

## The Word of God Gives Us Comfort

### Introduction

We have now come to the tenth portion of Psalms 119. The theme of affliction from the previous lesson continues. But the writer knows that God is in control and that is what give the Christian comfort.

### 73. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

- One of the early steps in our relationship with God, is realizing that we are the marvelous **workmanship** of His own hands.
- It is beneficial to remember our creation, it helps us to **think** spiritually. It make us grateful, strengthens our affection for God and it motivates us to live for Him.
- The writer recognizes that God gave him physical (Natural) life, but now he asks God to give him **spiritual** life or *understanding*.

### 74. They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

- It is spiritually refreshing to meet a Christian who is on **fire** for the Lord Jesus Christ.
- When a person of God obtains grace (Power of God) for himself, he becomes a **blessing** to others.

### 75. I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

- God is holy in his nature and wise and just in the way he **treats** His children therefore we know that his *judgments are right*.
- God does not afflict His people, but He will allow afflictions to come upon His Children with the intention of doing us **good**.
- It is a mark of spiritual maturity when we have a good **attitude** towards God for His justice and faithfulness during our affliction.

**76. Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.**

- When the justice of God allows afflictions in our lives, we can still **come** to God in faith and humility and ask for *merciful kindness*.
- God permits suffering in the Christian's life, but that does not mean God **enjoys** it.

**77. Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.**

- In difficult times, God may not deliver us, but He will from time to time, **shower** us with His tender mercies which can make things easier.
- The mercies of God are tender as the love of a mother over her child. They *come unto* us, when we are **not** able to go to them. - George Horne

**78. Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.**

- This prayer is not a prayer of **revenge** but a prayer for punishment that might eventually help the proud turn to salvation.
- God will allow sin to **work** itself out in the lives of those that go against Him and His children.

**79. Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.**

- As the Christian finds trouble from the world, he prays that he may find **help** from the Lord's people. - Charles Bridges

**80. Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.**

- Many have made shipwreck of faith because of an unsound heart! Resting in an outward obedience, they falsely **lie** to themselves.
- Many profess to take Christ for a Savior, while the heart is worshiping the things of this **world**.

*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

*Romans 8:1*