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Why is it significant that the Psalmist repeatedly uses God's personal name "YHWH" (LORD in some translations) throughout the psalm?

What does this reveal about his relationship with God?

What does it reveal about YHWH's nature and character?

What is the Psalmist referring to when he speaks of God's word?

How do we receive God's word(s)?

What alternative "words" and "lights" exist in this world?

Which ones are you particularly tempted to use in place of the Spirit and the scriptures?

Why are God's instructions and decrees (Torah) things of joy?

Is this how you experience the teachings of scripture? Why/why not?

What is the relationship between obedience and joy?

How does this Psalm display grace?

How does faithfulness to God's word incline our heart toward an obedience which flows from grace?

The Psalm speaks of God revealing what's right in front of us and guiding us one step at a time. There is no promise of showing us everything all at once.

How does this make you feel? Why?

Are you ever frustrated or impatient with not seeing the big picture?

What is good about only seeing the next step instead of the whole path?

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