

# Psalm 119

## A Verse-by-Verse Study RESH (Poor and Needy)

- **Head:** The letter RESH alludes to the word "rosh", which means "head". The head is the most important part of the body, as it is the source of wisdom, reason, and intellect. The letter resh represents a bowed head, which is said to depict a poor person (raash) in acknowledgment of their state of servitude.

**153** Consider mine affliction and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

- It is the grace of God Almighty that delivers us from sin
  - Both the penalty of sin and the power of sin
- Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." in His sermon on the mount
  - Jesus also said, **Matthew 5:4** "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."
    - 5** Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
    - 6** Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."
- The Psalmist here is fully aware that they do not possess in themselves the means to fulfill the law
  - The law is ever before them looming with the sentence it carries when broken
  - The law is there to show the righteousness of God
  - The law is a reminder that we need grace in God's eyes

**154** Plead my cause and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

- I cannot but help to see these verses in context of the Grace of God!
- Who is our Psalmist asking to plead for him?
  - Who is to deliver him?
  - Who is to quicken him?
  - Understand that if God has and will always exist...
    - **Psalm 90:2** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou *art* God.
    - **Isaiah 40:28** Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding.
    - **Isaiah 57:15** For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
  - Now if God is eternal, than ALL of God is Eternal!
    - Jesus Christ is Eternal
    - The Holy Spirit is Eternal
  - These are not NT entities
  - The OT saint's had the same God to call on that we do!

- It is The Creator God/Heavenly Father that demands the Law to be kept
- It is the Eternal God, Creator & Everlasting Judge that gave us His fulness in the flesh to pay for our sins
  - **Colossians 2:9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
- It is that Same Jesus that is the Word...and always has been!
  - **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
    - 2** The same was in the beginning with God.
    - 3** All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.
    - 4** In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
    - 5** And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- It is the Holy Spirit that pleads, delivers, and quickens!
  - **Romans 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
    - 10** And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.
    - 11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

- **Romans 8:26** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

**27** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

- Salvation and Sanctification called for by our Psalmist!

**155** Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

- I believe this a statement of sadness, not judgment
  - It is a difficult thing as you walk with the Lord to watch people you care for deny themselves life
  - While they may not seek it, they should see it in us
  - Knowing that...

**156** Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.

- Since we know the mercies of God...
  - We **MUST** desire to walk IN Christ
  - We **MUST** desire this so that His mercies in our lives will be apparent to those in need of His mercies in their lives

**157** Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

- Since we know we are in a battle...
  - We cannot allow any enemy to steal the life we have IN Christ
  - We cannot allow any situation to distract us from our walk IN Christ

**158** I beheld the transgressors and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.

- As we are in this battle...
  - We cannot allow the choices of others to cause us to falter
  - We cannot allow the grief we feel to sway us from keeping the Word as the authority in our lives

**159** Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

**160** Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

- We are in a battle!
  - One part of us wants to follow the Lord! Stay away from sin! See Victory!
  - One part of us wants to lay down the armor and just quit
  - So, We cry out to our Deliverer, praying for life to stay in the fight!
  - We trust in the Word!
  - Knowing that without it, there is no life...no deliverance, no hope