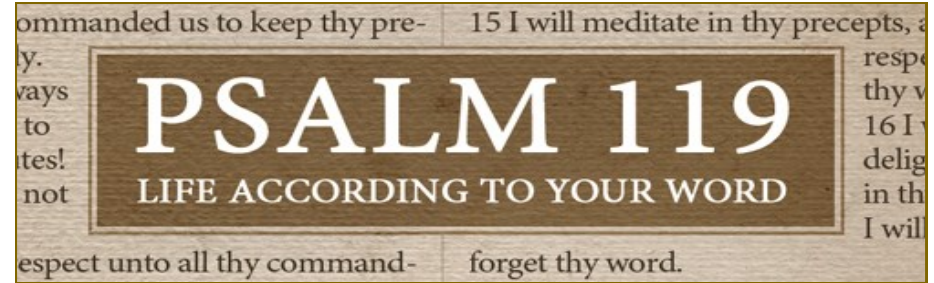


Reflection Questions: Do I see God's faithfulness in my afflictions? Why or why not? Are people happy to see me arrive or are they happier when I leave? Why? When our friends have burdens, do they turn to me for help or do I add to their affliction? How *blameless* am I?

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



Message #12: Yohd, Verses 73-80

July 8, 2018

Quotes to Ponder

Shame is for the proud, for it is a shameful thing to be proud. Shame is not for the holy, for there is nothing in holiness to be ashamed of.

Saints are sure about the rightness of their troubles, even when they cannot see the intent of them.

Charles Spurgeon

Suffering, rightly met, creates rich community and friendship.

Timothy Keller

The school of affliction is tough but it provides an excellent education.

Danny Akin

God is often best seen in the darkness and His presence most powerfully felt in times of deepest sorrow.

Ray Pritchard

Our chief concern, even in our trials, ought to be to understand more perfectly the divine will.

William Plumer

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a battle.

Ian Maclaren

The Psalmist not only acknowledges God's right to deal with him as He saw fit, and even His wisdom in dealing with him as He actually had done, but His faithfulness in afflicting — not His faithfulness though he afflicted — bit in afflicting him; not as if it were consistent with His love, but as the very fruit of His love.

Holiness is our service—affliction is our exercise—comfort is our gracious reward..

Charles Bridges

It is in the school of affliction that one first learns rightly to estimate the worth of His Word, and comes to feel its power.

Franz Delitzsch

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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 (73-80)* teach about God?

About His Word?

About mankind?

3. According to *Psalm 119:73*, for what purpose were we created?

4. According to the *New City Catechism*, how and why did God create us?

5. In the context of *verses 73-80*, who are the main targets of a believer's
obedience to God's Word?

A. *verses 74, 79, 80* —

B. *verse 78* —

6. What do these verses say about God's righteous judgments?

Nehemiah 9:13 —

Psalm 119:75, 128 —

Psalm 19:8 —

Hosea 14:9 —

7. What attributes of God are emphasized in the course of being an exam-
ple and witness to both believer and non-believer (*75-77*)?

8. What does the psalmist mean when he says, *in faithfulness You have
afflicted me (75)*?

9. Read *Psalm 119:75* and *Lamentations 3:31-33*. Do these verses contra-
dict each other? Explain.

10. What do these verses say about God and affliction?

Romans 5:3-5 —

1 Peter 4:19 —

James 1:2-4 —

1 Peter 5:10 —

11. What is the response to affliction in the following verses?

Genesis 50:20 —

2 Corinthians 1:8-11 —

Job 1:21 —

2 Corinthians 4:7-11 —

12. What contrast is given in *Psalm 119:78*?

13. What should be our response when the arrogant lie about us (cf.
Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 12:17-21)?

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14. What is the psalmist asking for in *Psalm 119:79*?

15. What does it mean to be *blameless (80)*?

16. What is the result of being *blameless (80)*?