



TZADE

¹³⁷**You are righteous, LORD,**
and your laws are right.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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137 _____ righteous, _____,
and your laws are right.

138 The statutes you have _____ are righteous;
they are _____ trustworthy.

139 My zeal wears me _____,
for my enemies _____.

140 Your promises have been _____,
and your servant _____ them.

141 Though _____ and _____,
I do not forget your _____.

142 _____ righteousness is _____
and _____ law is _____.

143 Trouble and distress have _____ me,
_____ give me delight.

144 Your statutes are _____ righteous;
give me _____ that I may _____.

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?
4. 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