

*Affliction to the trusting and obedient soul is invariably beneficent.  
The rebellious are broken and embittered by it. The obedient are healed  
and ennobled.*

G. Campbell Morgan

*As the scourging and beating of the garment with a stick beateth out the  
moths and dust, so do afflictions corruptions from the heart.*

John Trapp

*What life does to you depends upon what life finds in you. If the Word is in  
your mind and heart, affliction can bring out the best in you. If not, it may  
bring out the worst in you.*

Warren Wiersbe

*Affliction sanctified is a great blessing;  
unsanctified, it is an additional curse.*

Adam Clarke

*By affliction God separates the sin which He hates  
from the soul which He loves.*

*The Word of God must be nearer to us than our friends, dearer to us than  
our lives, sweeter to us than our liberty, and pleasanter to us than all  
earthly comforts.*

John Mason

*God's promises are like the stars;  
the darker the night, the brighter they shine.*

David Nicholas

*When we allow God to be exalted in our difficulties we are in the perfect  
place to smell the fragrance of His presence.*

A. W. Tozer

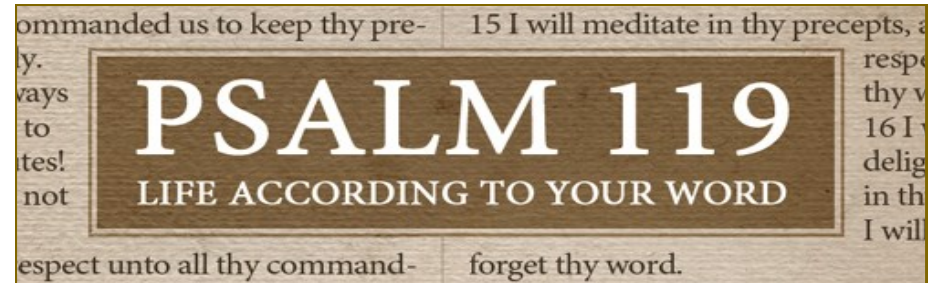
*Christ followers contract malaria, bury children, and battle addictions, and  
as a result, face fears. It's not the absence of storms that sets us apart. It's  
whom we discover in the storm: an unstirred Christ.*

Max Lucado

*If the Lord does us good, we must expect Satan to do us evil.*

*Heavenly Father! keep Your poor, weak, erring child from this fearful  
doom. Let not that measure of prosperity, which You may be pleased to  
give, prove my curse. But especially let every cross, every affliction which  
You are pleased to mingle in my cup, conform me more to my Savior's  
image, restrain my heart from its daily wanderings, endear Your holy ways  
and word to my soul, and give me sweeter anticipations of that blessed  
home, where I shall never wander more, but find my eternal happiness in  
keeping Your word.*

Charles Bridges



Message #11: Teth, Verses 65-72



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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-  
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. What does this section of *Psalm 119 (65-72)* teach about God?

About His Word?

About mankind?

3. What things in *Psalm 119:65-72* are described as *good*?

4. How has God *dealt well* with us according to *verses 65-72*?

5. What does *good* mean?

6. What does this section teach about affliction?

7. Is all affliction and suffering discipline from the Lord? Explain.

8. What is the right response to the Lord's discipline (*Psalm 119:67*)?

9. Why does a God who is good and who loves us allow pain and suffering  
into our lives?

10. What do the following verses teach about God's discipline?

*Job 5:17* —

*Proverbs 3:11-12* —

*Psalm 94:12* —

*Hebrews 12:4-11* —

11. What purposes in afflictions are given in *Psalm 119:65-72*?

**Reflection Questions:** Can I truly say, *It is good for me that I was afflict-*  
*ed*? Why or why not? Do I automatically assume that someone who is  
going through affliction is being disciplined by God? Why or why not?  
Do I assume the same about myself?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

#### Quotes to Ponder

*God is essential goodness in Himself, and in every attribute of His nature  
He is good in the fullest sense of the term; indeed, He has a monopoly of  
goodness, for there is none good but One, that is God. His acts are accord-  
ing to His nature: from a pure source flow pure streams. God is not latent  
and inactive goodness; He displays Himself by His doings, He is actively  
beneficent, He does good. How much good He does no tongue can tell.*

*How good He is no heart can conceive!*

*Often our trials act as a thorn hedge to keep us in the good pasture, but  
our prosperity is a gap through which we go astray.*

*If the mud which is thrown at us does not blind our eyes or bruise our  
integrity it will do us little harm. If we keep the precepts, the precepts will  
keep us in the day of contumely and slander.*

*Very little is to be learned without affliction. If we would  
be scholars we must be sufferers.... God's commands are  
best read by eyes wet with tears.*

Charles Spurgeon

*Suffering is a school where students learn things about themselves, about  
God, and about life that they would never have learned without it.*

Timothy Keller