

THE BOOK OF
PSALMS

The happiness of the godly

*Happy is the man that walketh
not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of sinners,
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry,
from the way, when his wrath is kindled
Blessed are all they that put their trust

The security of God's promise

3 LORD, how are they increased
many are they that rise up
Many there be which say

Purpose of “Reading Psalms with CSL”

- **Develop**

- a consistent reading habit.
- a system of reading habit. Ie OIA
- a Theo-centric view of scripture.
- a prayer habit (COVID-19)

- **Expectation:**

- Read and Engage/Participate
- Active reading vs Passive reading
- Mark and reflect and journal

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- **Choice of Psalms:**

- 100321 = Book 1 = Ps 1 & 2 = Opening Psalms
- 170321 = Book 1 = Ps 22, 23, 24 = Most Popular Psalm (23)
- 240321 = Book 2 = Ps 42 = Depressive Psalm
- 310321 = Book 3 = Ps 88 = Most Saddest Psalm
- 070421 = Book 4 = Ps 94, 104 = Pray & Praise Psalm
- 140421 = Book 5 = Ps 117, 119 = Shortest & Longest Psalms
- 210421 = Book 5 = Ps 136, 145, 150 = Most Happy Psalms

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The call to praise

- It is interesting to note that despite it is the shortest, it is all encompassing ie *all nations .. all people*.
- It is a call to praise to ALL people ie both Jews and Gentile.
- No one is excused or exempted. Positively or Negatively.
- Everyone is called to praise God. We are included.

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- Because “His lovingkindness is great toward us” v2

○ His lovingkindness (NASB) or ‘merciful kindness’ (NKJV) or ‘steadfast love’ (ESV)

○ All these versions offer us a fuller picture of His lovingkindness which is merciful, kind & steadfast.

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○ Nothing reflects this better than at the CROSS. At the cross, we see mercy, kind, steadfast love that does not end. Not

even in His death.

○ What a LOVE!

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- Because His “truth...is everlasting”

○ Truth of God does not change. It will last forever. It changes

NOT!

○ Isa 40: 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

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- Albert Barnes states it admirably: *‘What was truth to Abraham is truth to us; what was truth to Paul is truth to us; what was truth to the martyrs is truth to us; what is truth to us will be truth to all generations of the world in all lands, and will be truth for ever. This fact, too, is a just foundation for universal praise, ...*

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- Because His *“truth...is everlasting”*

○ We can trust His Truth. We can live by His Truth. We can claim His Truth. Because it is everlasting. It is lasting. It can be trusted, depended on, made available today.

○ What a TRUTH! Jesus is the Truth (Jn14:6)

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The causes of praise

What can we do in the face of such love and truth?

Love personified by Jesus. Truth personified by Jesus.

Praise the Lord!

What do you know about Ps
119?

Ps 119

- Longest Psalm
- Written in Postexilic era
- Alphabetic & Acrostic Psalm
- 22 stanzas of 8 verses each
 - Aleph, Beth, Gimeil, Daleth, He, Vav, Zayin, Heth, Teth, Yodh, Kaph, Lamedh, Mem, Nun, Samekh, Ayin, Pe, Tsadhe, Qoph, Resh, Shin, Tav
 - $22 \times 8 = 176$ verses

Acrostic Poem

- Uses the letters of a topic word as the first letter for each line of the poem.
- Each line includes words and phrases related to the topic.
- Usually does not rhyme

Winter wonderland

Ice is slippery

Nothing is hot

The weather is cold

Everything you touch is cold

Really cold



Name: Zenob

- א אֲשֶׁרִי תְּמִימֵי-דֶרֶךְ-- הַהֹלְכִים, בְּתוֹרַת יְהוָה. 1 ALEPH. Happy are they that are upright in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.
- ב אֲשֶׁרִי, נִצְרֵי עֵדוּתֶיךָ; בְּכָל-לֵב יִדְרָשׁוּהוּ. 2 Happy are they that keep His testimonies, that seek Him with the whole heart.
- ג אַף, לֹא-פָעְלוּ עוֹלָה; בְּדַרְכֵי הִלְכוּ. 3 Yea, they do no unrighteousness; they walk in His ways.
- ד אֶתְּךָ, צִוִּיתָה פְּקֻדֶיךָ-- לְשָׁמֹר מְאֹד. 4 Thou hast ordained Thy precepts, that we should observe them diligently.
- ה אֶחְלִי, יִכְנֹוּ דַרְכֵי-- לְשָׁמֹר חֻקֶיךָ. 5 Oh that my ways were directed to observe Thy statutes!
- ו אֲזִי לֹא-אֲבוֹשׁ-- בְּהִבִּיטִי, אֶל-כָּל-מִצְוֹתֶיךָ. 6 Then should I not be ashamed, when I have regard unto all Thy commandments.
- ז אֲוֹדָה, בְּיִשְׁרָ לֵב-- בְּלִמְדֵי, מִשְׁפָּטֵי צְדָקָה. 7 I will give thanks unto Thee with uprightness of heart, when I learn Thy righteous ordinances.
- ח אֶת-חֻקֶיךָ אֲשָׁמֹר; אֶל-תִּעְזָבֵנִי עַד-מְאֹד. 8 I will observe Thy statutes; O forsake me not utterly. {P}

Psalm 119, the Longest Psalm

What an Acrostic of the First 8 Verses Might Look Like in English

- 1 A blessing is on those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 A blessing is on those who keep His testimonies,
who seek Him with their whole heart,
- 3 Also on those who do no wrong,
but walk in His ways!
- 4 As God, you have laid down your precepts
that are to be kept diligently.
- 5 Ah, that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping Your statutes!
- 6 And then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all Your commandments.
- 7 And I will praise You with an upright heart,
when I learn Your righteous rules.
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<p>Aleph</p> <p>119 Blessed are those whose way is [a]blameless, Who walk in the Law of the Lord.</p> <p>2 Blessed are those who comply with His [b]testimonies, And seek Him with all their heart.</p> <p>3 They also do no injustice; They walk in His ways.</p> <p>4 You have [c]ordained Your precepts, [d]That we are to keep them diligently.</p> <p>5 Oh that my ways may be established To keep Your statutes!</p> <p>6 Then I will not be ashamed When I look at all Your commandments.</p> <p>7 I will give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments.</p> <p>8 I will keep Your statutes; Do not utterly abandon me!</p>	<p>Beth</p> <p>9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.</p> <p>10 With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments.</p> <p>11 I have treasured Your word in my heart, So that I may not sin against You.</p> <p>12 Blessed are You, Lord; Teach me Your statutes.</p> <p>13 With my lips I have told of All the ordinances of Your mouth.</p> <p>14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, [e]As much as in all riches.</p> <p>15 I will meditate on Your precepts And [f]regard Your ways.</p> <p>16 I shall [g]delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.</p>	<p>Gimel</p> <p>17 Deal generously with Your servant, By keeping it according to Your word.</p> <p>18 Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your Law.</p> <p>19 I am a stranger on the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me.</p> <p>20 My soul is crushed [h]with longing For Your ordinances at all times.</p> <p>21 You rebuke the arrogant, [i]the cursed, Who wander from Your commandments.</p> <p>22 Take disgrace and contempt away from me, For I comply with Your testimonies.</p> <p>23 Even though rulers sit and speak against me, Your servant meditates on Your statutes.</p> <p>24 Your testimonies also are my delight; They are [j]my advisers.</p>	<p>Daleth</p> <p>25 My soul clings to the dust; That I may live and keep Your word.</p> <p>26 I have told of my ways, and You have answered me; Teach me Your statutes.</p> <p>27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts, And I will meditate on Your wonders.</p> <p>28 My soul [k]weeps because of grief; Strengthen me according to Your word.</p> <p>29 Remove the false way from me, And graciously grant me Your Law.</p> <p>30 I have chosen the faithful way; I have [l]placed Your judgments before me.</p> <p>31 I cling to Your testimonies; Lord, do not put me to shame!</p> <p>32 I shall run the way of Your commandments, For You will enlarge my heart.</p>	<p>He</p> <p>33 Teach me, the way of Your statutes, Lord, And I shall comply with it to the end.</p> <p>34 Give me understanding, so that I may comply with Your Law And keep it with all my heart.</p> <p>35 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it.</p> <p>36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to dishonest gain.</p> <p>37 Turn my eyes away from looking at what is worthless, And revive me in Your ways.</p> <p>38 Establish Your [m]word to Your servant [n]As that which produces reverence for You.</p> <p>39 Take away my disgrace which I dread, For Your judgments are good.</p> <p>40 Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me through Your righteousness.</p>	<p>Vav</p> <p>41 May Your favor also come to me, Lord, Your salvation according to Your [o]word;</p> <p>42 So that I will have an answer for one who taunts me, For I trust in Your word.</p> <p>43 And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I [p]wait for Your judgments.</p> <p>44 So I will keep Your Law continually, Forever and ever.</p> <p>45 And I will walk [q]at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.</p> <p>46 I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings And shall not be ashamed.</p> <p>47 I will delight in Your commandments, Which I love.</p> <p>48 And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments, Which I love; And I will meditate on Your statutes.</p>
<p>Zayin</p> <p>49 Remember the word to Your servant, [r]In which You have made me hope.</p> <p>50 This is my comfort in my misery, That Your word has [s]revived me.</p> <p>51 The arrogant utterly deride me, Yet I do not turn aside from Your Law.</p> <p>52 I have remembered Your judgments from [t]of old, Lord, And comfort myself.</p> <p>53 Burning indignation has seized me because of the wicked, Who abandon Your Law.</p> <p>54 Your statutes are my songs In the house of my pilgrimage.</p> <p>55 Lord, I remember Your name in the night, And keep Your Law.</p> <p>56 This has become mine, [u]That I comply with Your precepts.</p>	<p>Heth</p> <p>57 The Lord is my portion; I have [v]promised to keep Your words.</p> <p>58 I sought Your favor with all my heart; Be gracious to me according to Your [w]word.</p> <p>59 I considered my ways And turned my feet to Your testimonies.</p> <p>60 I hurried and did not delay To keep Your commandments.</p> <p>61 The snares of the wicked have surrounded me, But I have not forgotten Your Law.</p> <p>62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You Because of Your righteous judgments.</p> <p>63 I am a companion to all those who [x]fear You, And to those who keep Your precepts.</p> <p>64 The earth is full of Your goodness, Lord; Teach me Your statutes.</p>	<p>Teth</p> <p>65 You have treated Your servant well, Lord, according to Your word.</p> <p>66 Teach me good [y]discernment and knowledge, For I believe in Your commandments.</p> <p>67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word.</p> <p>68 You are good and You do good; Teach me Your statutes.</p> <p>69 The arrogant [z]have forged a lie against me; With all my heart I will comply with Your precepts.</p> <p>70 Their heart is insensitive, like fat, But I delight in Your Law.</p> <p>71 It is good for me that I was afflicted, So that I may learn Your statutes.</p> <p>72 The Law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of gold and silver pieces.</p>	<p>Yodh</p> <p>73 Your hands made me and [aa]fashioned me; Give me understanding, so that I may learn Your commandments.</p> <p>74 May those who [ab]fear You see me and be glad, Because I [ac]wait for Your word.</p> <p>75 I know, Lord, that Your judgments are righteous, And that You have afflicted me in faithfulness.</p> <p>76 May Your favor [ad]comfort me, According to Your [ae]word to Your servant.</p> <p>77 May Your compassion come to me so that I may live, For Your Law is my delight.</p> <p>78 May the arrogant be put to shame, because they lead me astray with a lie; But I shall meditate on Your precepts.</p> <p>79 May those who [af]fear You turn to me, And those who know Your testimonies.</p> <p>80 May my heart be [ag]blameless in Your statutes, So that I will not be ashamed.</p>	<p>Kaph</p> <p>81 My soul languishes for Your salvation; I [ah]wait for Your word.</p> <p>82 My eyes fail with longing for Your [ai]word, [aj]While I say, "When will You comfort me?"</p> <p>83 Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, I do not forget Your statutes.</p> <p>84 How many are the days of Your servant? When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?</p> <p>85 The arrogant have dug pits for me, People who are not in accord with Your Law.</p> <p>86 All Your commandments are faithful; They have persecuted me with a lie; help me!</p> <p>87 They almost destroyed me on earth, But as for me, I did not abandon Your precepts.</p> <p>88 Revive me according to Your faithfulness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.</p>	<p>Lamedh</p> <p>89 Forever, Lord, Your word stands in heaven.</p> <p>90 Your faithfulness continues [ak]throughout generations; You established the earth, and it stands.</p> <p>91 They stand this day by Your ordinances, For all things are Your servants.</p> <p>92 If Your Law had not been my delight, Then I would have perished in my misery.</p> <p>93 I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have [al]revived me.</p> <p>94 I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts.</p> <p>95 The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I will diligently consider Your testimonies.</p> <p>96 I have seen [am]a limit to all perfection; Your commandment is exceedingly broad.</p>
<p>Mem</p> <p>97 How I love Your Law! It is my meditation all the day.</p> <p>98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For they are ever [an]mine.</p> <p>99 I have more insight than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation.</p> <p>100 I understand more than those who are old, Because I have complied with Your precepts.</p> <p>101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way, So that I may keep Your word.</p> <p>102 I have not turned aside from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me.</p> <p>103 How sweet are Your [ao]words to my [ap]taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!</p> <p>104 From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.</p>	<p>Nun</p> <p>105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.</p> <p>106 I have sworn and I will confirm it, That I will keep Your righteous judgments.</p> <p>107 I am exceedingly afflicted; [aq]Revive me, Lord, according to Your word.</p> <p>108 Be pleased to accept the [ar]voluntary offerings of my mouth, Lord, And teach me Your judgments.</p> <p>109 My [as]life is continually [at]in my hand, Yet I do not forget Your Law.</p> <p>110 The wicked have set a [au]trap for me, Yet I have not wandered from Your precepts.</p> <p>111 I have inherited Your testimonies forever, For they are the joy of my heart.</p> <p>112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, even to the end.</p>	<p>Samekh</p> <p>113 I hate those who are double-minded, But I love Your Law.</p> <p>114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I [av]wait for Your word.</p> <p>115 Leave me, you evildoers, So that I may comply with the commandments of my God.</p> <p>116 Sustain me according to Your [aw]word, that I may live; And do not let me be [ax]ashamed of my hope.</p> <p>117 Sustain me so that I may be safe, That I may have regard for Your statutes continually.</p> <p>118 You have [ay]rejected all those who stray from Your statutes, For their deceitfulness is [az]useless.</p> <p>119 You have [ba]removed all the wicked of the earth like [bb]impurities; Therefore I love Your testimonies.</p> <p>120 My flesh [bc]trembles from the fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments.</p>	<p>Ayin</p> <p>121 I have done justice and righteousness; Do not leave me to my oppressors.</p> <p>122 Be a guarantor for Your servant for good; Do not let the arrogant oppress me.</p> <p>123 My eyes fail with longing for Your salvation, And for Your righteous [bd]word.</p> <p>124 Deal with Your servant according to Your graciousness, And teach me Your statutes.</p> <p>125 I am Your servant; give me understanding, So that I may know Your testimonies.</p> <p>126 It is time for the Lord to act, For they have broken Your Law.</p> <p>127 Therefore I love Your commandments Above gold, yes, above pure gold.</p> <p>128 Therefore I carefully follow all Your precepts concerning everything, I hate every false way.</p>	<p>Pe</p> <p>129 Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul complies with them.</p> <p>130 The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.</p> <p>131 I opened my mouth wide and panted, For I longed for Your commandments.</p> <p>132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, As is right for those who love Your name.</p> <p>133 Establish my footsteps in Your [be]word, And do not let any [bf]wrongdoing have power over me.</p> <p>134 Redeem me from oppression by man, So that I may keep Your precepts.</p> <p>135 Make Your face shine upon Your servant, And teach me Your statutes.</p> <p>136 My eyes [bg]shed streams of water, Because they do not keep Your Law.</p>	<p>Tsadhe</p> <p>137 You are righteous, Lord, And Your judgments are right.</p> <p>138 You have commanded Your testimonies in righteousness And great faithfulness.</p> <p>139 My zeal has [bh]consumed me, Because my enemies have forgotten Your words.</p> <p>140 Your word is very [bi]pure, Therefore Your servant loves it.</p> <p>141 I am small and despised, Yet I do not forget Your precepts.</p> <p>142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your Law is truth.</p> <p>143 Trouble and anguish have [bj]come upon me, Yet Your commandments are my delight.</p> <p>144 Your testimonies are righteous forever; Give me understanding that I may live.</p>
<p>Qoph</p> <p>145 I cried out with all my heart; answer me, Lord! I will comply with Your statutes.</p> <p>146 I cried to You; save me And I shall keep Your testimonies.</p> <p>147 I [bk]rise before dawn and cry for help; I [bl]wait for Your words.</p> <p>148 My eyes anticipate the night watches, So that I may meditate on Your [bm]word.</p> <p>149 Hear my voice according to Your faithfulness; Revive me, Lord, according to Your judgments.</p> <p>150 Those who follow after wickedness approach; They are far from Your Law.</p> <p>151 You are near, Lord, And all Your commandments are truth.</p> <p>152 From long ago I have known from Your testimonies That You have founded them forever.</p>	<p>Resh</p> <p>153 Look at my affliction and rescue me, For I have not forgotten Your Law.</p> <p>154 Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your [bn]word.</p> <p>155 Salvation is far from the wicked, For they do not seek Your statutes.</p> <p>156 [bo]Great are Your mercies, Lord; Revive me according to Your [bm]word.</p> <p>157 Many are my persecutors and my enemies, Yet I do not turn aside from Your testimonies.</p> <p>158 I see the treacherous and loathe them, Because they do not keep Your word.</p> <p>159 Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, Lord, according to Your faithfulness.</p> <p>160 The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments is everlasting.</p>	<p>Shin</p> <p>161 Rulers persecute me without cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your words.</p> <p>162 I rejoice at Your [bp]word, Like one who finds great plunder.</p> <p>163 I hate and loathe falsehood, But I love Your Law.</p> <p>164 Seven times a day I praise You Because of Your righteous judgments.</p> <p>165 Those who love Your Law have great peace, And [bq]nothing causes them to stumble.</p> <p>166 I hope for Your salvation, Lord, And do Your commandments.</p> <p>167 My soul keeps Your testimonies, And I love them exceedingly.</p> <p>168 I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For all my ways are before You.</p>	<p>Tav</p> <p>169 Let my cry [br]come before You, Lord; Give me understanding according to Your word.</p> <p>170 Let my pleading come before You; Save me according to Your [bs]word.</p> <p>171 Let my lips pour out praise, For You teach me Your statutes.</p> <p>172 Let my tongue sing about Your [bt]word, For all Your commandments are righteousness.</p> <p>173 Let Your hand be [bu]ready to help me, For I have chosen Your precepts.</p> <p>174 I long for Your salvation, Lord, And Your Law is my delight.</p> <p>175 Let my soul live that it may praise You, And let Your ordinances help me.</p> <p>176 I have wandered about like a lost sheep; search for Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.</p>		

Ps 119

- Focus on the Word of God
- Common expressions

- Law x 25
- Word x 24
- Laws x 23
- Statutes x 23
- Commands x 22
- Decrees x 21
- Precepts x 21
- Word/Promise x19

Torah of Moses

Word of God from the Prophets

Legal decisions

10 commandments / covenant / testimony

God has ordered

Sovereign will

Revelation of God

Anything God has spoken

Breakout room

- Read a stanza eg 9-16, 17-24, 25-32, 33-40, 41-48.....
- Share what does it tell you about God and His word
- Look out for the condition of the Psalmist
- *See example for v1-8*

119 Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
Who walk in the Law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are those who comply with His testimonies,
And seek Him with all their heart.

3 They also do no injustice;
They walk in His ways.

4 You have ordained Your precepts,
That we are to keep them diligently.

5 Oh that my ways may be established
To keep Your statutes!

6 Then I will not be ashamed
When I look at all Your commandments.

7 I will give thanks to You with uprightness of heart,
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Definition of Blessed :

= blameless, obey God's word
Word of God: x8

From *"they to God to me"*.

V1-3 about those who walk in the
law, testimonies, ways of God
V4-8 about God's word for us

Do not utterly abandon me!
Why such prayer?

Breakout room

- Read a stanza eg 1-8, 9-16, 17-24, 25-32, 33-40, 41-48.....
- Share what does it tell you about God and His word
- Look out for the condition of the Psalmist
- **MUTUALLY AGREE ON WHICH STANZA TO STUDY TOGETHER.**

(EXCEPT V1-8 & 169-176)

Post Breakout room

- Share your learning

Ps 119

Opinion of Others

- *A.A.Anderson*
 - *“monotonous repetition, which is nevertheless, impressive even in its repetitiveness”*
- *Brueggemann*
 - *“a massive intellectual achievement...an astonishingly crafted poem”*

Ps 119

- Conditions of Psalmist:
 - Oppression of evil
 - Surrounded by wickedness
 - Pursued by the arrogant & proud
 - Humbled by personal sorrow and disgrace
- Actions of Psalmist:
 - Made his refuge in God
 - Cried out to God
 - Retreated into His shadow
 - Found solace in God

Ps 119

- This is a psalm,
Not only of law,
but also on love,
Not only of statute,
but also of spiritual strength,
Not only of devotion to percept,
but also of loyalty to the way of the Lord.

Ps 119

- The beauty of this psalm resounds from the **relationship of the psalmist and his God.**
- Not only in the recitation of the devotion to the Law, but in **the absolute devotion to the Lord.**

169 **Let my cry** come before **You**, Lord;
Give me understanding according to **Your word**.

170 **Let my pleading** come before **You**;
Save me according to **Your word**.

171 **Let my lips** pour out praise,
For **You** teach me **Your statutes**.

172 **Let my tongue** sing about **Your word**,
For all **Your commandments** are righteousness.

173 **Let Your** hand be ready to help me,
For I have chosen **Your precepts**.

174 I long for **Your** salvation, Lord,
And **Your Law** is my delight.

175 **Let my soul** live that it may praise **You**,
And **let** **Your ordinances** help me.

176 I have **wandered about like a lost sheep**; search for **Your** servant,
For I do not forget **Your commandments**.

Ps 119

- Application:
 - Love God with His word.
 - Discipline – Delight - Desire

YOUR WORD

HAS REVIVED ME

PSALM 119:50



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