

Prayer for God's Guidance through His Word

Psalms 119:169-175

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Reflections

This final section of Psalms 119 is a good summary of all that had been written before it. In it the psalmist declares in no uncertain terms that his desire is to live according to God's commandments. At the same time, he acknowledges that in spite of this desire, he is still a lost sheep needing to be found by the Great Shepherd of His people.

Questions

1. In the first 4 verses, the psalmist uses a different method in each verse to describe his prayers for God guidance. What are they? V169-172
2. What does the psalmist ask for in the first two of these verses and what does he praise God for in the last two? V169-172
3. In the next 2 verses, what does the psalmist ask for and what is his reason for asking? V173-174
4. In the last 2 verses, what does the psalmist confess and what does he pray for? V175-176
5. The second half of each of these speaks of the psalmist's desire to know and follow God's word. How is this an example for us as Christians today?

Conclusion

Our prayer life should rest solidly on God's faithfulness in keeping His word. As a result, we can come before Him in confidence, praying for guidance, deliverance, and forgiveness, each of which are promised and exemplified in His Word. What better foundation to build our life on than God's word? It is as sure as bedrock and more solid than anything that man has discovered in His creation. When our life is built on it, nothing can come against us which will lessen our faith in God.

There and Then: Here and Now

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study²: *my LOG vs others SPECK*. Here are some possible responses I've identified from the text that might apply to anyone.

S - Are there *sins* for me to avoid or confess?

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P - Are there *promises* from God for me to claim?

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E - Are there *examples* for me to follow or avoid?

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C - Are there *commands* for me to obey?

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K - How has this passage increased my *knowledge* about God / Jesus / Holy Spirit?

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¹ (NASB) "Group" column from the headings in the NASB text.

² *Navigator Bible Study Handbook* (The Navigators), with additions & Matthew 7:1-5.

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Response to Questions

1. v169—let my cry come before You; 170—let my supplication come before You; 171—let my lips utter praise; 172—let my tongue sing of Your word
 2. v169—understanding according to Your word; 170—Deliver me according to Your word; 171—you teach me Your statutes; 172—all Your commandments are righteousness
 3. v173—asks for God's had to be ready to help; 174—he longs for God's salvation
 4. 175—asks for God wot allow his soul to live so that it can praise God; 176—asks God to seek him like a lost sheep
 5. It reminds us that God is faithful in keeping His word and it can be counted on. This should result in our praising God in our prayers and form the contents of our prayers to Him.
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