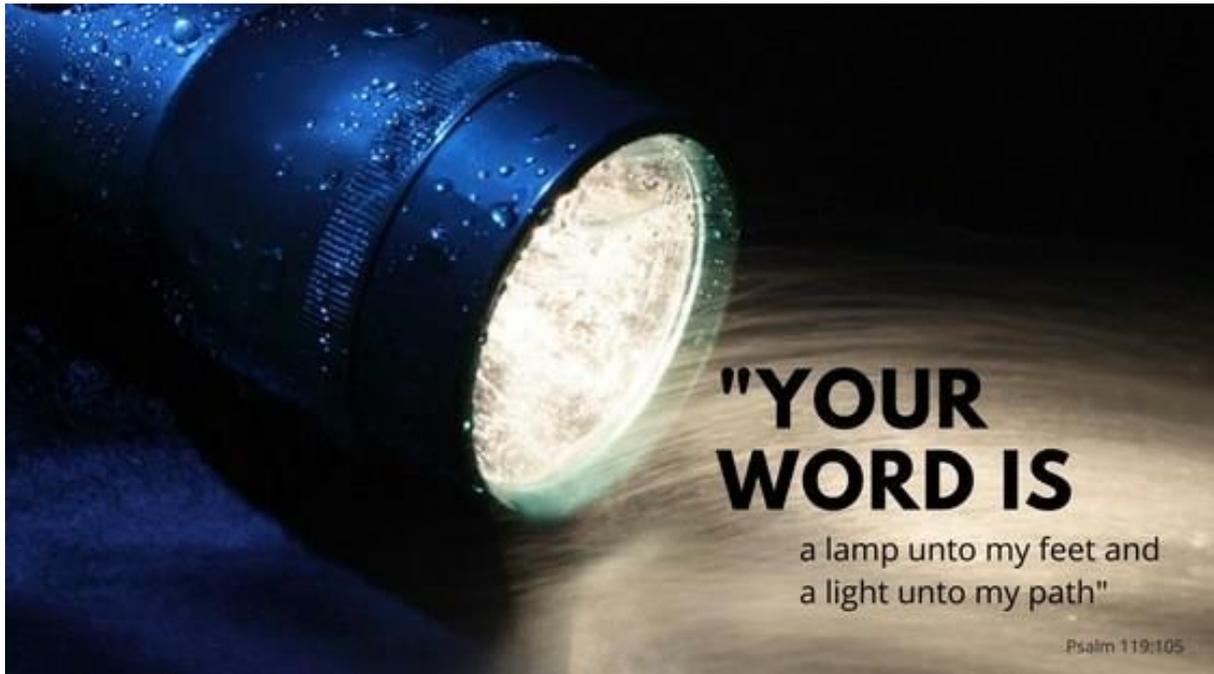


Thy Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet

Message

If you've ever gone away on a camping trip, its likely you will have packed a torch or a camping lantern. Whether your arrival time meant pitching your tent after sunset, as we often did, or perhaps you planned a short hike along a rain-forest track to see glow-worms after dark, you would have realised you needed a lantern.

Lanterns give out sufficient light to enable us to see a few steps ahead. They help us avoid tripping over all kinds of obstacles like tree roots or falling over a cliff (like Larry did one dark night!)



God's word does the same thing. Without it, we'd feel as if we were stumbling through a forest of dangers and pitfalls. Although a floodlight lights up the whole landscape, a lantern gives just sufficient light for the next few steps. That's the reason we need God's Word constantly.

Psalm 119 gives us a beautiful promise that God's Word is a gleaming lamp to our feet and will guide us through the darkness and troubles, including Covid-19, that beset us in this fallen world. An inextinguishable lamp, the Word of God banishes the shadow of uncertainty by illuminating the next step to guide us along the right path.

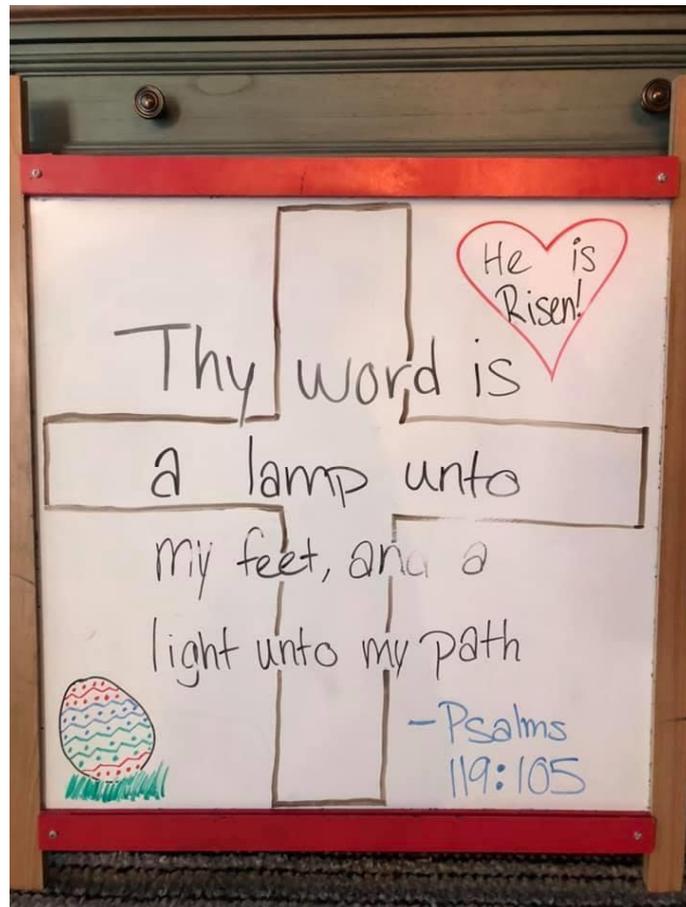
Scripture is our secure guidebook. The Psalmist tells us *"The sum of your word is truth"* (Psalm 119:160). John in his Gospel records Jesus saying similar words when talking about the work of the Holy Spirit, (John 16:13). Peter also records in his Epistle *"But the Word of the Lord endures forever"* (1 Peter 1:25), his words echoing the prophet Isaiah *"The grass withers. The flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever"* (Isaiah 40:8).

Opening up the pages of Scripture will brighten the path we take, re-energise our hope in Christ and provide understanding to the one who walks humbly before the Lord.

We would do well to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the Word of God and to guard it within our hearts, for it is a lamp to our feet, a light to our path and it brightens up every corner of our lives; for it is God's instrument to lead us into holiness and to guide our feet into His way of truth.

AMEN

With kind thoughts,
Glenda



He is Risen Indeed. Halleluiah!