

Segment 7 – Ps 119:49-56...Hope and comfort in God and His word

3. Keeping close to the Lord and His word Ps 119:54-56

c) Challenge to keep his hope and comfort strong Ps 119:52

b) The Word of God is the basis of our hope Ps 119:49

2. Finding comfort too

- a) The Psalmist also finds comfort in his afflictions Ps 119:50
- b) Also derived from the word God Ps 119:50
- c) Comfort is something that is experienced

The Psalmist's perspective of life due to the problems of life Ps 119:54,55

1. The house of my pilgrimage Ps 119:54

- a) The Psalmist saw himself as being on a pilgrimage
- b) Original understanding Deut 26:5
- c) Applied lesson Ps 119:54

2. The night seasons of life

- a) Challenging times seen as night Ps 119:55
- b) Due to the problems of life
- c) Struggles in feelings

Respond by keeping close to the Lord and His word

- 1. The word of God as the Psalmist's song Ps 119:54
- 2. Remembering God's sacred name Ps 119:55
- 3. He is determined to keep the Law of God Ps 119:55
- 4. The word had become personal and close to his heart Ps 119:56

Application

- 1. Increase learning
 - a. Discovering specific knowledge of hope and comfort in the Lord's Word
 - b. A sharper perspective of life
- 2. Cleansing
 - a. Being cleansed of the things of the world
 - b. Seeing life as a pilgrimage
- 3. Improving service
 - a. Challenged to hold fast to the word as a servant of the Lord
 - b. Keeping close to the Lord and His word