

Delighting in God's Path: The Prayer of a Homesick Sheep Psalm 119:169-176

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“Tav”

169 **תִּקְרַב** רַנִּיתִי לִפְנֵיךָ יְהוָה כְּדַבְּרֶךָ הִבִּינִי:

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שָׁכַחְתִּי:

Psalms 119:169–176 (BHS OT)

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Psalms 119:169–176 (BHS OT)

TAV / TAW

Paleo



Ancient Pictograph



Modern



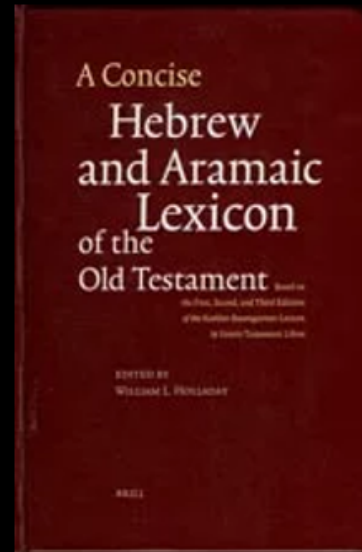
TWO CROSSED STICKS

Mark, Sign, Signature

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35“Oh that I had one to hear me! Here is my **signature**; Let the Almighty answer me! And the indictment which my adversary has written,
Job 31:35 (NASB 2020)

ת: sf. ת: name of last letter of
Heb. alphabet, orig. in shape of X:
**mark Ez 9:4, 6, (one's own) mark
or signature (confirming a
document) Jb 31:35.**



Ezekiel 9:4-6

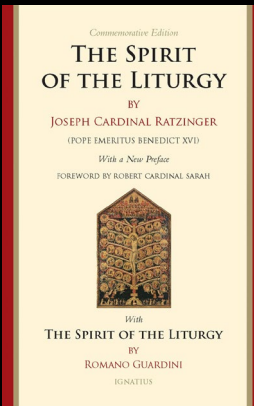
⁴And the Lord said to him, “Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and make a **mark** on the foreheads of the people who groan and sigh over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst.”

⁵But to the others He said in my presence, “Go through the city after him and strike; do not let your eye have pity and do not spare.

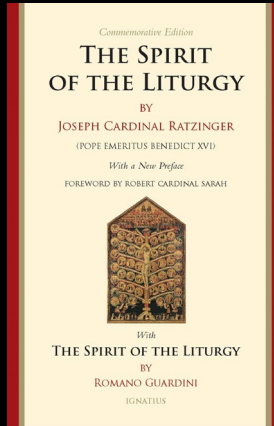
⁶Utterly kill old men, young men, *female* virgins, little children, and women, but do not touch any person on whom is the **mark**; and you shall start from My sanctuary.” So they started with the elders who *were* before the temple.

Ezekiel 9:4–6 (NASB 2020)

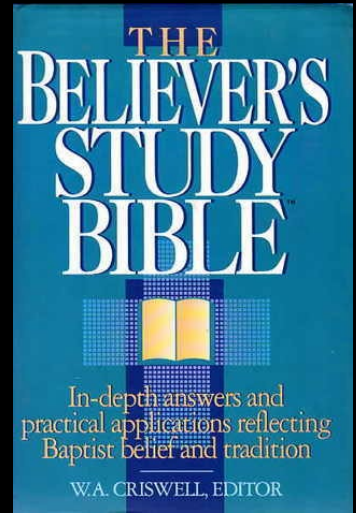
In the vision described there, God says to his linen-clad messenger, who carries the writing case at his side: “Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark [Tav] upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.” In the terrible catastrophe now imminent, those who do not connive in the sin of the world yet suffer from it for the sake of God, suffering impotently yet at a distance from sin, are sealed with the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the Tav, which was written in the form of a cross (T or + or X).



“The Tav, which as a matter of fact had the form of a cross, becomes the seal of God’s ownership. It corresponds to man’s longing for God, his suffering for the sake of God, and so places him under God’s special protection.”



According to Jewish tradition the tav stood for the first letter of the Hebrew word tihyeh, meaning “you shall live.” The foreshadowing of the cross and the divine redemptive work reminds us that the prophets often spoke more than they knew.



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Psalms 119:169–176 (BHS OT)

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¹⁷⁰Let my pleading come before You; Save me according to Your word.

¹⁷¹Let my lips pour out praise, For You teach me Your statutes.

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¹⁷³Let Your hand be ready to help me, For I have chosen Your precepts.

¹⁷⁴I long for Your salvation, LORD, And Your Law is my delight.

¹⁷⁵Let my soul live that it may praise You, And let Your ordinances help me.

¹⁷⁶I have wandered about like a lost sheep; search for Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.

Psalms 119:169–176 (NASB 2020)

“I read my Bible.”

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“I read my Bible yesterday.”

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Psalms 119:169–176 (NASB 2020)

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word!

¹⁷⁰Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word.

¹⁷¹My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes.

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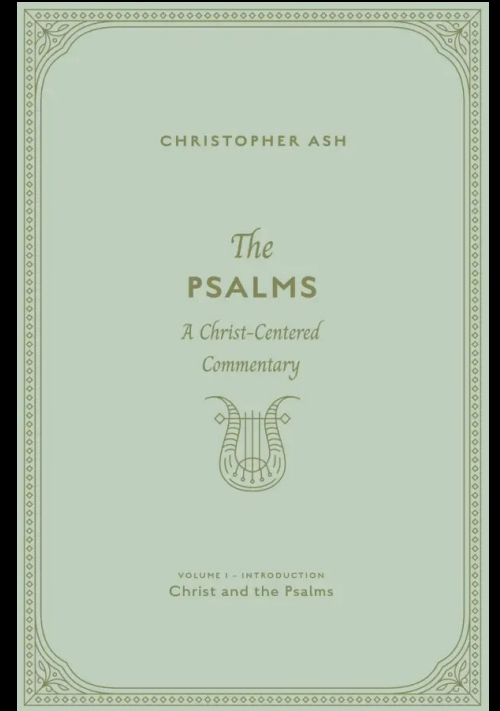
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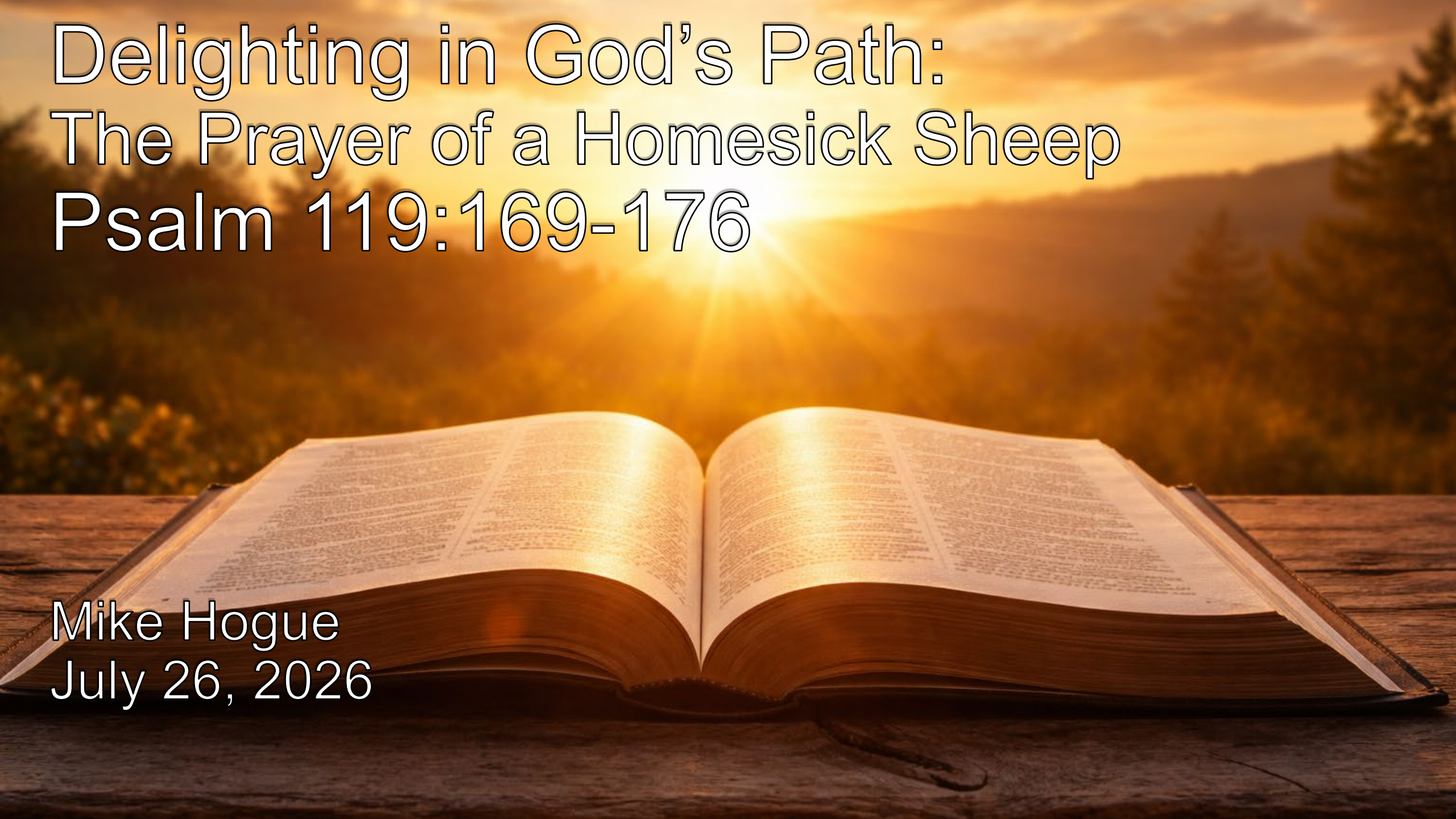
Psalm 119:169–176 (ESV)

The verbs pour forth and sing ought **probably to be translated as jussives** (against CSB, ESV, NRSV): “Let my lips pour forth.... Let my tongue sing ...”—**although the difference in meaning is small** between praying that he will and expressing his determination to do these things.



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Psalms 119:176 (ESV)

An open Bible lies flat on a dark wooden surface. The pages are white with black text, and the binding is visible in the center. The background is a warm, golden sunset or sunrise over a forested hillside, with the sun's rays creating a bright glow behind the Bible.

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The Prayer of a Homesick Sheep

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Psalms 119:169–170 (NASB 2020)

- Ps 119:34 Give me understanding, so that I may comply with Your Law And keep it with all *my* heart.
- Ps 119:73 Your hands made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, so that I may learn Your commandments.
- Ps 119:125 I am Your servant; give me understanding, So that I may know Your testimonies.
- Ps 119:144 Your testimonies are righteous forever; Give me understanding that I may live.
- Ps 119:169 Let my cry come before You, LORD; Give me understanding according to Your word.

⁹For this reason we also, since the day we heard *about it*, have not ceased praying for you and asking **that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding**, ¹⁰so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Colossians 1:9–10 (NASB 2020)

¹For I want you to know how great a struggle I have in your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, ²that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, **and *that they would attain to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself,*** ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:1–3 (NASB 2020)

⁵But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

James 1:5–6 (NASB 2020)

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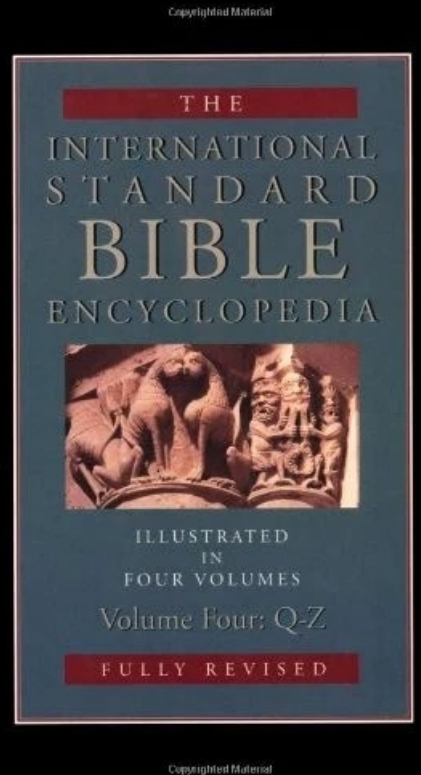
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2. Nāṣal The basic idea of this verb is to pull out, hence to deliver or free someone. It can have the sense of stripping off, and is especially so used in the piel. **By far the greatest usage is in the hiphil, with the sense of causing to be separate, usually translated “deliver.” It is typically followed by a reference to that from which one is delivered.**



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- from worthless things (37)
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Psalms 119:33–38 (NASB 2020)

33 _____, the _____ of _____, LORD, And I
_____ with it _____. 34 _____ me
_____, _____ I may _____ with Your
_____ And _____ it _____ *my* _____. 35 Make _____
in the _____, For I _____ in
it. 36 _____ to Your _____, And _____
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_____ at what is _____, And _____ in _____
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that which _____ for _____.

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Psalms 119:33–38 (NASB 2020)

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Psalms 119:33–38 (NASB 2020)

Psalm 119:33-38

1. Receive my prayer (169-170)

A. For comprehension (169)

B. For care (170)

C. Based on God's _____ (169-170)

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A. For comprehension (169)

B. For care (170)

C. Based on God's covenant (169-170)

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before You, LORD;
Give me understanding according to
Your word.

¹⁷⁰Let my pleading come before You;
Save me according to Your word.

Psalms 119:169–170 (NASB 2020)

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- Ps 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping *it* according to Your word.
- Ps 119:25 My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.
- Ps 119:28 My soul weeps because of grief; Strengthen me according to Your word.
- Ps 119:41 May Your favor also come to me, LORD, Your salvation according to Your word;
- Ps 119:58 I sought Your favor with all *my* heart; Be gracious to me according to Your word.
- Ps 119:65 You have treated Your servant well, LORD, according to Your word.
- Ps 119:76 May Your favor comfort me, According to Your word to Your servant.
- Ps 119:107 I am exceedingly afflicted; Revive me, LORD, according to Your word.
- Ps 119:116 Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.
- Ps 119:154 Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word.
- Ps 119:169 Let my cry come before You, LORD; Give me understanding according to Your word.
- Ps 119:170 Let my pleading come before You; Save me according to Your word.

⁶By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their lights. ⁷He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He puts the depths in storehouses. ⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. ⁹**For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood firm.**

Psalms 33:6–9 (NASB 2020)

¹God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ²**in these last days has spoken to us in *His Son***, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world. ³And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, Hebrews 1:1–3 (NASB 2020)

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind.

John 1:1–4 (NASB 2020)

²⁶God raised up His Servant for you first, and sent Him **to bless you** by turning every one *of you* from your wicked ways.”

Acts 3:26 (NASB 2020)

The Prayer of a Homesick Sheep

1. Receive my prayer (169-170)

_____ my _____ (171-172, 174b)

_____ me with your _____ (173-174)

_____ me to the _____ (175-176)

The Prayer of a Homesick Sheep

1. Receive my prayer (169-170)

2. Release my praise (171-172, 174b)

_____ me with your _____ (173-174)

_____ me to the _____ (175-176)

2. Release my praise (171-172, 174b)

A. Praise that _____ (171)

B. Praise that's _____ (172)

C. Praise that's _____ (171b, 172b, 174b)

2. Release my praise (171-172, 174b)

A. Praise that spills (171)

B. Praise that's _____ (172)

C. Praise that's _____ (171b, 172b, 174b)

¹⁷¹Let my lips pour out praise, For
You teach me Your statutes.

Psalms 119:171 (NASB 2020)



נָבַע (nāba')

qal: to gush

hif: 1. To allow to gush forth
2. To ferment (Ecc 10:1)





2. Release my praise (171-172, 174b)

A. Praise that spills (171)

B. Praise that's _____ (172)

C. Praise that's _____ (171b, 172b, 174b)

2. Release my praise (171-172, 174b)

A. Praise that spills (171)

B. Praise that's sung (172)

C. Praise that's _____ (171b, 172b, 174b)

¹⁷²Let my tongue sing about Your
word, For all Your commandments
are righteousness.

Psalms 119:172 (NASB 2020)

⁴⁵The good person out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil *person* out of the evil *treasure* brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills *his* heart.

Luke 6:45 (NASB 2020)

¹⁶Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another **with psalms, hymns, *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

Colossians 3:16 (NASB 2020)

2. Release my praise (171-172, 174b)

A. Praise that spills (171)

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C. Praise that's _____ (171b, 172b, 174b)

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C. Praise that's scriptural (171b, 172b, 174b)

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Psalm 119:171 (NASB 2020)

¹⁷²Let my tongue sing about Your word, **For all Your commandments are righteousness.**

Psalms 119:172 (NASB 2020)

¹⁷⁴I long for Your salvation, LORD,
And Your Law is my delight.

Psalms 119:174 (NASB 2020)

⁷My heart is steadfast, God, my heart
is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing
praises!

Psalms 57:7 (NASB 2020)

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2. Release my praise (171-172, 174b)
_____ me with your _____ (173-174)
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For I have chosen Your precepts.

¹⁷⁴I long for Your salvation, LORD, And
Your Law is my delight.

Psalms 119:173–174 (NASB 2020)

³⁶“For the LORD will vindicate His people, And will have compassion on His servants, When He sees that *their strength* is gone, And there is none *remaining*, bond or free.

Deuteronomy 32:36 (NASB 2020)

¹Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short
That it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull
That it cannot hear. ²But your
wrongdoings have caused a separation
between you and your God, And your sins
have hidden His face from you so that He
does not hear.

Isaiah 59:1–2 (NASB 2020)

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⁵I have decided to turn such a person over to Satan for the destruction of his body, so that his spirit may be saved on the day of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 5:5 (NASB 2020)

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¹⁷⁵Let my soul live that it may praise
You, And let Your ordinances **help**
me.

Psalms 119:175 (NASB 2020)

⁸⁶All Your commandments are faithful;
They have persecuted me with a lie;
help me!

Psalms 119:86 (NASB 2020)

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4. Restore me to the pasture (175-176)

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A. We _____ to _____ (175)

B. We _____ sometimes _____ (176a)

C. Our _____ _____ us (176b)

4. Restore me to the pasture (175-176)

A. We survive to sing (175)

B. We _____ sometimes _____ (176a)

C. Our _____ us (176b)

¹⁷⁵Let my soul live that it may praise
You, And let Your ordinances help
me.

Psalms 119:175 (NASB 2020)

³¹Therefore, whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do, **do all things for
the glory of God.**

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NASB 2020)

⁷For not one of us lives for himself,
and not one dies for himself; ⁸for if we
live, we live for the Lord, or if we die,
we die for the Lord; therefore whether
we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:7–8 (NASB 2020)

²¹For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21 (NASB 2020)

4. Restore me to the pasture (175-176)

A. We survive to sing (175)

B. We _____ sometimes _____ (176a)

C. Our _____ _____ us (176b)

4. Restore me to the pasture (175-176)

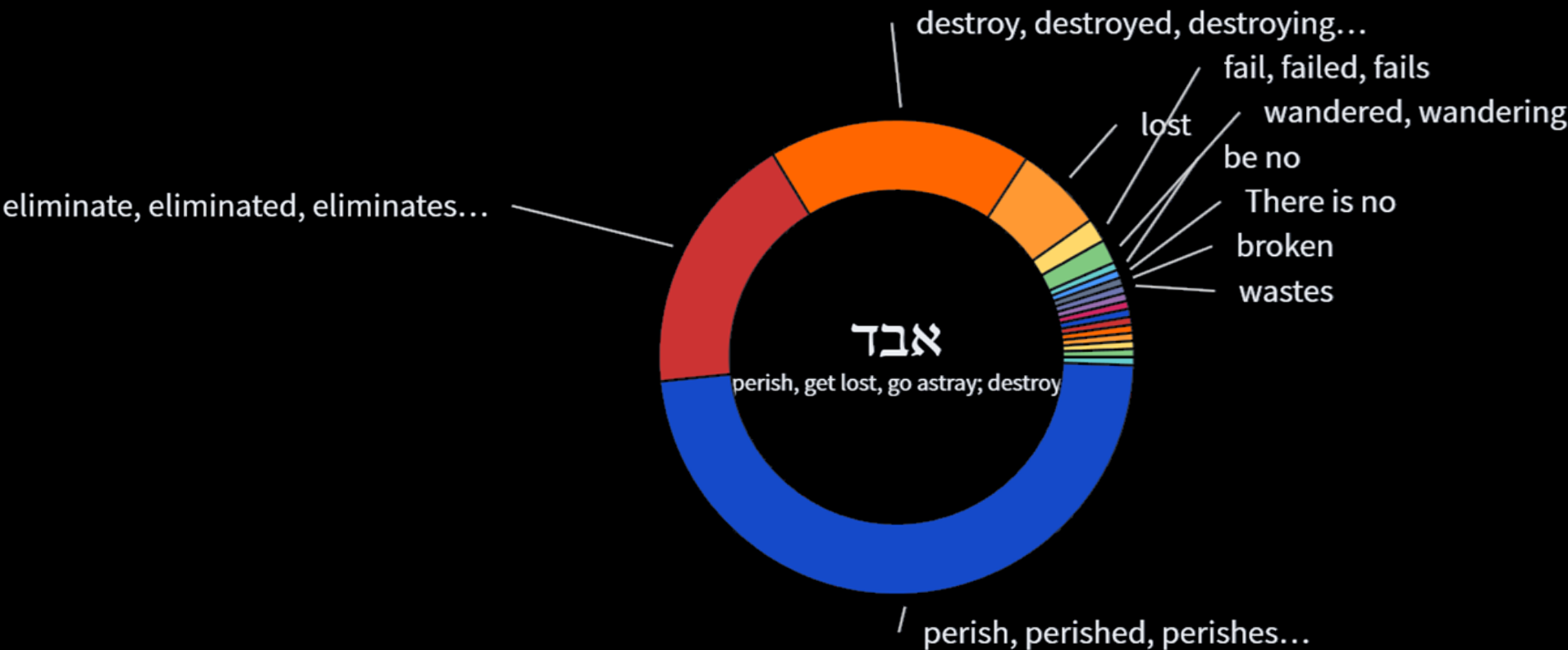
A. We survive to sing (175)

B. We sheep sometimes stray (176a)

C. Our _____ us (176b)

¹⁷⁶I have wandered about like a lost sheep; search for Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.

Psalms 119:176 (NASB 2020)



¹¹⁰The wicked have set a trap for me,
Yet I have not wandered from Your
precepts.

Psalms 119:110 (NASB 2020)

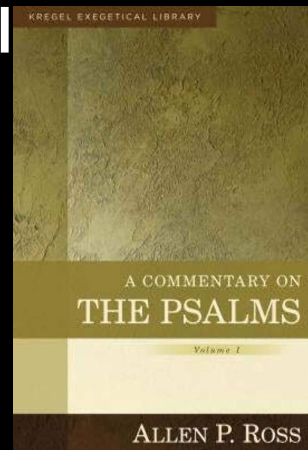
²For **we all stumble in many ways**. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to rein in the whole body as well.

James 3:2 (NASB 2020)

⁶All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the wrongdoing of us all To fall on Him.

Isaiah 53:6 (NASB 2020)

The people of God are a praying people; they pray continually for the LORD to hear and answer their prayers. But as they meditate in his word they also come to see more areas of their lives that are not right, for the Word of the LORD convicts them of their sin. Their prayers therefore necessarily include an appeal for forgiveness. The exposition of this stanza could then be summarized in this way: *When those who love God's word and seek to obey it do wander away from him, they must acknowledge their sin as they pray for him to rescue and restore them.*



4. Restore me to the pasture (175-176)

A. We survive to sing (175)

B. We sheep sometimes stray (176a)

C. Our _____ us (176b)

4. Restore me to the pasture (175-176)

A. We survive to sing (175)

B. We sheep sometimes stray (176a)

C. Our Shepherd seeks us (176b)

¹⁷⁶I have wandered about like a lost sheep; **search for Your servant**, For I do not forget Your commandments.

Psalms 119:176 (NASB 2020)

Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹For the Lord God says this: “Behold,
I Myself will search for My sheep and
look after them.

¹²As a shepherd cares for his flock on a day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day.

¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land.

¹⁴I will feed them in a good pasture,
and their grazing place will be on the
mountain heights of Israel. There
they will lie down in a good grazing
place and feed in rich pasture on the
mountains of Israel.

¹⁵I Myself will feed My flock and I
Myself will lead them to rest,”
declares the Lord God.

¹⁶“I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken, and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will eliminate. I will feed them with judgment.

Ezekiel 34:11–16 (NASB 2020)

Luke 15:3-7

³And so He told them this parable,
saying,

⁴“What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the *other* ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?

⁵And when he has found it, he puts it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost!'

⁷I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

Luke 15:3–7 (NASB 2020)

¹⁴I am the good shepherd, and I know
My own, and My own know Me,¹⁵ just
as the Father knows Me and I know the
Father; and I lay down My life for the
sheep.

John 10:14–15 (NASB 2020)

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Call out to the Shepherd with your prayer, your praise, and your wandering – then trust Him to bring you home!

Psalm 119 Key Takeaways:

1. God's Word is a believer's supreme treasure
2. God's Word is sufficient for every circumstance
3. God's Word transforms those who meditate on it and obey it
4. Obedience flows from love
5. Affliction is a means to spiritual growth
6. Dependence on God's grace is essential