

## **13. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth.**

### **Psalm 118:13**

#### **BETH**

9. Wherewithal shall a young man correct his way? By keeping Thy words.
10. With my whole heart have I sought after Thee, cast me not away from Thy commandments.
11. In my heart have I hid Thy sayings that I might not sin against Thee.
12. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes.
- 13. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth.**
14. In the way of Thy testimonies have I found delight, as much as in all riches.
15. On Thy commandments will I ponder, and I will understand Thy ways.
16. On Thy statutes will I meditate; I will not forget Thy words.

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Because whatever I learn from Thy goodness, that I teach to those who don't know. Blessed Theodoret

“With my lips have I been telling of all the judgments of Thy mouth” ([ver. 13](#)); that is, I have kept silent nothing of Thy judgments, which Thou didst will should become known to me through Thy words, but I have been telling of all of them without exception with my lips. This he seemeth to me to signify, since he saith not, all Thy judgments, but, “all the judgments of Thy mouth;” that is, which Thou hast revealed unto me: that by His mouth we may understand His word, which He hath discovered unto us in many revelations of the Saints, and in the two Testaments; all which judgments the Church ceaseth not to declare at all times with her lips.

<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/schaff/npnf108.ii.CXIX.ii.html> Augustine

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1. Notice superlatives in scripture

pray w/o ceasing ; love God with all your heart, soul and mind

Only one can fulfill this promise, Christ, This psalm is in His voice.

He declared all the judgments of the Father to us

When we say the verse, in one sense we lie, because we sin

In another sense, it says judgments of thy mouth - not all judgments. The mouth is used for speech, to an individual. God reveals Himself to us individually, as we are able. We can declare this revelation.

We should say this verse therefore with a sweet sadness/repentance/and expectant longing - it will come true.

Cannot declare what we do not have. Cannot talk of virtue without being virtuous.

Even in secular life - when young, cannot speak with authority

1. we are not credible because of our youth

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2. We do not have the knowledge, experience

We must become good to speak with moral authority about goodness.

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