

**October 13, 2021**

**Psalm 119 (NKJV) – *Life According to Your Word - Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God. Read vv.81-96***

**Introduction:** Psalm 119 is an example of an “alphabetic acrostic psalm.” Each stanza—made up of 8 verses—begins each line with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet. For verses 1–8, every line begins with the letter “aleph,” the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet. For verses 9–16, every line begins with the letter “Beth,” the second letter in the Hebrew alphabet. The psalm follows this structure for all twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet. This style of poetry was often utilized to help with effective memorization. Psalm 119 is a shadow of what has come in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

***Review and Reflect:***

1. List the words and verse found for God’s Law in this text that we discussed in our opening introduction. (i.e., statues, law)
2. What does it mean to seek God’s help in times of trouble?
3. Are you confident even in the darkest times that if you follow God’s word, that God will prove faithful?
4. How do you “wait” on the Lord?
5. Rewrite KAPH or LAMEDH in your own words.

**LIVE IT OUT**

**Pray:** Set aside time this week to pray and ask God to teach you how to delight in God’s Word. Incorporate verses Ps 119:81-96 into your prayers this week.

**Memorize:** Select 2–3 verses from the text we studied this week that encourage you to delight in God’s word.

**Journal:** Sometime this week, sit down and write about what it means to have a relationship and fellowship with God.

**KAPH**

<sup>81</sup> My soul faints for Your salvation, But I hope in Your word.

<sup>82</sup> My eyes fail *from searching* Your word, Saying, “When will You comfort me?”

<sup>83</sup> For I have become like a wineskin in smoke, *Yet* I do not forget Your statutes.

<sup>84</sup> How many *are* the days of Your servant? When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?

<sup>85</sup> The proud have dug pits for me, Which *is* not according to Your law.

<sup>86</sup> All Your commandments *are* faithful; They persecute me wrongfully; Help me!

<sup>87</sup> They almost made an end of me on earth, But I did not forsake Your precepts.

<sup>88</sup> Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

**↳ LAMED**

<sup>89</sup> Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

<sup>90</sup> Your faithfulness *endures* to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.

<sup>91</sup> They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all *are* Your servants.

<sup>92</sup> Unless Your law *had been* my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.

<sup>93</sup> I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have given me life.

<sup>94</sup> I *am* Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts.

<sup>95</sup> The wicked wait for me to destroy me, *But* I will consider Your testimonies.

<sup>96</sup> I have seen the consummation of all perfection, *But* Your commandment *is* exceedingly broad.