

**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

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Segment 11 – Ps 119:81-88... The need for further revival

**Division of segment**

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| 1. Facing the problem of further afflictions | Ps 119:81-87 |
| 2. Looking for answers                       | Ps 119:81-86 |
| 3. The need for the Lord's revival           | Ps 119:88    |

**Facing the problem of further afflictions**

Ps 119:81-87

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| 1. The afflictions did not go away                     |           |
| a) Persecution became more intense                     | Ps 119:84 |
| b) The proud had “dug pits” for him                    | Ps 119:85 |
| c) They persecuted him wrongfully                      | Ps 119:86 |
| d) They threatened to end his life                     | Ps 119:87 |
| 2. Afflictions caused depressive thoughts and feelings |           |
| a) His soul faints                                     | Ps 119:81 |
| b) Hope is challenged                                  | Ps 119:81 |
| c) Comfort is not found                                | Ps 119:82 |
| d) Feels like a wineskin in smoke                      | Ps 119:83 |
| e) Feels life is ending                                | Ps 119:84 |

3. Struggling with depressive thoughts

**Looking for an answer**

**Ps 119:81-86**

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| 1. The Psalmist tried to find a way out by crying out to the Lord |           |
| a) For His salvation  | Ps 119:81 |

- b) Hope to be given Ps 119:81
- c) Searching for a word of comfort from the Lord Ps 119:82
- d) For judgment against persecutors Ps 119:84
- e) For the Lord's help Ps 119:86

2. But he did not succeed

3. Nonetheless he sought to hold on to the Lord's Word

- a) Sought not to forget His word Ps 119:83
- b) Held on that all His commandments are faithful Ps 119:86
- c) He did not forsake the Lord's Word Ps 119:87

### **The need for revival**

**Ps 119:88**

1. Revival was what the Psalmist needed

2. A plea for revival

- a) Revival sought Ps 119:88
- b) The lovingkindness of God understood
- c) God's great lovingkindness to be appreciated
  - i) It is marvelous Ps 17:7
  - ii) It is precious Ps 36:7
  - iii) It is better than life Ps 63:3
- d) God's lovingkindness brought about a revival
- e) Determination to keep the Lord's Word Ps 119:88

### **Application**

1. Recognise the danger of depression when faced with continued afflictions
2. Understand there are times when answers from the Lord are not forthcoming
3. Seeking the Lord for His revival