



*Encouragement For Our Hearts*

*from Psalm 119*

*Psalm 119:65-72*

*April 5, 2020*

- PSALM 119:67 BEFORE **I WAS AFFLICTED** I WENT ASTRAY, BUT NOW I KEEP YOUR WORD.
- PSALM 119:71 *IT IS GOOD FOR ME THAT* **I HAVE BEEN AFFLICTED**, THAT I MAY LEARN YOUR STATUTES

- **PSALM 119:50 THIS IS MY COMFORT IN MY AFFLICTION, FOR YOUR WORD HAS GIVEN ME LIFE.**
- **PSALM 119:75 I KNOW, O LORD, THAT YOUR JUDGMENTS *ARE* RIGHT, AND *THAT* IN FAITHFULNESS YOU HAVE AFFLICTED ME**

- PSALM 119:92 UNLESS YOUR LAW *HAD BEEN* MY DELIGHT, **I WOULD THEN HAVE PERISHED IN MY AFFLICTION.**
- PSALM 119:107 **I AM AFFLICTED VERY MUCH;** REVIVE ME, O LORD, ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.
- PSALM 119:153 **CONSIDER MY AFFLICTION** AND DELIVER ME, FOR I DO NOT FORGET YOUR LAW

# *Redeeming Our Time Of Affliction*

## **A. STEP ONE: PREACH TRUTH TO OURSELVES, V.V. 65-66.**

- PSALM 119:65–72 **YOU HAVE DEALT WELL WITH YOUR SERVANT**, O LORD, ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD. <sup>66</sup> **TEACH ME GOOD JUDGMENT AND KNOWLEDGE**, FOR I BELIEVE YOUR COMMANDMENTS.

# Step One: Preach Truth To Ourselves

- HOSEA 4:1 HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD, YOU CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, FOR THE LORD *BRINGS* A CHARGE AGAINST THE INHABITANTS OF THE LAND: “THERE IS **NO** TRUTH OR MERCY OR **KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IN THE LAND.**
- HOSEA 4:6 MY PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED FOR **LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.** BECAUSE YOU HAVE **REJECTED KNOWLEDGE,** I ALSO WILL REJECT YOU FROM BEING PRIEST FOR ME; BECAUSE YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THE LAW OF YOUR GOD, I ALSO WILL FORGET YOUR CHILDREN

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- EPHESIANS 4:15 BUT, **SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE**, MAY GROW UP IN ALL THINGS INTO HIM WHO IS THE HEAD—CHRIST.

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- 1 PETER 3:14–15 BUT EVEN IF YOU SHOULD SUFFER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE, YOU ARE BLESSED. *“AND DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THEIR THREATS, NOR BE TROUBLED.”*<sup>15</sup> BUT SANCTIFY THE LORD GOD IN YOUR HEARTS, AND **ALWAYS BE READY TO GIVE A DEFENSE** TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU, **WITH MEEKNESS AND FEAR.**



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**B. STEP TWO: TURN FROM OUR USELESS WAYS,  
V.V. 67-68.**

➤ PSALM 119:67 **BEFORE** I WAS AFFLICTED I  
WENT ASTRAY, BUT **NOW I KEEP YOUR WORD.**

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## **B. STEP TWO: TURN FROM OUR USELESS WAYS, V.V. 67-68.**

- PSALM 119:68 **YOU ARE GOOD, AND DO GOOD**; TEACH ME YOUR STATUTES.

## Step Two: Turn From Our Useless Ways

- PSALM 119:68 YOU ARE GOOD, AND DO GOOD; **TEACH ME YOUR STATUTES.**
- 1 JOHN 5:14 NOW THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE IN HIM, THAT **IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARS US**

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## C. STEP THREE: STOP LOOKING FOR MEN'S APPROVAL, V.V. 69-70.

- PSALM 119:69-70 **THE PROUD** HAVE FORGED A LIE AGAINST ME, *BUT I WILL KEEP* YOUR PRECEPTS WITH **MY WHOLE HEART.** <sup>70</sup> THEIR HEART IS AS FAT AS GREASE, *BUT I DELIGHT* IN YOUR LAW.

## Step Three: Stop Looking For Men's Approval

- JOB 12:13 **“WITH HIM ARE WISDOM AND STRENGTH, HE HAS COUNSEL AND UNDERSTANDING.**
- PSALM 1:1 **BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO WALKS NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE UNGODLY, NOR STANDS IN THE PATH OF SINNERS, NOR SITS IN THE SEAT OF THE SCORNFUL**

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- PSALM 2:2 THE KINGS OF THE EARTH SET THEMSELVES, AND THE RULERS **TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER, AGAINST THE LORD** AND AGAINST HIS ANOINTED, SAYING.
- PSALM 33:10 **THE LORD BRINGS THE COUNSEL OF THE NATIONS TO NOTHING;** HE MAKES THE PLANS OF THE PEOPLES OF NO EFFECT

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- PSALM 73:24–25 **YOU WILL GUIDE ME WITH YOUR COUNSEL**, AND AFTERWARD RECEIVE ME TO GLORY. <sup>25</sup> WHOM HAVE I IN HEAVEN *BUT YOU?* AND *THERE IS NONE UPON EARTH THAT I DESIRE BESIDES YOU.*
- PROVERBS 12:5 THE THOUGHTS OF THE RIGHTEOUS *ARE* RIGHT, *BUT THE COUNSELS OF THE WICKED ARE DECEITFUL*



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- PROVERBS 21:30 *THERE IS NO WISDOM OR UNDERSTANDING OR COUNSEL AGAINST THE LORD.*
- PSALM 119:24 *YOUR TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELORS.*  
PROVERBS 11:14 *WHERE THERE IS NO COUNSEL, THE PEOPLE FALL; BUT IN THE MULTITUDE OF COUNSELORS THERE IS SAFETY*

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- PSALM 119:70 THEIR HEART IS AS FAT AS GREASE, **BUT I DELIGHT IN YOUR LAW.**

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## **D. STEP FOUR: EMBRACE AFFLICTION AS A GOOD GIFT FROM GOD, v.v. 71-72.**

- PSALM 119:71 ***IT IS GOOD FOR ME THAT I HAVE BEEN AFFLICTED***, THAT I MAY LEARN YOUR STATUTES.

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## **D. STEP FOUR: EMBRACE AFFLICTION AS A GOOD GIFT FROM GOD, V.V. 71-72.**

- **PSALM 119:72 . THE LAW OF YOUR MOUTH IS BETTER TO ME THAN THOUSANDS OF COINS OF GOLD AND SILVER.**