

## The Hope of the Blessed

This third stanza of the 119th Psalm is outlined by the consonant \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ equivalent is the word *gamma*. When examining all of the Hebrews words that are associated with the consonant *gimel*, we find that they are related to “\_\_\_\_\_ at a watering hole.” The ancient way of writing this character looked like a \_\_\_\_\_ in motion. Supposedly, the character represents the head and front legs of a \_\_\_\_\_ as it stoops at a watering hole to drink.

As one reads this section, several serious phrases come to the forefront.

- ... that I may \_\_\_\_\_ (v.17)
- I am a \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth... (v. 19)
- My soul \_\_\_\_\_ for the longing... (v.20)
- \_\_\_\_\_ from me \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_... (v. 22)
- \_\_\_\_\_ also did sit and speak against me... (v. 23)

It would seem obvious that the Psalmist is rehearsing in word what he experienced in life. Despite his dedicated desire to walk *undefiled in the way*, great difficulty and grave danger surrounded him. Despite being pressed sorely, he is \_\_\_\_\_ to follow the path of the Godly.

- He \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the word (v.17)
- To \_\_\_\_\_ wondrous things out of the law (v.18)
- To \_\_\_\_\_ in the testimonies of God (v. 24)

In this section, the Psalmist uses \_\_\_\_\_ imperatives toward the most High God. Specific areas in which God must work. These areas are still the \_\_\_\_\_ of any believer that is striving in Christ, but sorely pressed by troubles!

### Our \_\_\_\_\_

The Psalmist is compelled to have God *deal bountifully* with him. This is to say reward him. Two specific reasons are touched upon. First, that the saint might \_\_\_\_\_. Secondly, that the saint may be \_\_\_\_\_ in future ways.

### Thy \_\_\_\_\_

The Psalmist beseeches God to *open thou mine eyes, that I might behold*. Only in the revelation of God’s truth can there be genuine \_\_\_\_\_. This was essential for the Psalmist. Where there is not truth, darkness prevails. This Divine truth has many marvelous results.

- It provided \_\_\_\_\_. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ in a strange land. Friends had forsaken him, but the truth of the Word always reveals that friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

- It provides \_\_\_\_\_. His soul was being crushed (breaketh) awaiting justice for those that were persecuting. This \_\_\_\_\_ of justice was objectionable to those that pursued him. His cries for \_\_\_\_\_ relief were met by scorn, and his dedication to God was his enemies’ motivation to pursue him.

- It provides \_\_\_\_\_. He examines the state of the wicked from the perspective of God’s truth and finds that their end will be \_\_\_\_\_ than his. They are rebuked (reproved) and cursed (loathed).

### My \_\_\_\_\_

The final imperative is the \_\_\_\_\_ (rolling away, ie. Gilgal) of his reproach (shame) and contempt (despisal). Even when powerful \_\_\_\_\_ (Princes - *sar*) were set against him, he remained faithful to the testimonies of God. The Word of God was his great source of \_\_\_\_\_!

He \_\_\_\_\_ (obey, observe) the Testimonies

He \_\_\_\_\_ (ponder, converse with self) in Thy Statutes

He \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoyed/found pleasant) in Thy Testimonies

He derived \_\_\_\_\_ (advice/plan/purpose) from Thy Testimonies

Even the saint of God that strives with a great desire to *walk in the law of the Lord* and to be *undefiled in the way*, will at times be \_\_\_\_\_ about with difficulty. Yet, like the Psalmist of old, we must abide in the truths of the Word of God. Only by keeping this truth will reward, revelation, and relief occur!