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Psalm 119:145-152 Qoph

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It is fitting that the greatest tribute to the Word of God is IN the Word of God, itself, and is in the longest chapter of the Word of God! This Psalm has no author's name, historical incident, or other distraction from its theme. It is divided into 22 sections (one for every letter in the Hebrew alphabet), each consisting of 8 lines, each line beginning with the alphabet letter of that section (*aleph* is the first letter of each line under the *aleph* section, for instance). The chapter uses some eight to ten different words to describe the Word of God, each bringing something extra to the total picture of the Word of Truth. In order to savor the depth and richness of teaching in this Psalm, we will examine each portion as if it were its own chapter.



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Whose Prayers Are Heard

Verses 145-148 tell who is praying;
Verses 149-152 tell what to expect.

Verses 145-148: (Verse 145) To "cry" out indicates the sincerity from a "whole heart." Answered prayer comes from those who "keep" His "statutes" (words marking out the right way). God knows whether His people approached Him with their "whole heart" or "in pretense" ([Jeremiah 3:10](#)), and planned for them to return to Him "with their whole heart" ([Jeremiah 24:7](#)). The first and greatest commandment under Moses and Jesus Christ is to love God "with all your heart" ([Deuteronomy 6:5](#); [Mark 12:30](#); [Acts 8:37](#)).

(Verse 146) The appeal for God to "hear" is followed by "save me" for the purpose of keeping His "testimonies" (words showing God's character in dealing with people).

(Verses 147-148) Because "hope" (anticipation, expectation of faith) springs from God's "word," prayer begins before sunrise and can extend throughout the night. Not one long prayer, but continually, as Jesus "spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart" ([John 18:1](#)). Paul taught: "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving" ([Colossians 4:2](#)).

All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.



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It is the "meditation" (a lost capability in this electronic age!) upon His "word" that helps one approach God with boldness. It takes time and concentration to "meditate," not distraction, illusion, fantasy. Prayer is approaching God when one has approached God's Word.

Verses 149-152: (Verse 149) When God "hears" (gives attention to), it is because of His "lovingkindness" (used 22 times in Psalms). "I know that You *are* a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm" ([Jonah 4:2](#)). "Loving" and "kindness" go hand-in-hand, whether in dating, marriage, or devotion! Knowing God's "justice" ([Deuteronomy 10:17-20](#)), we are "revived" (ready for another effort). **(Verse 150)** Through God's Word, we know He recognizes people who "are far from" His "law" are following "wickedness." "The righteous *God* wisely considers the house of the wicked, Overthrowing the wicked for *their* wickedness" ([Proverbs 21:12](#)).

(Verse 151) The "wicked" are far from God's Word, but the faithful find God "near" because they regard "all" His "commandments" as "truth." NO commandment of God is "burdensome" ([1 John 5:3](#)). **(Verse 152)** God's "testimonies" have always proved to be accurate throughout every person's lifetime. Those who have the privilege of knowing the Holy Scriptures "from childhood" will have little difficulty accepting them as having been "given by inspiration of God" and making one "complete" ([2 Timothy 3:14-17](#)).

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