



TZADE

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and your laws are right.**

¹³⁸**The statutes you have laid down are righteous;
they are fully trustworthy.**

¹³⁹**My zeal wears me out,
for my enemies ignore your words.**

¹⁴⁰**Your promises have been thoroughly tested,
and your servant loves them.**

¹⁴¹**Though I am lowly and despised,
I do not forget your precepts.**

¹⁴²**Your righteousness is everlasting
and your law is true.**

¹⁴³**Trouble and distress have come upon me,
but your commands give me delight.**

¹⁴⁴**Your statutes are always righteous;
give me understanding that I may live.**

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ACTIVITIES:

1. What does it mean to be *righteous*? Define *righteousness*. Now describe both in your own words and experience.
2. In what ways does the writer describe himself throughout Tzade? How can this contrast be (both) true?
3. In what ways does the writer describe his enemies? How are his own enemies also the enemies of God?
4. What is an "enemy"? Who are our true enemies, according to Tzade? How does this change your perspective?
5. Why does the writer love and obey God's word? (Hint: 137-138, 140, 142-144) What is your own experience?
5. What does the writer ask for in v144? and why? How does one "live" while already alive? What might be the opposite situation? See Matt 4:4; John 1:1; Heb 4:12; 2 Tim 3:16-17; John 7:38; 1 Peter 2:2; John 8:31-32; James 1:21

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