

The Comfort of God's Word:¹

Psalms 119

Introduction:

1. The various situations of our lives cause us to ask:

Psalms 119:82

My eyes fail with longing for Your word, While I say, "When will You comfort me?" NASU

2. Psalm 119 is an acrostic Hebrew poem, with eight lines in 22 stanzas, with each line in each stanza beginning with a succeeding letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This memory device would aid memorization for the Hebrew reader.

Psalms 119:97

O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. NASU

3. One of the great themes of Psalms 119 is God's comfort and the many situations of our lives where only God is able to really comfort us.
 - a. The power of God's truth in the heart, mind and soul draws the troubled life closer to God, gives help to cope with difficulties, and helps to put things in a calming spiritual perspective.
 - b. Bible reading, meditation, prayer, praise and scriptural application before God build greater trust and spiritual peace.
 - c. When feeling troubled, it is good and empowering to memorize and meditate on these verses during the day.

Psalms 119:50

This is my comfort in my affliction, That Your word has revived me. NASU

In times of:

1. **Spiritual Deadness** – When I feel low and dead within

Psalms 119:25

My soul cleaves to the dust; Revive me according to Your word. NASU

Psalms 119:88

Revive me according to Your loving-kindness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth. NASU

Psalms 119:93

I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have revived me. NASU

Psalms 119:159

Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O Lord, according to Your loving-kindness. NASU

¹ Idea and some of the wording and scriptures from *The Comfort of God's Word*, by Frank Walton
Document1

2. **Grief, Trouble and Anguish** – There are situations in our lives that only God and His Word can really touch.

Psalms 119:28

My soul weeps because of grief; Strengthen me according to Your word. NASU

Psalms 119:143

Trouble and anguish have come upon me, Yet Your commandments are my delight. NASU

3. **Doubt and Insecurity**– How will this all turn out?

Psalms 119:31

I cling to Your testimonies; O Lord, do not put me to shame! NASU

Psalms 119:52

I have remembered Your ordinances from of old, O Lord, And comfort myself. NASU

Psalms 119:116

Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope. NASU

4. **Depression and Joy** – The ups and downs of life what is the constant anchor that holds us steady on course?

Psalms 119:54

Your statutes are my songs In the house of my pilgrimage. NASU

Psalms 119:129

Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul observes them. NASU

5. **Being Alone and Loneliness** - Feeling small an insignificant – When men desert or betray me or hurt me.

Psalms 119:57

The Lord is my portion; I have promised to keep Your words. NASU

Psalms 119:87

They almost destroyed me on earth, But as for me, I did not forsake Your precepts. NASU

Psalms 119:141

I am small and despised, Yet I do not forget Your precepts. NASU

6. **Reflection on My Life** – In times of reflection self-evaluation and insight

Psalms 119:59

I considered my ways And turned my feet to Your testimonies. NASU

Psalms 119:165

Those who love Your law have great peace, And nothing causes them to stumble. NASU

7. Affliction, Diseases, Even Death – Sickness and death are no match for the Word of God

Psalms 119:71

It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes. NASU

Psalms 119:77

May Your compassion come to me that I may live, For Your law is my delight. NASU

Psalms 119:92

If Your law had not been my delight, Then I would have perished in my affliction. NASU

Psalms 119:107

I am exceedingly afflicted; Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word. NASU

8. Feeling Unloved – When we think that no one cares

Psalms 119:76

O may Your loving-kindness comfort me, According to Your word to Your servant. NASU

9. Exhaustion, Waiting Patiently for God to Act – Time lays heavy on our hands as we wait for resolution or relief

Psalms 119:81-83

My soul languishes for Your salvation; I wait for Your word.

82 My eyes fail with longing for Your word, While I say, "When will You comfort me?"

83 Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, I do not forget Your statutes. NASU

Psalms 119:145

I cried with all my heart; answer me, O Lord! I will observe Your statutes. NASU

10. Darkness and Feeling Lost – When I have lost my way and do not see what to do

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. NASU

Psalms 119:101

I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. NASU

Psalms 119:170

Let my supplication come before You; Deliver me according to Your word. NASU

11. Danger – When I feel I am in danger and under attack

Psalms 119:114

You are my hiding place and my shield; I wait for Your word. NASU

12. Sin and Shame – When my sin separates me from my God

Psalms 119:176

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your commandments.
NASU

Conclusion:

1. Our God is a God of all comfort.
2. He comforts by His Word.
3. He comforts us by His comforters.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. NASU

Let us be comforted and then comfort others!

Psalms 119:97

O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. NASU

Song #407

He Leadeth Me

D4-sol