

suffering? Do I pray as the psalmist did? Do I truly believe that God's Word is truth? If so, do I live like I believe it? What can I do today to live like God's Word is true?

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

Quotes to Ponder

Quickening is a great and tender mercy; and it is many mercies in one.

So long as they cannot drive or draw us into a spiritual decline our foes have done us no great harm, and they have accomplished nothing by their malice. If we do not decline they are defeated. If they cannot make us sin they have missed their mark. Faithfulness to the truth is victory over our enemies.

Charles Spurgeon

When we suffer we should not swerve.

Graham Scroggie

Certainly the Word of God is more than simply a book of true statements. It is the way to know God and His strengthening love. But this encounter is based on these doctrinal commitments to the full inspiration and authority of the Bible. If we can't trust what it says of God, we can't know the God it shows us.

Timothy Keller

Our worst prayers may really be our best. God seems to speak to us most intimately when He catches us off guard.

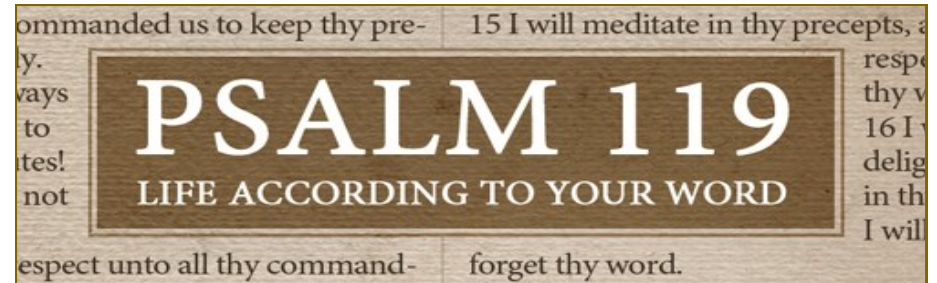
C.S. Lewis

We sometimes think of obedience as something we just have to grit our teeth and do, but the psalmist thought of it as a joyous, natural response to what he learned about God when he studied His Word.

James Montgomery Boice

Who needs an Advocate more than you? He pleads nothing favorable of you; but much, very much, for you. For He pleads the merit of His own blood.

Charles Bridges



#23: Resh, Verses 153-160



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1. Regard Me

2. Rescue Me

3. Represent Me

4. Redeem Me

5. Revive Me

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. What does this section of *Psalms 119* (verses 153-160) teach about God?

About His Word?

About mankind?

3. What is the repeated request in this section?

How is this to be accomplished (verses 154, 156, 159)?

4. What is requested as part of the overall process to be revived (verses 153-154)?

5. Why is salvation far from the wicked (verse 155)?

What do these verses add to this thought?

Psalms 10:4 —

Psalms 14:1 —

Titus 1:16 —

6. What is the source of the poet's *affliction* (verse 153) and need for the Lord to *plead* his *cause* (verse 154)?

7. Why are God's *mercies* said to be *great* (verse 156)?

8. What do these verses stress about God?

Exodus 34:6-7 —

Nehemiah 9:17 —

Numbers 14:18 —

Psalms 86:15 —

Deuteronomy 5:9-10 —

Joel 2:13 —

Why are these characteristics of God important to us?

9. How does the psalmist respond while waiting God's resolution to these things (verse 157)?

Why is this a difficult thing for him to do (verse 158)?

10. How does *verse 160* contrast with the treachery of the wicked (verse 155)?

11. How can we find comfort, even joy, in the midst of our afflictions?

Psalms 119:50 —

2 Corinthians 8:1-2 —

Psalms 119:92 —

1 Thessalonians 1:6 —

2 Corinthians 7:4 —

Reflection Questions: How do I pray when I'm experiencing affliction or