# Ps 119:49-56

#### The journey so far

Segment 1 - Ps 119:1-8...Lack of knowledge

Segment 2 - Ps 119:9-16...Cleansing and changing

Segment 3 – Ps 119:17-24...Becoming a servant of the Lord

Segment 4 – Ps 119:25-32... Seeking revival in times of feeling down

Segment 5 – Ps 119:33-40...The direct involvement of God in the teaching process

Segment 6 – Ps 119:41-48...The deliverance of God

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

#### **Division of segment**

1. Facing Problems in life Ps 119:50-53

2. Finding hope and comfort Ps 119:49-50

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

## Facing the problems of life Ps 119:50-53

1. The problems of life

a) Afflictions Ps 119:50

b) Derision Ps 119:51

2. Understanding the wicked Ps 119:53

a) The enemies of the Psalmist were considered the wicked

b) Responding with feelings of indignation Ps 119:53

3. Holding fast to the Lord's Word

a) Not to turn aside Ps 119:51

b) To remember the Lord's Word Ps 119:52

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

#### Finding hope and comfort in the Lord and His word Ps 119:49-50

- 1. Learning to find a sense of hope
  - a) The Psalmist recognised the need to exercise hope
  - 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