**November 10, 2021**

**Psalm 119 (NKJV)** ***– Life According to Your Word*** - *Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God.* ***Read vv.145- 160 (Qoph and Resh)***

**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. The psalm uses eight different synonyms for God’s Instruction (Hebrew, *torah*): law, commandments, statutes, ordinances, decrees, words, precepts, and promises. Psalm 119 is a shadow of what has come in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

***Re-read, Review and Reflect:***

1. List the synonyms and verse found for God’s Law (torah) in this text that we discussed in our opening introduction. (i.e., statues, law).
2. Have you ever prayed for “deliverance”? How did it turn out?
3. Currently what are you hoping for?
4. In the opening verses, what is the list of actions which the writer has taken? (vv.145-147)
5. As the psalmist “waits” what is his response? (vv145-148)
6. Rewrite Qoph and or Resh 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 119:1145-160** 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.
* **Life application**: *What is the correct response to every earthly situation where****God’s Word****is concerned? Trust, have faith in****God's Word****.*

**ק QOPH (19)**

**145**I cry out with *my* whole heart; Hear me, O Lord! I will keep Your statutes.
**146**I cry out to You; Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies.
**147**I rise before the dawning of the morning, And cry for help; I hope in Your word.
**148**My eyes are awake through the *night* watches, That I may meditate on Your word.
**149**Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness; O Lord, revive me according to Your justice.
**150**They draw near who follow after wickedness; They are far from Your law.
**151**You *are* near, O Lord, And all Your commandments *are* truth.
**152**Concerning Your testimonies, I have known of old that You have founded them forever.

**ר RESH (20)**

**153**Consider my affliction and deliver me, For I do not forget Your law.
**154**Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word.
**155**Salvation *is* far from the wicked, For they do not seek Your statutes.
**156**Great *are* Your tender mercies, O Lord; Revive me according to Your judgments.
**157**Many *are* my persecutors and my enemies, *Yet* I do not turn from Your testimonies.
**158**I see the treacherous, and am disgusted, Because they do not keep Your word.
**159**Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O Lord, according to Your lovingkindness.
**160**The entirety of Your word *is* truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.