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PROLOGUE I

Beloved brethren, one day, praying in our Daily Devotional in January 2016, the Lord told us that in Psalm 119 was the theme for the next Church Retreat that would take place in 2017, and He gave us the title of which we took careful note: "The Cry for the Word of God." But at that time, we did not understand why that theme; we were going through the trial of our daughter Lays's cancer, which was diagnosed in 2015 in its terminal stage, but she received the powerful healing from our Christ in that same year, when in a visit, He told her "There is rain here, is taking cancer cells out of the body, you will not die"; the Lord told our daughter that the trial was allowed by Him for the perfection of her little heart; and that she was going to overcome such trial. In those days, when she was just healed, the Lord gave us two powerful Prophetic Words, He said: "When there is nothing it can do, then I will show My glory," and, "I have granted a mighty psaltery for Berea¹."

In 2015, after this powerful healing, our daughter carried out her worship ministry; she praised the Lord, preached, and testified of her healing in several missions in the towns of Atlántico (a Northern Department of Colombia). God mightily healed our daughter Lays to work for Him in the worship ministry during all of 2015. However, at the end of this year, some symptoms began to manifest, indicating that the cancer had returned. God had a powerful purpose with this new trial, which we did not understand at that moment.

When 2016 began, the symptoms of cancer increased. In the face of the evidence of the eyes, God gave us a Prophetic Word that we embraced, which certified that He had healed her. In 2016, we had to wage a battle between this Prophetic Word and the faith that the Lord gave us against the evidence of the disease. We trusted in God and took refuge in Him and His Word; therefore, we believed that the Lord was going to manifest Himself immediately with power since He had said that our daughter was not going to die.

There were very difficult months during which the Lord strengthened us because He constantly spoke to us of Lays's powerful ministry of praise on all the Earth, which we were assured would be fulfilled at that time. However, everything seemed to indicate that she was going to depart, and so the Lord said one morning: "She will lose the breath of life until I say 'Talitha, cumi.'"

During those last days of the trial at its climax, the Lord began to pour out praises upon us, lyrics taken from His Holy Word; we did not understand this because the suffering was so

¹ Berea Barranquilla Ministries.

great; now we understand that this was God's way of comforting us, strengthening us and preparing everything for what was coming next. The Lord revealed several Worship Songs at that time in Spanish: Those that were launched in the first river of praise in 2020, such as *The Song of Moses*², *Psalm 56*³, and *King Forever*⁴; and those that were launched in the second river of praise in 2022 such as *Psalm 59*⁵, *Psalm 61*⁶, and *Abba Father*. Just in those days of pain, the Lord began to give us *The Psalm 119 Daily Devotional*; each day, He poured out abundant teaching upon us and told us: "Write!".

On one of those days in 2016, God remembered us the theme of the church retreat that would take place in 2017, "The Cry for the Word of God," and told us that this would be the title of the Daily Devotional about Psalm 119 that the Holy Spirit was making us write. At that time, we had forgotten that the Lord had already given that theme because the trial intensified, and our daughter was physically getting worse.

One morning, the Lord spoke to us audibly and told us, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Another day, He told us, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God," reminding us of the verse of Romans 8:28. Indeed, we did not want to listen to this at that time, because we prayed and fasted for a long time, days, weeks, for Lays to get out of bed and continue her ministry on this Earth. And we were convinced of that because of the healing she had received from God Himself.

In all the churches, these miracles, signs of healing, are expected, and when they occur, they testify of the power of God; there is joy; many say that God is "blessing" them, as the people of Israel affirmed during the first coming of Christ when He did so many miracles. We thought that way; we dreamed of seeing our daughter walking and singing to the Lord in our church, preaching, testifying, and traveling on evangelistic and teaching missions.

²Rodríguez, Y., Hernández, I. (2020). *Alabanza Berea - CÁNTICO DE MOISÉS (Audio-Lyrics)* [Berea Worship - THE SONG OF MOSES (Audio-Lyrics)] [Video]. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/8PY5Wr95quQ?si=mzfJcbbjRNgnfTnm>

³Rodríguez, Y., Hernández, I. (2020). *Alabanza Berea - SALMO 56 (Audio-Lyrics)* [Berea Worship – PSALM 56 (Audio-Lyrics)] [Video]. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/Zq-tl2Cth3M?si=6oaEQB6NFxNDMnsP>

⁴Rodríguez, Y., Hernández, I. (2020). *Alabanza Berea - REY ETERNO (Audio-Lyrics)* [Berea Worship – KING FOREVER (Audio-Lyrics)] [Video]. YouTube. https://youtu.be/MxOptxVE6RI?si=rpo3H4BU_S6L3iFo

⁵ Rodríguez, Y., Hernández, I. (2020). *SALMO 59 [PSALM 59]* [Video]. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/bQ7IIF5CMrw?si=kxl2o6QxRTm9HBE->

⁶ Rodríguez, Y., Hernández, I. (2020). *SALMO 61 [PSALM 61]* [Video]. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/AjIVKvNcfuw?si=ZOGRFDDx5EKpf4Zy>

When we wrote this prologue, we were convinced that this would happen. It was at that moment that the Lord spoke to us and told us that we were going to write a second prologue, and we said to ourselves: "God wants us to write a second prologue because we are going to write how God will raise up Lays, manifest His power and His wonders"; and so, it happened...

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PROLOGUE II

On December 27th, 2016, our daughter Lays slept; she departed to the New Jerusalem with a beautiful smile on her lips. However, we believed with all our hearts that God could raise her to life because we remembered the Prophetic Word He had said to her, "You will not die," and the one He had given us, "She will lose the breath of life until I say '*Talitha, cumi.*'" We believed that on that day, December 27th, He was going to raise her to life. But this did not happen; what happened? This was the question we asked ourselves. But the King had prepared His powerful answers...

We were in pain and full of questions, but our hearts were humbled before the King, without complaint, without questioning, because the first teaching we received is that He is Sovereign, and we must accept with humility, thanksgiving, and adoration all that comes from His hands.

In those days, in the midst of the pain of Lays's absence, morning, noon, and night, we looked up to Heaven and said, "We want to be there, Lord; take us to the New Jerusalem." We never thought she could depart; we always believed that we were going to depart before her. But, God decided otherwise and taught us: «⁸ "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, / Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the Lord. ⁹"For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, / So are My ways higher than your ways, / And My thoughts than your thoughts.» (Isaiah 55:8-9).

What are the higher ways and thoughts that God wanted to teach us?

One of the answers to this question is the second teaching that the Lord gave us with the trial and departure of Lays, and this second teaching was that He opened our eyes and our hearts to ETERNITY; the King placed in our soul and spirit the knowledge of the New Jerusalem, the city of the living God because Lays was already there in the New Jerusalem; and we could experience the privilege that she had, to arrive at the Father's house, which He granted to our daughter in His endless mercy. We were in so much pain, but the King comforted our hearts with this powerful truth.

The second answer to the question, and the third teaching, manifested itself in the first days of January 2017, and it was the remembrance of a mission that the Lord delivered just after He healed Lays in 2015. We had a vision in the middle of a prayer meeting in our room: the Lord came in, approached Lays, laid His hand on her abdomen, then on her neck, and finally on her head; then He approached the servant Yolanda, and she, guided by the Holy Spirit

asked Him in her mind "when are You going to come, Lord?", and He answered audibly "it will be a little while."

On that day the Lord gave pastor Gabriel the mission to preach of His coming for the Church in the Rapture and preach of the Tribulation Judgment. We had forgotten this mission in the tough trial of 2016, but the Lord reminded us of it those first days of January 2017. He also reminded us that, on a trip to New York, early in 2016, in a square in the city we saw some Asians preaching about the Rapture of the Church and distribute brochures in English; we took one of these, because the Lord placed the feeling in our hearts that we should do the same in Colombia.

In the week of January 9th to 14th, 2017, the Lord reminded us of the mission He delivered in 2015 when He entered the room just after He healed Lays; He also reminded us of the small brochure from New York, which had been lost, but we were able to find it; in that week, we wrote the first sermon of the series "Preparing for the coming of the King,"⁷ which was the name given by the Lord; and on Sunday, January 17th, 2017 it was launched on the YouTube channel Berea Films Barranquilla.

As it is confirmed in the first sermons published on our channel, at that time, we thought that the series would have only three or four sermons, but the King surprised us again by giving us much more because He "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (Ephesians 3:20). Sometime later, the Lord gave us 150 sermons altogether of "Preparing for the coming of the King" and 60 sermons of "Prepared for the coming of the King,"⁸ because He had a powerful plan that He carried out through Berea Barranquilla Ministries, which is coming to an end, in these days of the writing of this second prologue.

And you, beloved reader, may ask yourself, what is the relationship of this brief story with this book, *The Cry for the Word of God*? It is very much related because it was during the painful trial with our daughter Lays that we wrote every part of this book, and in this process, the Lord strengthened us so much with His powerful Word. It was in those days when we began to cry out for the Word of God to fill our soul, our spirit and comfort our heart; and indeed, the Lord answered our prayer, for He filled us with eternity and His taught, preached and sung Word, when He took Lays to the New Jerusalem.

⁷ You can watch the complete series of "Preparing for the Coming of the King," in Spanish, at the following link: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2xb9peCdEMIN1eOatAterhJHJmP3vpzc&si=AFInUOIRst5QgutP>

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Indeed, the Lord fulfilled the Prophetic Word He gave us in 2015, for Lays did not die. How could she die if she went to the land of the living, to the New Jerusalem? How could she die if the Lord is the God of the living and not of the dead? For to Him all who go to the Heavenly City are alive, as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Luke 20:37-38). How could Lays die if the hope of eternal life dwelt in her heart, the living and precious faith? How could Lays die if she was delivered from death when she left her body of death? How could Lays die if her soul and spirit were and are alive, and the Lord gave her a perfect body until He gives her the glorified body?

Lays's trial opened our hearts to the King's eternal promises: the main promise, which is the holy descendants that will multiply eternally; the promise of the New Earth and the New Heavens, and the promise of the Eternal Government, priesthood, and kingship that our descendants will inherit forever and ever.

These powerful truths are those that are in the Word of God, which motivates us to make a cry for it; because the cry for the Word is the groaning of the Spirit for the adoption, the redemption of the body, it is the cry for the coming of the Lord in the Rapture, it is the cry to be worthy to escape from all that is to come, from the judgments of the Tribulation; It is the cry for the coming of the Lord's Kingdom, His Millennial Kingdom, and His Eternal Kingdom because He has promised to wipe away every tear of our eyes and give us the New Heavens and the New Earth where there will be no death, no weeping and no pain:

⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

(Revelation 21:4-7)

The trial of Lays not only resulted in this book of Psalm 119, but in all the books of the Berea Barranquilla Ministries⁹, especially the book *The Eternal Kingdom: Descendants, New Earth*,

⁹ Among the books that the Lord has given us by His infinite mercy are: *"Biblical Counseling"* (Spanish), *"Christology"* (Spanish), *"The Church in the End Times"* (Available in English), *"God is the Judge over all Earth"* (Available in English), *"The Judgment of forsakenness upon the apostate Church"* (Spanish), *"Prophet of God and false prophets"* (Spanish), *"The Remnant of the Rapture"* (Spanish). All these books are available for free download at: <https://www.ministeriobereabarranquilla.com/en/libros>

*and Government*¹⁰ in which the King, in His infinite mercy, opened to us the promises of His eternal covenants, which are based on His glorious attributes. In addition to these books, the trial with our daughter made all the sermons that the Lord poured out from 2017 until now; they were glorious teachings, full of eternity that God will use in a powerful way during the Tribulation, because they will give hope to all those who want to receive the living water, because all the material goods and the elements that are on this Earth will be burned up (2 Peter 3:11-13).

The only hope in the face of a devastated world during the seven years of the Tribulation Judgment will be the Millennial Kingdom of Christ and the Eternal Kingdom, a hope that abounds in the Well of Living Waters, which is our website: Berea Barranquilla Ministries¹¹ and the YouTube channels: Berea Films Barranquilla¹² and Ministerio Berea Barranquilla [Berea Barranquilla Ministries]¹³. The Lord has told us that He will use these channels mightily during this time of Tribulation Judgment. Therefore, our prayer for all those who read this daily devotional book is that they will also cry out for the Word of God, that they may know the riches of the glory of the King and His eternal, incorruptible and undefiled inheritance for all the saints (Ephesians 1:18; 1 Peter 1:3-4).

If you read this book and the Church has already caught away in the Rapture and you find yourself in the middle of the Tribulation Judgment, this devotional will be a great strength, because you will also be able to cry out to be filled with the Word of God, which will give you hope and faith to endure until the end of the seven years of judgment; and it will also make you remain in Christ Jesus to enter His Millennial Kingdom, where you will be part of His government of justice and holiness; and if you depart before the end of the seven years of the terrible judgment of the Tribulation because of the testimony of Jesus, you will have the certainty of opening your eyes in the New Jerusalem to see the face of the King.

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¹⁰ For a free download of the book *The Eternal Kingdom* see: Ferrer, G., Rodríguez, Y. (2023). *The Eternal Kingdom: Descendants, New Earth, and Government*. Berea Editions. <https://www.ministeriobereabarranquilla.com/en/el-reino-eterno>

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DAY 1: Aleph (א):

The joy of Your Word, O God, fills me and strengthens me!: «*Blessed are the undefiled in the way, / Who walk in the law of the Lord!*» (Psalm 119:1).

¹ Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the LORD!

² Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies,
Who seek Him with the whole heart!

³ They also do no iniquity;
They walk in His ways.

⁴ You have commanded *us*
To keep Your precepts diligently.

⁵ Oh, that my ways were directed
To keep Your statutes!

⁶ Then I would not be ashamed,
When I look into all Your commandments.

⁷ I will praise You with uprightness of heart,
When I learn Your righteous judgments.

⁸ I will keep Your statutes;
Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

Time of thinking



The world has a concept of happiness centered on materialism. Many people believe that to be happy is to live comfortably, have possessions, a profession, a job, material prosperity, be popular or famous, and have power. Many are worried about having these things or some of them. Those who do not have them are considered unhappy and are viewed that way by society.

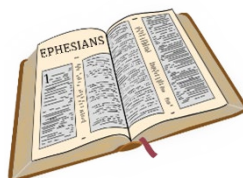
In the Bible, we find three situations that tremendously confront people with the philosophy or belief mentioned before. The first one is the parable that Jesus told about the rich man whose inheritance had yielded plentifully. When he wondered within himself what shall he do with all those abundant crops, he decided to build his barns bigger so he could store his crops and goods. But God said to him: «'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?» (Luke 12:20).

It is the same message that we find in the second situation described in Scripture when Jesus said: «¹⁹Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...» (Matthew 6:19-21). Where is your treasure? Where is your happiness? If your treasure is in this world and this Earth, then your heart is there.

The third situation happened when Jesus said: «For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?» (Matthew 16:26).

The Lord teaches here that one must be rich toward God, that we must lay up for ourselves treasures in the Celestial Kingdom where we belong as children of God, where we have our citizenship, where we have our name registered. The things of this Earth are worthless; they are corruptible and lead to perdition, possessions, fame, power, pleasures of all kinds, and money, for the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil that leads to the Hell those who covet it (1 Timothy 6:10), who love the world and the things of the world, is an enemy of God (James 4:4).

The teaching of today



The first part of Psalm 119 begins by saying: «¹Blessed are the undefiled in the way, / Who walk in the law of the Lord! / ²Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, / Who seek Him with the whole heart!» (Psalm 119:1-2). The word that the New King James Version (NKJV) translates as "blessed" in Hebrew is *'esher* (אֲשֶׁר) which means "blessed, happy." The Lord describes those who are blessed and happy; He says they are:

- ✓ Those who walk in the Law of the Lord.
- ✓ Those who keep His testimonies.
- ✓ Those who seek Him with the whole heart.

Those who walk in the Word of God, that is, those who keep the Word of God, those who do not forget it, but keep it in mind every day, are blessed. How can we not remember here the voice of the psalmist David in the first psalm that inaugurates the Psalter!: «¹Blessed [Heb. *'esher* (אֲשֶׁר)] is the man / Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, / Nor stands in the

path of sinners, / Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; / ²But his delight is in the law of the Lord, / And in His law he meditates day and night.» (Psalm 1:1-2).

Those who are double happy delight in God's Word and meditate on it all the time; What is the reward or the result? He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, which means that he will stand fast and rooted in God's way that leads to eternity (Psalm 1:3), to the New Jerusalem, he will bring its fruit in its season (Psalm 1:3); that is, that he will do God's will, execute his purposes and carry out the work that the Lord has appointed him to do, and whatever he does shall prosper (Psalm 1:3), which means that he will grow spiritually and will fully fulfill God's plan. And this fruit is eternal because he will bear fruit forever.

In this first part of Psalm 119, we also remember the beatitudes that the Lord Jesus Christ taught in the Sermon on the Mount, whose reward is the reward that He has prepared for us in Heaven: «Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven...» (Matthew 5:12).

Are you now blessed and happy, as Psalm 119:1 says? How is your daily walking in the Lord and his Word? Are you keeping the Word of God? Are you seeking the face of God with all your heart? These questions confront us because they invite us to meditate that the relationship with the Lord is not a routine, it is not a religion, it is not a ritual practice, it is not a custom, it is not a part of social life.

The Lord wants His children to have a genuine, alive, and powerful relationship with Him based on a deep love of believers. He asks us today: Are you walking on my Word? Do you keep it? Do you seek me with all your heart? In John 14:15, Jesus tells us: «If you love Me, keep My commandments.», and He adds: «He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.» (John 14:21).

Blessed are those who keep the Word of God because they love God and are loved by the Lord, Hallelujah!

The psalmist also says that all those who seek the Lord with all their heart are blessed; the Scriptures say that those who seek the Lord will receive a reward, which is His presence for eternity in Heaven.

Those who fulfill the three requirements and therefore are blessed - they walk in the Word of God, keep it, and seek the Lord - are those of the undefiled in the way who do not do

iniquity and do not practice sin (Psalm 119:3). Therefore, God gives us a commission: To keep His precepts diligently (Psalm 119:4). The psalmist cries out so that he may keep God's commandments and knows that the only way his ways were directed by God (Psalm 119:5). When we keep the Word of God, and our steps are directed by God, the enemy won't be able to shame us (Psalm 119:6).

What God is saying to you today



When we keep the Word of God, and our steps are directed, it is possible to worship Him because our worship must be with uprightness of heart (Psalm 119:7); Are our hearts uprights so that we can praise God as He deserves to be praised?

In our hearts, we must long to keep the Word of God and make the declaration that the psalmist does: «I will keep Your statutes» (Psalm 199:8a), but we must also make the petition to the Lord: «Oh, do not forsake me utterly!»

Let us pray to the Lord



Everlasting Father, King of Glory and majesty,
My soul inquires for Your presence,
I seek You in the day and the night watches,
Because I want to feel Your presence,
I want to listen to Your sweet voice,
I want to be guided by Your Spirit,
Because You will take me home soon, Father,
where my Lord Jesus Christ has prepared a mansion for me.
Thank God! for Your eternal promises,
For letting me know Your powerful Word,
This Word that guides me in the eternal path into Your presence,
Therefore, I am happy and blessed!
In the name of Jesus, I pray.
Amen.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

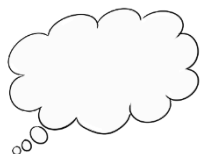
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DAY 2. Beth (ב):

Living in holiness. « How can a young man cleanse his way? / By taking heed according to Your word. » (Psalm 119:9)»

⁹ How can a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed according to Your word.
¹⁰With my whole heart I have sought You;
Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!
¹¹Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You.
¹² Blessed are You, O Lord!
Teach me Your statutes.
¹³ With my lips I have declared
All the judgments of Your mouth.
¹⁴I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
¹⁵ I will meditate on Your precepts,
And contemplate Your ways.
¹⁶ I will delight myself in Your statutes;
I will not forget Your word.

Time of thinking

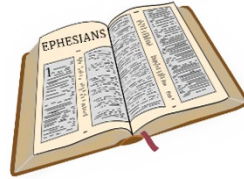


How can I live in holiness? This is one of the questions we ask ourselves as children of God. Throughout the Bible, we find the answer to this question because God gave us commandments and practical guidelines of profound wisdom to live and be holy. Therefore, God's command of "be holy, for I am holy" was not made by God without giving us the weapons and instruments to fulfill it: «but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct...» (1 Peter 1:15), «Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God.» (Leviticus 20:7).

Being a holy person seems to be a difficult task, especially in these difficult and dangerous times, especially for young people; it is not easy if we face it in our own strength. But if we face this task under the power of the Holy Spirit, being holy is not difficult. Paul said that God works in us both to will and to do for His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13), but this does not mean that we should do nothing, sit back and do nothing, and do not encourage to seek

and practice holiness. On the contrary, the Bible teaches us that we must be diligent in holiness; and that's why the Apostle Paul, before saying that God works in us both to will and to do, state that we must work out our own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12b).

The teaching of today



God gives us all the weapons and possibilities to be holy; the Lord even gives us the desire to do His will through the Holy Spirit. Even with all that, our duty and responsibility are to work diligently to keep this great salvation because the Lord says: «¹Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. ²For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, ³how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him...» (Hebrews 2:1-3).

And to work for our salvation, the Lord commands us to love, treasure and put His Word into practice. And this is what the psalmist declares: «How can a young man cleanse his way?» (Psalm 119:9), and the answer is simple but profound: «By taking heed according to Your word.» (Psalm 119:9b). For that reason, all the Psalm 119 is a cry for the Word of God, a cry where the psalmist says:

- ✓ Teach me Your statutes. (Psalm 119:12b).
- ✓ Let me not wander from Your commandments! (Psalm 119:10b).
- ✓ Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law. (Psalm 119:18).
- ✓ Revive me according to Your word. (Psalm 119:25b).

The cry of Psalm 119 is a petition to keep God's Word: «Oh, that my ways were directed / To keep Your statutes!» (Psalm 119:5). The psalmist knows that the deep desire for the Word of God is granted by the Lord and by keeping the Word, his life will be holy, clean, pleasing to God. For that reason he seeks the face of God: «With my whole heart I have sought You» (Psalm 119:10a)

And when the psalmist has had the privilege of receiving and understanding the Word of God, he works hard to keep it: «Your word I have hidden in my heart, / That I might not sin against You.» (Psalm 119:11). How many of us can say this? To declare before God that in our heart

we have kept His Word. We can notice that the psalmist says “word”, that is, the Living Word of God, noting that it comes from God’s mouth, referring to what He speaks to us through His Holy Spirit.

Because the Word of God is living and powerful: «For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.» (Hebrews 4:12).

In Psalm 119, we learn about the riches of the Word of God that we must be kept. We can see those riches in a variety of terms that the psalmist uses, which are: “word” (Psalm 119:9; Heb. *dâbâr*: דָּבָר), “law” (Psalm 119:1; Heb. *tôrâh*: תּוֹרָה), “commandments” (Psalm 119:6; Heb. *mitsvâh*: מִצְוָה), “precepts” (Psalm 119:4; Heb. *piqqûd*: פִּקּוּד), “statutes” (Psalm 119:5; Heb. *chôq*: חֹק), “judgments” (Psalm 119:7; Heb. *mishpâṭ*: מִשְׁפָּט), and “word” (Psalm 119:11, 172; Heb. *'imrâh*: אִמְרָה).

The psalmist is completely certain that the Word fills him, for it leads him to the knowledge of God and His promises, for which he longs fervently; the psalmist is absolutely certain that the Word fills him, for it leads him to the knowledge of God and His promises, for which he longs earnestly; the relationship, intimacy and communion of the psalmist with the Lord is so strong that he can feel the heart of the King and is afraid to grieve Him.

For that reason, he says: «With my whole heart I have sought You; / Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!» (Psalm 119:10). The psalmist seeks God with all his heart and in the depths of His presence he cries out to Him, implores Him not to let him wander from His Word, His commandments; it is a cry for the holiness, for the Lord is holy, holy, holy, and when we are in holiness, we are giving Him the purest worship, a blameless life that is an altar of praise to the Most High.

The apostle Paul says: «I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.» (Romans 12:1). And the way to present our lives in a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God is not to settle ourselves in this Earth, in this world, in this evil age. Paul states the above: «And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.» (Romans 12:2).

The renewing of your mind it’s only possible through the powerful Word of God, which is the well of the Holiness; therefore, the psalmist says: “teach me Your statutes.” (Psalm 119:12b), and so he is crying out for God to teach him His written will in the Bible, His

regulations, His guide for the daily Holiness in his spirit, soul, and flesh, for individual practical life.

When we yearn to put into practice God's statutes, that is, all things that God has taught us in His Word for every situation we face in our daily life, we live in spiritual victory. Therefore, the psalmist rejoices and says: «I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, / As much as in all riches.» (Psalm 119:14).



What God is saying to you today

The psalmist's longing and cry to keep and fulfill the Word of God is evident in the way he manifests his diligence in searching and treasuring it because he says: «With my lips I have declared / All the judgments of Your mouth.» (Psalm 119:13); he says: "I have declared", which means that he has testified, has preached the God's Word; but he also says: «I will meditate on Your precepts...» (Psalm 119:15a), «And contemplate Your ways.» (Psalm 119:15b)

We must not only read and study the Word of God and all day meditate and reflect on it in every situation so that we can live according to God's will. When we have to make a decision, we should remember the Word of God and ask ourselves, What does the Lord say? This is meditating and contemplating His ways.

The says to you today: "Love my powerful Word that makes wise the simple", "Be filled with my Word which is the fountain of wisdom, of joy and the power of salvation", "immerse yourself in the glorious Word of the King that leads you to eternal life where there is joy after joy"; and remember that the Word of God is incorruptible and talks about the eternal, for it has nothing to do with the temporary, corruptible and vain things of this world.

The King will give you the crown of glory that does not fade away (1 Peter 5:4). Endure till the end! Overcome! Because the inheritance that awaits us is powerful, and it's near at the doors!

Let us pray to the Lord



Lord of lords
King of kings, Almighty God,
Teach me Your Word,
Immerse me in Your statutes,
Fill me of your Word, of Your Law, of the perfection of Your Commandments,
Your precepts and judgments
Like a child, I wait for You to teach me, my Master. Blessed are You, my King!
I rejoice in your Word,
I rejoice to learn it, keep it, and live it.
I know that soon I will hear it audible,
From your lips, bowed at your feet.
My ears and my heart will be delighted,
To hear the voice of your teaching,
My heart will be overwhelmed with joy and gladness,
Forever...
Come, Lord, come now!
In Jesus' name I pray
Amen.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our God, exalt His majesty with the worship song:

“Mi Redentor vive” (My Redeemer lives): Berea Films Barranquilla:

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DAY 3. Gimel (ג):

I long for your judgments, O Lord!: «*My soul breaks with longing / For Your judgments at all times.*» (Psalm 119:20).

¹⁷ Deal bountifully with Your servant,
That I may live and keep Your word.

¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may see
Wondrous things from Your law.

¹⁹ I am a stranger in the earth;
Do not hide Your commandments from me.

²⁰ My soul breaks with longing
For Your judgments at all times.

²¹ You rebuke the proud—the cursed,
Who stray from Your commandments.

²² Remove from me reproach and contempt,
For I have kept Your testimonies.

²³ Princes also sit and speak against me,
But Your servant meditates on Your statutes.

²⁴ Your testimonies also are my delight
And my counselors.

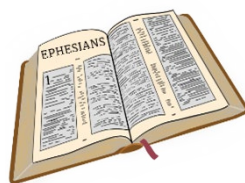
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Many people in this world are driven by material desires; they long to have things and work hard for them. This seems to be happiness and tranquility. But all these things are ephemeral, and they end in time. Because of the ephemeral nature of material things, today's society has created a mechanism to give the appearance that such material things are not so ephemeral; this is the philosophy of consumerism. If something is damaged or fades away, another replaces it with better and higher utility, technology, and quality.

But nothing replaces the eternal. As much as society today speaks and proposes durable things because they can be replaced, they are all ephemeral and have nothing to do with the soul and eternity of man. On the contrary, the Word of God is eternal, everlasting, irreplaceable, and has definitive repercussions for the soul, the spirit, and the body of man, on his whole being.

The teaching of today



The truth of the above was perfectly known to the psalmist; that's why he didn't desire material things; he didn't want fame, power, or man's wisdom. The greatest longing of his heart was for the Word of God. This desire was so deep that it broke the psalmist's soul, for he groaned, he cried out for the Word of God: «My soul breaks with longing / For Your judgments at all times.» (Psalm 119:20). The psalmist cries out to God for:

- ✓ He may keep the Word of God because it deals bountifully with him: «Deal bountifully with Your servant, / That I may live and keep Your word.» (Psalm 119:17).
- ✓ His eyes may be opened to behold the wondrous things of the Word of God «Open my eyes, that I may see / Wondrous things from Your law.» (Psalm 119:18).
- ✓ May God never hide His commandments from him, but may they be given to him for full understanding and obedience, for the psalmist knows that the Word is the only thing that will not be taken away from him; he recognizes that he is a stranger on this Earth, for his citizenship is in Heavens, and the Word of God enables him to get there (cf. Philippians 3:20): «I am a stranger in the earth; / Do not hide Your commandments from me.» (Psalm 119:19).

When we are aware that we are strangers on this Earth, we know that we have nothing here and, therefore, we cannot put our hope in anything on this Earth; we cannot strive after the things of this world, but strive after the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

The Church is called to live as a stranger, foreigner, and pilgrim on this Earth, because she lives by faith and not by sight, and faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1), the Heavenly City, the New Heavens and the New Earth, the Eternal Promises.

Hebrews 11:13-16 says: «¹³These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and **confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.** ¹⁴For those who say such things declare plainly that **they seek a homeland.** ¹⁵And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they

would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But now they desire a better, **that is, a heavenly country**. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, **for He has prepared a city for them.**»
Living as strangers, foreigners, and pilgrims on this Earth implies, among other actions:

- ✓ Not conforming to this world under the sway of the wicked one (1 John 5:19); do not desire anything of this world and love the world (1 John 2:15-16), because whoever loves the world makes himself an enemy of God. (James 4:4).
- ✓ Do not set our minds on things on the Earth, but on heavenly things, in the eternal inheritance (Colossians 3:1-4).
- ✓ Do not be conformed to this evil age (Romans 12:2).
- ✓ Desire none upon the Earth (Psalm 73:25).
- ✓ Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul (1 Peter 2:11).

The psalmist knew that everything that filled him and strengthened him was to be found in the powerful Word of God; this would help him to keep his faith in the Lord and His promises so that he could live as a foreigner on this Earth and not be deceived by the illusion of the things of the world and the corruptible and ephemeral things. Because of this, the psalmist expresses to God his deepest longing, that his eyes were opened, that he may see wondrous things from the Word of God (Psalm 119:18), from God's Law; and these wondrous things are the powerful things from the Kingdom of God, His Eternal Kingdom, His enduring inheritance given by the Living Christ.

The psalmist cries out to God that His commandments might not be hidden from him because they contain the glorious promises. For that reason, the psalmist states that his soul was broken with longing for God's judgments at all times by desiring to be filled with the Word of God.

When Jesus visited Martha and Mary, Mary desired to hear the Word of God; therefore, she sat at the Master's feet, the Living Word. Jesus rebuked Martha for her care for the things of the house, and He told her that Mary had chosen the good part (Luke 10:42).

When we long for the Word of God in our hearts, there is joy, a special delight that nothing and no one can give. This is the rejoicing of the promises of the King; it's the gladness of hearing the voice of God, knowing that the Word came from His mouth because of His infinite love and mercy: «Your testimonies also *are* my delight / *And* my counselors.» (Psalm 119:24).

When the child of God is able to enter into the delight of the Word of God, and it is his counselor and consolation, no one can move him, even if he is reproached, oppressed,

despised, hated, or persecuted: «Remove from me reproach and contempt, / For I have kept Your testimonies.» (Psalm 119:22).

When we are filled with the Word of God, and we know what He has granted us His eternal promises, we do not care what the inhabitants of the world think; we are not affected by their accusations, their lies, and their reproaches, because the important thing is what the Lord thinks of us, what we are interested in is how He sees our life and our heart, which, being clean, He accepts it and hears our cry.

The psalmist says: «Princes also sit *and* speak against me, / *But* Your servant meditates on Your statutes.» (Psalm 119:23). Amid the affliction and persecution, the Word of God is our refuge, our counselor, our sure and steadfast anchor of the soul; that's why he declares: «Your testimonies also are my delight / And my counselors.» (Psalm 119:24).

What God is saying to you today



If you live as a stranger and a foreigner in this world, if your longing is for the Lord, His presence, the Father's house, the New Jerusalem, the eternal promises, the incorruptible, undefiled inheritance that does not fade away, you shouldn't care what the world and its dwellers think of you; you shouldn't care about their reproaches, their persecution, insults, and accusations.

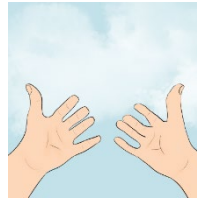
The Lord says in His Word that we are blessed and double happy when we are insulted and persecuted for Jesus's sake: «¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹²Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.» (Matthew 5:10-12).

The prophets were persecuted because the Eternal Kingdom was revealed to them, and the only way to enter this Kingdom is Jesus Christ and His redeeming work. For this reason, Satan persecuted them using instruments of flesh and blood.

You already know the Eternal Kingdom and all the promises in the powerful Word of God, which you have longed and desire, which you love, and you immerse yourself every day with great joy. For that reason, you are persecuted and despised by the world's inhabitants whose god is the belly and whose portion, their inheritance, they have on this Earth. Therefore rejoice! And cry out to God for you to keep His Word so that He will continue to open your eyes and you will continue to see the wondrous things from His Law.

Praise and worship the Lord for that reason!

Let us pray to the Lord



Let us cry out before the King with Psalm 3:

¹ Lord, how they have increased who trouble me!
Many *are* they who rise up against me.
² Many *are* they who say of me,
“*There is no help for him in God.*” *Selah*
³ But You, O Lord, *are* a shield for me,
My glory and the One who lifts up my head.
⁴ I cried to the Lord with my voice,
And He heard me from His holy hill. *Selah*
⁵ I lay down and slept;
I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.
⁶ I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people
Who have set *themselves* against me all around.
⁷ Arise, O Lord;
Save me, O my God!
For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone;
You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.
⁸ Salvation *belongs* to the Lord.
Your blessing *is* upon Your people.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

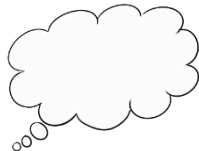
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DAY 4. Daleth (ד):

Your Word gives me life O Lord!: «*My soul clings to the dust; / Revive me according to Your word.*» (Psalm 119:25).

²⁵ My soul clings to the dust;
Revive me according to Your word.
²⁶ I have declared my ways, and You answered me;
Teach me Your statutes.
²⁷ Make me understand the way of Your precepts;
So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.
²⁸ My soul melts from heaviness;
Strengthen me according to Your word.
²⁹ Remove from me the way of lying,
And grant me Your law graciously.
³⁰ I have chosen the way of truth;
Your judgments I have laid before me.
³¹ I cling to Your testimonies;
O Lord, do not put me to shame!
³² I will run the course of Your commandments,
For You shall enlarge my heart.

Time of thinking



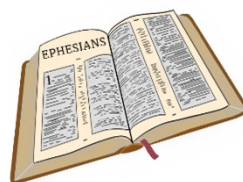
When pain and suffering arrive due to different circumstances, many turn to a friend, a relative, or a psychologist; they try to seek comfort in men. Those who have not received Christ into their hearts are consoled by the world. But those who have given their lives to Christ must seek consolation first and foremost from God; they may also seek consolation from their brethren in the faith, which God himself allows because the apostle Paul himself says that we comfort one another (2 Corinthians 1:4). But to be able to comfort, it is necessary for us to have suffered. Only the one who suffers affliction and trial is able to comfort from God and with His Word.

In addition to affliction as the source of comfort, the Bible also speaks of comfort as the fruit of exhortation. The Lord says that His Word, especially the Prophetic Word, is to edify, exhort, and comfort; this is the order that the Holy Spirit revealed to Paul: «But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.» (1 Corinthians 14:3).

How many times the Lord has comforted us in the church with the Prophetic Word when He commands us to repent, to seek Him more, to obey Him, to leave the sins that are opportunities for the devil to work! The Lord has edified, exhorted, and comforted us many times because He tells us that He wants to sanctify us in order to rapture us blameless to the New Jerusalem so that we may be in His presence for eternity and receive the crowns from Jesus Christ.

God uses two methods to comfort us: HIS HOLY SPIRIT, who is the Comforter, and when we pray, He encourages us, strengthens us, and helps us; and the other powerful method of comfort and strength is HIS WORD, which works and fulfills this function because it is living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12); it is the voice of God that endures forever in the Heavens; it is as an anchor of our soul both sure and steadfast; it is the absolute truth, unchangeable, changeless and is full of promises that will be exactly fulfilled as God left them in the Bible.

The teaching of today



The psalmist of this part of Psalm 119:25-32 was downcast, and his downheartedness was so deep that he illustrates it by saying that his soul was clung to the dust. There was weakening in the psalmist, a very great sadness. But he did not remain that way; he did not resign himself to immerse himself in his despondency, but cried out to God, declaring his pain, and asking Him to revive him with His Word: «My soul clings to the dust; / Revive me according to Your word.» (Psalm 119:25).

The psalmist knew that the Word of God could raise his downcast soul; that all the heaviness of his soul would be removed with God's Word: «My soul melts from heaviness; / Strengthen me according to Your word.» (Psalm 119:28). And because of this knowledge that the Word of God is a comfort to the downcast soul, the psalmist cries out to God for it and asks Him to:

- ✓ Revive him according to His Word (Psalm 119:25b).
- ✓ Teach him His statutes (Psalm 119:26b).
- ✓ Make him understand the way of His precepts (Psalm 119:27a).
- ✓ Meditate on the wonderful works of the Word of God. (Psalm 119:27b).

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- ✓ Strengthen him according to His Word (Psalm 119:28b).
- ✓ Grant him His law graciously (Psalm 119:29b).
- ✓ Enlarge his heart (Psalm 119:32b).

All these petitions are reiterated throughout Psalm 119. In this part, from verses 25 to 32, the psalmist says to God that he has made a decision for Life and Eternal Life: «³⁰I have chosen the way of truth; / Your judgments I have laid before me. / ³¹I cling to Your testimonies; / O Lord, do not put me to shame!» (Psalm 119:30-31).

All of us, as children of God, must take this decision and make a declaration of faith in this regard, without ceasing to cry out to God for His Word, mercy, and love.

Before the two ways, the way of lies (Psalm 119:29), which is Satan's, the father of lies; and the way of truth (Psalm 119:30), the way of Jesus the Lord, - who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life -, the psalmist declares his decision: «I have chosen the way of truth» (Psalm 119:30). But the psalmist knows that Satan always tries to draw the child of God away from the way of truth; therefore, within his cry is the petition to the Lord to take away from him the way of perdition: «Remove from me the way of lying...» (Psalm 119:29a). This petition is followed by another: «And grant me Your law graciously.» (Psalm 119:29b). The law of the Lord, the Word of God is perfect, converting the soul (Psalm 19:7b), cleanses and sanctifies.

The way of lies is removed from our lives when we are in the Word of God and remain in the way of truth, when God's judgments, testimonies, and commandments are before our eyes, in our hearts, and in our daily walk.

The psalmist ends this passage from Psalm 119 with the following affirmation: « I will run the course of Your commandments, / For You shall enlarge my heart.» (Psalm 119:32). The Hebrew word for “enlarge” is *râchab* (רָחַב) that means “to make large, to make room, to make wide something.” What does “enlarge the heart” mean?

Certainly, we cannot approach the Word of God with a restricted heart, that is, with the limits of reason that is characterized by sight, by things that are seen, by a logic that seems certain but that has nothing to do with the power and glory of God that are written in His Word.

Natural men use logic and reason. Paul said that spiritual things are spiritually discerned: «But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.» (1 Corinthians 2:14). We

must see everything with the eyes of faith, for we walk by faith and not by sight: «For we walk by faith, not by sight.» (2 Corinthians 5:7).

When we talk about seeing with the eyes of faith, we are not talking about the corruptible faith that preaches apostasy, which interprets the power and glory of God for material prosperity, to save this world so that the children of God cling to this Earth, the vanity and corruption in which it is found, since it is in bondage because of sin.

To see everything with the eyes of faith, to discern spiritually, and to live in faith, means to have our eyes set on the eternal inheritance that Christ has granted us, which are the wonders of the Law that the servant of Psalm 119 talks about, that is why he says: «Make me understand the way of Your precepts; / So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.» (Psalm 119:27). These wonderful works are the good things to come that the Lord has promised us and that we will soon receive because the Rapture of the holy Church is at the door.

When the psalmist cries for his heart to be enlarged, he is saying that the Holy Spirit may allow him to see all the wonders of the Eternal Kingdom of the Lord; for he will only be able to understand and receive it with a wide heart, enlarged by faith, by the power of God. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2: 9-10:

⁹ But as it is written:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

¹⁰ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

When the Lord enlarges our hearts by the revelation of His Holy Spirit regarding His Eternal Kingdom and His wonders, then we no longer walk but run in the way of His commandments; the psalmist says: «I will run the course of Your commandments, / For You shall enlarge my heart.» (Psalm 119:32).

We run and hasten for the coming of the Lord (2 Peter 3:12); that is, we long to go home, to the New Jerusalem, to the Heavenly City, and we long to be holy and blameless, through the Word of God, we walk in it, in the commandments of the King, we walk in the sanctification that He has prepared for us, in the perfect way that leads us to the Most Holy Place.

What God is saying to you today



The Lord tells you today that it is necessary for us to live through many tribulations to enter the Kingdom of God (Acts 14:22), and this kingdom is at the door; this is what the Word says, and it is our consolation. The Holy Scriptures say that we have not suffered unto blood as Christ suffered (Acts 12: 4); it also says that the Holy Church before the Rapture would have tribulations and weakness, but the Lord sanctifies and strengthens her; and tells us not to fear (Revelation 2: 9-10; 3: 8).

Our redemption is at hand; let us enlarge our hearts with the wonders of the Word of God! We will soon go with the Lord, and the trumpet will soon sound; let us stand firm, without changing, without moving away from the hope to which the Lord has called us because great is our reward in Heaven.



Let us pray to the Lord

Eternal Father, God of all comfort,
I implore you today that I may live by faith
and not by sight,
that I may not look at the circumstances
that my heart may not be clinging to anything on this Earth
which you will judge soon.
I beg you, Lord, to enlarge my heart
that I may run in your commandments,
in your powerful Word, and I hasten
for your coming, my Christ, my Lord and Savior.
For this light momentary affliction
Is working for me a far more exceeding
And eternal weight of glory,
for I do not look at the things which are seen
which are temporary, but those things which are not seen
which are eternal.
I pray in the name of Jesus,
Amen.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

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DAY 5. He (ה):

Your Word teaches me, O Lord!: «*Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, / And I shall keep it to the end.*» (Psalm 119:33).

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes,
And I shall keep it to the end.
³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law;
Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
³⁵ Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,
For I delight in it.
³⁶ Incline my heart to Your testimonies,
And not to covetousness.
³⁷ Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,
And revive me in Your way.
³⁸ Establish Your word to Your servant,
Who is devoted to fearing You.
³⁹ Turn away my reproach which I dread,
For Your judgments are good.
⁴⁰ Behold, I long for Your precepts;
Revive me in Your righteousness.

Time of thinking

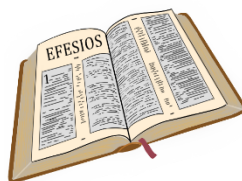


Many people in the churches, when they approach God in prayer, dedicate themselves to asking for material things; they ask for health, to succeed in their studies or work; and there are other petitions that depend on the immediate need. But these needs are material. The apostate church asks for things according to its own concupiscence, corruptible and ephemeral things because it is centered on this Earth, and its portion is on this Earth.

The Bible says: «¹³Arise, O Lord, / Confront him, cast him down; / Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword, / ¹⁴With Your hand from men, O Lord, / From men of the world who have their portion in this life, / And whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure. / They are satisfied with children, / And leave the rest of their possession for their babes.» (Psalm 17: 13-14). This is the description of those who have abandoned the faith and whose prayers are based on material things.

Many of us pray for spiritual things, and there are some who then add material things. But God wants us to focus our prayer on transcendental, eternal things which are fully and truly fulfilling.

The teaching of today



In this part of Psalm 119, we find that the psalmist focuses on asking; but what does he ask for? His entire prayer is centered on THE CRY FOR THE WORD OF GOD. How many times have we prayed such a prayer? If we have not, the Lord is waiting for us to pray that way. The psalmist makes six petitions concerning the Word of God:

- ✓ Teach me (Psalm 119:33a)
- ✓ Give me understanding (Psalm 119:34a)
- ✓ Make me walk (Psalm 119:35a)
- ✓ Incline my heart (Psalm 119:36a)
- ✓ Establish Your word (Psalm 119:38a)
- ✓ Revive me (Psalm 119:40b)

The Lord invites us to make these petitions!

Our salvation and blessing depend on these granted petitions because they are related to keeping the Word of God and being made alive. When we turn away from the Word of God, we are exposed to sin entering our lives. When we turn away from the Word of God, we are in danger of turning away from the way of the Lord, from the gospel of Christ; we are in danger of breaking away from the vine (John 15: 4-6).

We must be aware of this so that we can understand the vital need to cry out for the Word of God, especially in these times when it is lacking in many churches because it has been replaced by the word of man or it has been distorted, changed, and contaminated by twisted interpretations.

Today more than ever, we must pray, cry out, and implore God, as the psalmist does, for:

- ✓ May He teach us, by His Holy Spirit, the way of His statutes (Psalm 119: 33).

- ✓ May He give us the understanding to keep and fulfill His Word (Psalm 119: 34); for he who hears and keeps it has built his house on the rock (Matthew 7: 24) and truly demonstrates that he loves Jesus (John 14: 21).
- ✓ May the Lord make us walk in the path of His commandments (Psalm 119: 35), declaring that we have our will in the Word of God. It is no longer the will of our desires and feelings; it is the will of God written in His Word. This declaration is not only with our mouth, but with our life.
- ✓ May the Lord incline our hearts to His testimonies (Psalm 119: 36).
- ✓ May He establish His Word to His servants (Psalm 119: 38); when we fear God, we receive as a blessing that the Lord establishes His Word and His promises; that is to say, that we see it realized in our lives what He has promised. And the main promises of God are Heavenly and earthly in the Millennium and the Eternal Kingdom.
- ✓ May He revive His children in His righteousness (Psalm 119: 40b). When we long for the Word of God, our hearts are revived by the fire of the Holy Spirit.

The psalmist cries out to the Lord to guide him in the path of His commandments, and the reason is that in this path, the servant has been delighted (Psalm 119: 35); that is, he has died to his own will, to his desires, plans, and wishes, to accept and do the will of God, good, acceptable, and perfect (Romans 12: 2). And the path of God's commandments is:

- ✓ It is the way of the righteous (Psalm 1: 6), and “the path of the just is like the shining sun, / That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.” (Proverbs 4: 18).
- ✓ It is the path of life that leads to the presence of God where there's is fullness of joy, where there's at His right hand are pleasures forevermore (Psalm 16: 11).
- ✓ It is the path of righteousness (Psalm 23: 3).
- ✓ It is the path of God's mercy and the truth of those who keep His covenant and testimonies. (Psalm 25: 10).
- ✓ It is the smooth path (Psalm 27: 11).

The psalmist knows that the path of the Word of God leads him to the New Jerusalem, so he cries out to the Lord to incline his heart to his testimonies and thus not to fall into covetousness and vanity: «Incline my heart to Your testimonies, / And not to covetousness. / Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, / And revive me in Your way.» (Psalm 119: 36-37).

All creation was subjected to futility, to the ephemeral and bondage of corruption since Adam's sin (Romans 8: 20), and the unbelievers (Gentiles) walk in the futility of their mind (Ephesians 4: 17); when we are born again in Christ, we die to all lying vanities, because we

begin to live for the Living God (Acts 14: 15). The Preacher says: «“Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher; / “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.”» (Ecclesiastes 1:2).

Satan presents these two temptations of covetousness and vanity before the children of God to lead them astray (Psalm 119: 36b, 37a). The Church has fallen into apostasy and has succumbed to these temptations; in these last times, many are immersed in eating, drinking, building, buying, selling, marrying, and giving in marriage, as in the days of Noah. Many pastors, ministers, and believers are blinded, immersed in this deception of Satan. The Lord says in 1 Timothy 6: 7-8:

⁷For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

¹⁰ **For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

Many ministers have fallen into this Covetousness and greed, fulfilling the prophecy of the apostle Peter about the apostasy as a clear sign of the end times: «By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.» (2 Peter 2:3).

Covetousness, greed, and vanity mix like a deadly poison that leads to perdition in Hell. For that reason, the Lord admonishes us that our conduct be without Covetousness (Hebrews 13:5) and put to death our members which are on the Earth, the vanity, the ephemeral, and Covetousness: «Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.» (Colossians 3:5).

What God is saying to you today



The Lord invites us to make this cry that the psalmist made to receive and understand the Word of God. Only in this way, our eyes will not be inclined to vanity and greed, nor the covetousness of the things of this world, of this Earth. Our citizenship is in Heaven, and we

are about to depart in the Rapture; let us set our minds on things above where the Lord Jesus Christ is.

Let us receive the Word that the Apostle Paul says: «¹If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³**For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.** ⁴When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.» (Colossians 3:1-4).

Now more than ever we are closer to the New Jerusalem; therefore, let us not allow ourselves to be carried away by the cares of the world, let us not allow thorns to enter our lives, let us not allow our fertile ground where the seed of the Word of God sprouts and bears fruit, to become stony ground; neither let us allow the Word to be left by the wayside.

Let us pray to the Lord



Let us pray with this part of Psalm 119:35-37:

Holy Father, God of grace and mercy:

«³⁵ Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,
For I delight in it.

³⁶ Incline my heart to Your testimonies,
And not to covetousness.

³⁷ Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,
And revive me in Your way...»

Because You are about to rapture Your Holy Church
And I need to be emptied of everything,
I need to have my whole being, my spirit,
my soul and my body, centered on Your calling,
in Your eternal promises, in the New Jerusalem,
because I want to go home soon
to worship and exalt you for eternity.
I pray in Jesus' name,
Amen.



Let us worship God

Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Templo tuyo” (I am your Temple): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/CITEPrKfi9o>

DAY 6. Waw (ו):

I will keep Your Word my King and my God: «*So shall I keep Your law continually, / Forever and ever.*» (Psalm 119:44).

⁴¹ Let Your mercies come also to me, O Lord—
Your salvation according to Your word.

⁴² So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me,
For I trust in Your word.

⁴³ And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
For I have hoped in Your ordinances.

⁴⁴ So shall I keep Your law continually,
Forever and ever.

⁴⁵ And I will walk at liberty,
For I seek Your precepts.

⁴⁶ I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings,
And will not be ashamed.

⁴⁷ And I will delight myself in Your commandments,
Which I love.

⁴⁸ My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments,
Which I love,
And I will meditate on Your statutes.

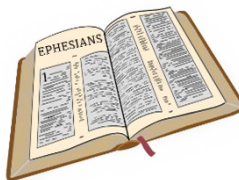
Time of thinking



How difficult it is sometimes to keep a Word that God has given us as a promise and has confirmed it when everything is the opposite!

The Word of God says that Abraham, contrary to hope, in hope believed (Romans 4:18), and when we read this, we think we understand it, and we are strengthened in faith. But when that circumstance of strong tribulation comes and God has given us a Word of victory, but everything is against us, we are truly tested in faith, faithfulness, service, love, and fear of God. The Bible says that those who keep the commandments of God, those who keep His Word, are those who truly fear and love Him (John 14:15, 21, 24).

The teaching of today



As in other passages of Psalm 119, in this one, the psalmist has received a Word from God, which could be a specific verbal promise, but undoubtedly it was about the principal promises that are those of eternal life, of the Millennium, of the New Heavens and the New Earth, the Eternal Kingdom. The psalmist is waiting for the fulfillment of the promises; for that reason, he says that in the Word of God, he has trusted (Psalm 119:42b).

But when we receive God's promises, Satan is in charge of going against us; by all means, he tries to demonstrate that God is a liar and that He will not fulfill His Word. God allows these attacks in order to test our faith, and that is when it is necessary to pray and to cry out for God's mercy on our lives: «Let Your mercies come also to me, O Lord— / Your salvation according to Your word.» (Psalm 119:41).

God has promised to deliver us from the tribulations, persecutions, sufferings, and afflictions that we have on this Earth to take us to the New Jerusalem, and He has promised to deliver the holy Church from the wrath to come, from the terrible judgment of the Tribulation. Still, Satan sends people who reproach us and try to weaken our faith.

In light of this, we must strengthen ourselves in the promises that God has given us, His written Word, the eternal inheritance that He has given us by His grace, love, and mercy; because... the Lord will surely fulfill His promises! for He is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent (Numbers 23:19). If God said that He will do, He will work, He will fulfill, for His Word does not return to Him void, but prospers in the thing for He sent it (Isaiah 55:11). Therefore, the psalmist continues to cry out and says: «So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, / For I trust in Your word.» (Psalm 119:42).

The assurance that the Lord will fulfill His Word and promises is that He is Almighty, faithful, and true. The assurance is also His written Word in which we see His promises never failed; all were and will be fulfilled.

The Lord has promised that if our body, this tent, is destroyed, we have a house not made with hands, eternal in heavens (2 Corinthians 5:1), a glorified body that the Lord will give us, and a house in Heaven, the Holy City, The New Jerusalem, the place where all the

redeemed are and will be, the firstborn who are registered in Heaven whose spirits had been made perfect, the place where God the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit dwells (Hebrews 12:23-24.). This promise will be fulfilled by the Lord, whether He raises us if we die in Christ or whether He raptures us at the sound of the trumpet.

God has also promised that we will reign with Him (2 Timothy 2:12), that we will be kings and priests (Revelation 1:6; 5:10), when He comes in the Second Coming and inaugurates the Millennium (Revelation 20:4a), that time of a thousand years when He will sit on the throne of David to rule the nations with a rod of iron, with righteousness (Revelation 2:27).

These promises are well-known by the psalmist, and that is why he says: «⁴³And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, / For I have hoped in Your ordinances. / ⁴⁴**So shall I keep Your law continually, / Forever and ever.**» (Psalm 119:43-44).

Because of these powerful promises that the psalmist knows and that we also know as children of God, is that the psalmist says that he hopes in His judgments (or ordinances), that is to say, the time in which the Lord will send His judgments to this Earth, referring to the seven years of Tribulation and the judgment that will occur at the end of the Millennium. But the psalmist also says that he will keep the Law of God, that is, His Word, continually, forever and ever; that is, in this short life on Earth, in Heaven, in the Millennium, and in the Eternal Kingdom.

Another assurance that the psalmist gives us of the fulfillment of God's promises is the testimonies that are written in His Word, which the Lord had given us in our lives, in the past when He gave us evidence that He fulfilled what He said and, and therefore, He will do it again.

Therefore, in the middle of the trial, we must remember and declare the testimonies that the Lord has given us: «I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, / And will not be ashamed.» (Psalm 119:46). But to declare the testimonies of the Lord is also to testify of His Word before everyone, including the authorities, which could spread fear to prevent the preaching of the gospel, but the Scriptures say that we ought to obey God, rather than men (Acts 5:29).

Amid trial, we must also confess the Word of God and not turn away from it: «So shall I keep Your law continually, / Forever and ever.» (Psalm 119:44). We must also continue to delight in the Word of God, to continue to believe in it with joy: «And I will delight myself in Your commandments, / Which I love.» (Psalm 119:47). Now more than ever we must rejoice in the Word, love it with all our heart because we are about to depart in the Rapture.

What God is saying to you today



The Lord asks you today:

- ✓ Do you still believe and love God's Word when you find yourself in various trials?
- ✓ Do you still believe and love God's Word, even though the answer you receive to your cry is not what you expected? But remember that the Lord always do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask, or we can understand: «Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...» (Ephesians 3:20); the Lord says: «And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.» (Romans 12:2).
- ✓ Do you still set your eyes on the Scriptures? Do you have your longings and desires in God's Word and its infallible promises, or have you become weakened by looking around you to things world, listening to Satan who denies the eternal promises and reproaches the King's Eternal Kingdom? Remember that what IS, IS NOT, and what IS NOT, IS, because God calls those things which do not exist as though they did (Romans 4:17).
- ✓ Are you still meditating on God's powerful Word, or have you turned away from God's Word now that persecution, tribulation, suffering, and trial have come?

Remember that the Word of God always gives you freedom, especially in the midst of calamity, when the devil wants to oppress us with despair, distress, and a feeling of defeat: «And I will walk at liberty, / For I seek Your precepts.» (Psalm 119:45). The psalmist knew that his powerful weapon was to cling to and believe wholeheartedly in the Word of God for victory; thus he declares: «My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, / Which I love, / And I will meditate on Your statutes.» (Psalm 119:48); and his victory was to please God in his life and enter God's presence for eternity.

Let us pray to the Lord



Holy Father

Help me to keep your Word,
now more than ever, I need to cling to it,
believe it, love it, and be filled with it,
for you are about to rapture me in glory.
You are about to descend from Heaven with a shout
With the voice of an archangel
and with the trumpet of God,
for you have fulfilled all that you have said in your Word
and we are about to enter the Promised Land,
the New Jerusalem, the Father's house.

Lord: You said that it was necessary that after many tribulations,
we would enter into Your Kingdom
and we have suffered, we have been in tribulation,
we have been persecuted, we have been reproached,
but your eternal promises shine in our hearts,
and give us strength from above.

For Your Holy Spirit has filled us with power and joy.

Has filled us with power and joy.

You have allowed all these sufferings,
because our life must be that the mere grain
emptied of everything on this Earth,
for You have told us that we are not of the world.

Nor we are in the world.

Thank You, King, for your powerful work in our lives.

I pray in Jesus' name,

Amen.



Let us worship God

Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Tú eres mi todo” (You are my all): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/-ee7AqZzT8I>

DAY 7. Zayin (ז):

Your Word is my comfort my Lord!: «⁴⁹Remember the word to Your servant, / Upon which You have caused me to hope. / ⁵⁰This is my comfort in my affliction...» (Psalm 119:49-50a).

⁴⁹ Remember the word to Your servant,
Upon which You have caused me to hope.

⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction,
For Your word has given me life.

⁵¹The proud have me in great derision,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.

⁵² I remembered Your judgments of old, O Lord,
And have comforted myself.

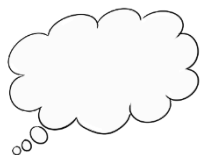
⁵³ Indignation has taken hold of me
Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.

⁵⁴ Your statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.

⁵⁵ I remember Your name in the night, O Lord,
And I keep Your law.

⁵⁶ This has become mine,
Because I kept Your precepts.

Time of thinking



Affliction is the condition in which no one wants to be. But there will come a time when we will suffer afflictions. The same Word says that the afflictions of the righteous are many, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all (Psalm 34:19). And when we think of deliverance, many times we believe that it is on this Earth; that is, that the Lord will deliver us from the affliction at this time; and certainly, it can happen, but not always.

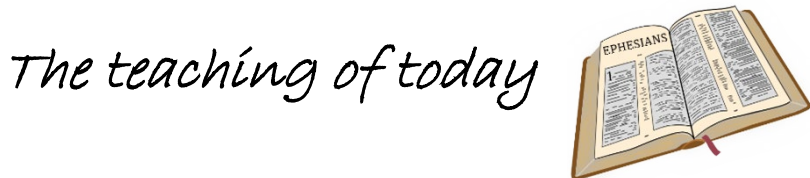
And it is important for the child of God to know that the greatest hope of deliverance that we can receive from afflictions, from God, is when He raptures us to His presence, either by death or by the Rapture; the greatest and most powerful deliverance that we should long for is the glory of God in His own presence in Heaven.

The Apostle Paul, a man who lived through many afflictions, from which the Lord certainly did not deliver him but allowed them to happen to him, and he kept him to fulfill the

ministry, was clear about it. But finally, the Lord delivered Paul by taking him into His presence, which was the apostle's deepest yearning; for he declared that for him to die was gain (Philippians 1:21), and he also said that he had the desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better (Philippians 1:23), he wanted to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8).

At the present time, when we are living in the End Times, with all the prophetic signs fulfilled that precede the beginning of the Tribulation and the Second Coming of Christ, as children of God we must cry out like the psalmist: «Remember the word to Your servant, / Upon which You have caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction...»

Our comfort at this time is that Christ will come for His Church before He pours out His judgments on this Earth! This is the greatest and most powerful deliverance we are going to receive.



When the psalmist says to the Lord, "remember", he does so because there is a complaint referring to the mockery of the proud, which was due to the fact that the psalmist had decided to keep and obey the Word of God. This happens to every child of God who decides to live according to the Word of the Lord. Satan attacks him through the unbelievers who do not understand God's ways and do not understand how anyone can live differently from what the world says, does, and thinks. The psalmist lived in the house of his pilgrimage (Psalm 119:54b); that is, he lived in a place and at a time when he was surrounded by people who did not follow the Word of God.

The victory of the believer is in living according to the Word of God, according to His commandments. We cannot conform to the world: «Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.» (James 4:4).

The psalmist was also the object of mockery because he was waiting for the fulfillment of God's Word. The believer is attacked when what God has told him is against human methods, purposes, and practices; he is treated as crazy and foolish. And at this point, the devil attacks strongly to lead the believer to conform to human logic, to worldly logic that is against what God has said because Satan's goal is to make the child of God disobey, lose salvation, the blessing, and not glorify God or give Him thanks.

When the child of God testifies about the Eternal promises written in God's Word, and when they are fulfilled and what is promised comes, the glory of God shines. The devil wants to impede this. That is why we now preach and teach that the Lord is coming for the Church in the Rapture, that the Tribulation judgment is coming upon this Earth, that there is a thousand-year reign after the Tribulation where Christ is going to reign on this Earth, and that there is an Eternal Kingdom after the Millennium with mighty things awaiting us.

Nowadays, many people say that the promises of the Rapture, God's judgment over man in the Tribulation, the Second Coming of Christ, the Millennium, and the Eternal Kingdom are madness. The Word itself says that in the End Times, scoffers would come: «³knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." ⁵For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.» (2 Peter 3:3-7).

But if we are true believers, we must stand firm on the promises of God and believe in His Word because it will certainly be fulfilled; this will be the testimony for many. When God's promises are fulfilled, His glory will shine forth. The Church must know that in this End Times, we are preparing the Tribulation preachers; many of those to whom we now testify and do not receive, many of them will repent when they see the fulfillment of the Word that we now preach, when they realize that many are missing and will be in the midst of the chaos that the Rapture will leave on the Earth.

The servant of Psalm 119 is certain that God will fulfill what He has promised because in the past He has done so; therefore, he says: «I remembered Your judgments of old, O Lord, / And have comforted myself.» (Psalm 119:52). If God fulfilled His judgments in the past, on Adam and Eve in Genesis 3, the Flood in the days of Noah, the judgment of the tower of Babel, the judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah and other cities of the plain, the judgments on Nineveh, on Israel and Judah; He will also fulfill the judgment of the Tribulation that He promised in His Word.

The psalmist is so fully aware of this that he adds: «Indignation has taken hold of me / Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.» (Psalm 119:53). In Hebrew, the word "indignation" or *zal'âphâh* (זַלְאָפְהָ), it's also translated as "horror". This horror is because of the terrible judgments that the Lord will send during the Tribulation, such as has not been on earth and

never will be: «For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.» (Matthew 24:21).

The man doesn't remember the judgments of the Lord, and if he even remembered them, he would reject them anyway. Still, the most terrible thing is that those of the Church of Christ have forgotten these judgments, and therefore they cannot cry out, cannot pray, cannot prepare for the Rapture, and cannot fulfill the mission of preaching about salvation in Christ, about how to escape from all the judgments of the seven years of the Tribulation; the sleeping and lost Church cannot preach as Noah did, cannot intercede as Lot did, cannot testify as all the prophets that the Lord sent to Israel and Judah did. In short: The Church cannot fulfill the mission! But God has a remnant in the Church that, as the psalmist, they say: «⁵²I remembered Your judgments of old, O Lord, / And have comforted myself. / ⁵³Indignation has taken hold of me / Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.» (Psalm 119:52-53).

This truth was in the psalmist's heart as a living reality, and though his hope was mocked, he kept in the way of the Lord, not turning aside from God's Word: «Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.» (Psalm 119:51b)

When the believer is in tribulation and asks himself: "Why do the wicked prosper and mock the righteous, the saint? The answer is that certainly if they do not repent, they will go to Hell. In this way, we are encouraged to holiness, to thanksgiving for having the promise of going to the eternal joy of the Lord and of having been delivered from Hell. We are also encouraged to preach the gospel to the lost people, to those who have departed from the gospel, so that they may have the same blessing of salvation.

For that reason, the psalmist says: «⁵²I remembered Your judgments of old, O Lord, / And have comforted myself. / ⁵³Indignation has taken hold of me / Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.» (Psalm 119: 52-53).

Those who have not received Christ and those who have received Him but have fallen away are wicked and will suffer the terrible judgment of the Tribulation. Therefore, we must cry out, pray, make intercession, and preach that we are in the End Times. Remembering the judgments of old produced several powerful effects in the psalmist, and they are the same that should produce in us, the Church of the Lord that is about to be raptured; let us see these effects:

✓ **It produced comfort: “And have comforted myself”.**

Comfort comes because we are fully convinced that the Lord will judge the world, and this reminds us that before the Judgment of the Tribulation, we will go home to the Father's house; this truth comforts us. But the comfort comes because we know that after the Tribulation Judgment, we will come with the Lord Jesus Christ to rule with Him for a thousand years. Comfort also comes because we know that the judgment of Satan and his demons, and to all the lost people, will come after the Millennium so that only the children of God will remain; and after this, the Lord will create New Heavens and a New Earth; all this comforts us, as it comforted the psalmist.

Let us see a second effect that was produced in the psalmist by remembering the judgments of old:

✓ **It produced awareness that souls are being lost: “Indignation has taken hold of me / Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.”**

The psalmist is talking about the apostates, those who have abandoned the Word of God and the faith; look how he says, “who forsake Your law”; this means that at some point they had the Word, but they abandoned it, they rejected it; and the indignation that the psalmist had is the awareness of the fearful expectation of which the author of Hebrews speaks in chapter 10, verses 26-27: «²⁶For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷but a **certain fearful expectation of judgment**, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.»

This severe warning is for us, but its purpose is to make clear to us what happens to those who have departed from the faith giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons (1 Timothy 4:1), who have gone in the way of Cain, of rebellion, and run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and for money (Jude 1:11), who have forsaken the right way and gone astray following the way of Balaam (2 Peter 2:15), and who haven't abide in the doctrine of Christ (2 John 1:9).

As we understand what is happening to all these people and know that hell awaits them, the fearful expectation of fire, then we can pray for them, groan, cry out, and preach the gospel to them so that they will repent and return to the way of the Lord. Being aware of how terrible it is to apostatize from the faith because of its fatal consequences encourages us not to have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather expose them, reject them, and keep ourselves in the faith of the Lord and in its fruits which are holiness and obedience.

Let us look the third effect that was produced in the psalmist by remembering the judgments of old:

✓ **It produced praise in the psalmist, songs of God's Word.**

The psalmist declares that the statues of the Lord, His Word, were songs to him; he's talking about the sung Word that in Berea has been given to us in that mighty psalter that already contains two mighty gifts from the Lord, two rivers of praise and worship; and there is a third river, the last one in this Earth, that is already being revealed by the King for His glory; as psalmist, we say to the Lord: «Your statutes have been my songs / In the house of my pilgrimage.» (Psalm 119:54).

Now, we are in the house of our pilgrimage, for we are pilgrims and strangers, pilgrims in this post-Flood Earth marked by the curse of sin and its result, which is death (1 Chronicles 29:15. Hebrews 11:13. 1 Peter 2:11); but we are groaning, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from Heaven (2 Corinthians 5:2,4) and we yearn with all our heart to go home, to the Father's House, our home, to the mansion that Christ has prepared for us (John 14:1-3).

What God is saying to you today



Knowing that our reunion with Christ in the clouds is very soon and that we will always be with Him, that we will go to the New Jerusalem, that the judgments of God will come upon the Earth, that we will then come with Christ to reign with Him for a thousand years and that we will see how He creates the new creation, the New Heavens and the New Earth, knowing that we will live eternally on the Earth that will expand infinitely and that we will have all the promises of the covenants, the eternal descendants, the eternal government and the eternal Earth, knowing all this leads us to sing the Word of the Lord, it leads us to sing His statutes, His judgments.

The psalmist had this joy and understood that by the Word of the Lord he could have all these blessings, therefore he says: «⁵⁵I remember Your name in the night, O Lord, / And I keep Your law. / ⁵⁶This has become mine, / Because I kept Your precepts.» (Psalm 119:55-56).

It is a great blessing to have, to know, to understand, to live and to keep the Word of God. The Lord tells you that there are only a few steps left for us to obtain all His promises; and although they are the most difficult steps, the Lord is with us and guides us, He makes us walk those steps with His power, with His Holy Spirit, with His love, His strength and His powerful Word that is our comfort in affliction.

Let us pray to the Lord



Pray to your King this way today:

Grant me Your Word graciously
Give me understanding, and I will see wondrous things from Your Law.
Revive me with to Your Word
Oh, how I love Your law! It is my delight!
In Jesus's name, I pray
Amen.



Let us worship God

Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Ven Señor Jesús” (Come, Lord Jesus, come): Berea Films Barranquilla
<https://youtu.be/g9FTkXHrrrw>

DAY 8. Heth (ח):

You are my inheritance, my Lord!: «⁵⁷*You are my portion, O Lord; / I have said that I would keep Your words. /*⁵⁸*I entreated Your favor with my whole heart...*»: (Psalm 119:57-58a).

⁵⁷ *You are* my portion, O Lord;
I have said that I would keep Your words.
⁵⁸ I entreated Your favor with *my* whole heart;
Be merciful to me according to Your word.
⁵⁹ I thought about my ways,
And turned my feet to Your testimonies.
⁶⁰ I made haste, and did not delay
To keep Your commandments.
⁶¹ The cords of the wicked have bound me,
But I have not forgotten Your law.
⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You,
Because of Your righteous judgments.
⁶³ I *am* a companion of all who fear You,
And of those who keep Your precepts.
⁶⁴ The earth, O Lord, is full of Your mercy;
Teach me Your statutes.

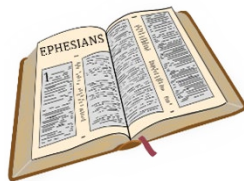
Time of thinking



Today many people are concerned and anxious about daily provision, sustenance, food, shelter, and clothing. Many people are worried about the number of properties, money, and possessions they can accumulate on this Earth. There is one measure that society today and in other times has established: material wealth, fame, or power.

But it is demonstrated that none of this fills the emptiness of the man's heart because they are things that do not soothe the soul or the spirit; they are ephemeral, variable. God's Word says: «For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?» (Matthew 16:26).

The teaching of today



Psalm 119:57 begins by saying: "You are my portion, O Lord...". It refers to "provision", hope, blessing, and inheritance. In this verse, the Hebrew word for "portion" is *chêleq* (חֵלֶק) which means "inheritance". The psalmist is saying here that God is his inheritance.

This same statement is found in other psalms such as Psalm 16, which is a Michtam of David which says in verse 5a: "O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup..."; in this verse, the word "portion" is *m^enâth* (מִנְחָה) in Hebrew, and the word for "inheritance" is the same of verse 57 of Psalm 119, which is *chêleq* (חֵלֶק). Thus, it is reiterated in this verse that "portion" means "inheritance". God, the Lord, the Almighty, *El Shaddai*, who lives forever, He is our portion, our inheritance, Hallelujah!

There's another psalm where it is reiterated that God is our portion forever. Let's read Psalm 73:26: «My flesh and my heart fail; / But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.» Asaph, the psalmist, says that God is his strength, his fortress (*tsûr* צֹר), and his portion, that is to say, his *chêleq*.

The Lord repeats us this truth to remember that He is our portion and inheritance. And again, Psalm 142:5 says: «I cried out to You, O Lord: / I said, "You are my refuge, / My portion in the land of the living.» This is a contemplation of David that he made when he was in the cave pursued by Saul, threatened with death, surrounded by enemies, apparently without hope, with no way out.

But David's faith shone again and declared the powerful Word of God, for he was clear in whom he had believed and what were the covenants and promises God had given him. For this reason, David proclaimed that God was his refuge, his *machăseh*, which also means "his hope, shelter, defense, and trust". David also cried out that God was his portion, his *chêleq*, his inheritance in the land of the living, the New Earth because only the living will dwell there, the eternal living people, the risen ones, the glorified, the children of God forever. The New Earth is the land of the living!

When the psalmist says in Psalm 119:57 that the Lord is his portion, he is stating then that God is his spiritual provision, hope, blessing, and eternal inheritance in the Land of the living. When we receive Christ, we change the hope and security of material provision in

the world, the material, corruptible, ephemeral inheritance, for the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, the Eternal Kingdom, and the Land of the living.

The people of the world have their portion or inheritance in this post-flood Earth; therefore David says in Psalm 17:14a: «With Your hand from men, O Lord, / From men of the world who have their portion in this life...»; this life and this Earth is ephemeral, and is about to be judged, and it's going to be burn up to open the way for the New Earth.

What is the portion or inheritance for those of us who are born again and walk in the path of righteousness and holiness that the Lord Jesus Christ has prepared? Our portion is the presence of God for eternity, the New Jerusalem, the New Earth, the New Heavens, the universe or New Creation that God will make, the life-life, the eternal life, the eternal descendants who will worship the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity, from generation to generation, the eternal government and the Word of God by whose faith we keep this portion, in holiness and obedience. This is our eternal portion, eternal inheritance, and our eternal *chêleq, ad olam, olam* (for eternity)!

God has promised to be our portion forever, to be our God and Father forever; He has promised us that we will be His children forever: «And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.» (Revelation 21:3).

How can God be our portion forever physically dwelling with us if He is eternal, eternally holy, and glorious, and we are at this moment in this body of death, the old nature dwells in us, and we live in an Earth contaminated by sin, with curse? The only way for us is to be children of God, and that is why the Lord says through the prophet Jeremiah: «“But I said: / ‘How can I put you among the children / And give you a pleasant land, / A beautiful heritage of the hosts of nations?’ / “And I said: / ‘**You shall call Me, “My Father,” / And not turn away from Me.**’» (Jeremiah 3:19).

The glorious method the Lord used to become our portion or inheritance forever and for us to dwell with Him physically, in bodily presence, is that we become His children. The Lord began His mighty plan of making us His children when He sent Christ to die for us; when He brought us to repentance, and we received Him as Lord and Savior; when He has given us now the ADOPTION of children and has given us guarantees that are the seal of the Holy Spirit, to be His dwelling place and that the Holy Spirit Himself is the earnest of our inheritance, our eternal *chêleq*: «¹³In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with **the Holy Spirit of**

promise, ¹⁴ **who is the guarantee of our inheritance** until the redemption of **the purchased possession,** to the praise of His glory.» (Ephesians 1:13-14).

Now, we cannot be legitimate children of the Lord but adopted. But the adoption as children of God of which the Holy Spirit witnesses to us (Romans 8:16), our earnest, our dwelling place and our seal now, guarantees us the promises of God, guarantees us that our bodies will be glorified, transformed to live eternally with God, as His legitimate children: «¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.» (Romans 8:15-17).

For that reason, the Psalmist says: «I have said that I would keep Your words» (Psalm 119:57b) and raises a cry for God's presence, his portion, his inheritance: «I entreated Your favor with my whole heart» (Psalm 119:58a); this cry is also what the embellished Church now makes, dressed in wedding garments, saying "come, Lord Jesus!".

When the child of God is certain of this, he knows that he cannot depart from the way of the Lord, and therefore he needs the Word of God, he needs to cry out permanently for God's mercy on his life: «Be merciful to me according to Your word.» (Psalm 119:58b), and the longing for the Word of God leads him to meditate on his daily walk in the light of God's Word. The Word of God confronts us: Am I walking as the Lord wants? Does my words, my deeds, my thinking, my way of dressing reflect Christ? Is there a difference between me and the worldly people?

The psalmist did this and that is why he says: «I thought about my ways...» (Psalm 119:59a). When we permanently examine our daily walk in the light of the Word of God, we easily realize when something is wrong, when our feet want to leave the path of the Lord. The psalmist says: «And turned my feet to Your testimonies.» (Psalm 119:59b). And he quickly did this: « I made haste, and did not delay / To keep Your commandments.» (Psalm 119:60).

We cannot delay in restoring any trace of disobedience or any intention of not doing God's will. Many believers fall into sin because they apply in their lives two fateful actions: (a) Not reviewing their life daily exposing it to the Word of God, to the examination of the Holy Spirit. (b) Not cutting out quickly with sinful attitudes or deeds that are out of the will of God, out of God's Word.

As a last resort, the sin or behavior is seen, for the Holy Spirit makes it visible, but the believer is reluctant to leave it, to cut it off. The psalmist knew that the two previous actions

were harmful, and that is why he says that he hastened and did not delay in keeping the Word of God. Truly the falls of God's children are a matter of time. Satan and the old perverse nature use it by causing them to delay turning their feet to the commandments of God; they say to them, for example: "No problem, nothing has happened", "God continues blessing you as you are", "it is not so bad what you do, others do it, everybody does it"; "later you fix it, there is still time for that".

All these ideas are poisonous fiery darts for the believer's soul. But the Word of God gives the solution: «²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.» (Matthew 5:29-30). This means: Destroy quickly what is out of the Word of God, cut it off definitively, do not let it grow stronger.

When the psalmist hastened to keep God's Word, he realized that it was Satan and the old perverse nature that were orchestrating everything to make him stray, «The cords of the wicked have bound me» (Psalm 119:61a). Still, he was also aware that God's Law, His Word, kept him, sustained him: «But I have not forgotten Your law.» (Psalm 119:61b). Only then, the psalmist could rejoice in the midst of complete communion with the Lord; and in that joy, he could praise God with freedom regardless of the time, he could praise him for His commandments, for His Law, for His judgments, for His testimonies « At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, / Because of Your righteous judgments.» (Psalm 119:62).

The psalmist was able to realize that the Lord had surrounded him with His servants, and he was able to enjoy this company: «I am a companion of all who fear You, / And of those who keep Your precepts.» (Psalm 119:63). What a joy it is to be around of brothers and sisters who fear God! What a joy to share with those who know and obey Christ and His Word! (Psalm 133:1) What a joy it is to be in the company of those who long with all their hearts for the coming of Christ for His Church and His eternal promises! Our company cannot be the worldly men; our friends and companions cannot be the unbelievers. Our friends must be those who praise and glorify the living God, who have the first love, who love Christ above all else, who sing with joy "Hallelujah!"; without fear and shame, but with all love.

For all these blessings of being restored to communion with God and enjoying His Word, holiness and those who fear the Lord, the psalmist declares that God's mercy is great and the Earth is full of it: «The earth, O Lord, is full of Your mercy...» (Psalm 119:64a). And being the

Word of God the fire and the way by which the Holy Spirit restores, the psalmist ends with the cry for it: «Teach me Your statutes.» (Psalm 119:64b).

What God is saying to you today



Are you crying out for God's Word? Are you asking the Lord to teach you His statutes? Are you fully convinced that your portion, your inheritance, is the Lord, and are you rejoicing in this powerful truth? Are you praising God all day long, even at night, at dawn, adoring Him for His infinite mercy upon your life; for having called you, for having cleansed you, for having saved you, for having sealed you with His Holy Spirit, for having made you His dwelling place, for having given you eternal promises and earnest of His glorious inheritance? Are you deeply longing for the Lord because He is the portion of your inheritance, which is His presence forever? Meditate on all this.

Let us pray to the Lord



Say to your King:

You are my portion, Lord,
You are my inheritance,
You are my Father
and I am your adopted son.
You will be my God, my Father, my Lord
forever and ever
and I will be your son,
for you have promised me that.
Guide my steps, sustain me
and revive me with your Word,
sanctify me with it
and guide me in the everlasting way.
I pray in the name of Jesus,
Amen.



Let us worship God

Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Salmo 108” (Psalm 108): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/ADKkYUveQV0>

DAY 10. Yod (י):

I will testify of Your love with my life!: «*Your hands have made me and fashioned me; / Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.*» (Psalm 119:73).

⁷³ Your hands have made me and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

⁷⁴ Those who fear You will be glad when they see me,
Because I have hoped in Your word.

⁷⁵ I know, O Lord, that Your judgments *are* right,
And *that* in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

⁷⁶ Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort,
According to Your word to Your servant.

⁷⁷ Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;
For Your law *is* my delight.

⁷⁸ Let the proud be ashamed,
For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood;
But I will meditate on Your precepts.

⁷⁹ Let those who fear You turn to me,
Those who know Your testimonies.

⁸⁰ Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes,
That I may not be ashamed.

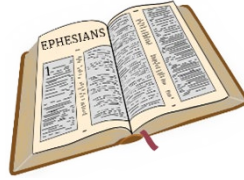
Time of thinking



How terrible it is to believe and think that our origin was in a Primordial soup that gradually turned into an animal which turned into a man! How terrible it is to think that we were an accident, that there was never an eternal purpose for our lives! It is terrible to believe that we are going to nothingness because we die, and everything ends there! If that were true, then there would be no hope.

Many people believe these lies that Satan has invented and sown in the hearts of man. But what a joy it is to think and strongly believe in the truth that God created us for a mighty purpose and that He is waiting for us with open arms! Yes. God created us with love, and by love, He created us with eternal purpose.

The teaching of today



The psalmist begins here by stating the marvelous truth that God made and formed us with His hands. This truth reveals not only God's power but also His love; when He made creation, He gave the Word, and all things were done; when God made the man, declared the Word: «"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."» (Genesis 1:26a), but He used His hands to take the clay and molded it. The Lord did it to show us His love; with those hands, He created us; with those same hands, the Lord Jesus Christ healed the sick and raised the dead when He was on this Earth, teaching that in His Heavenly Kingdom, His Eternal Kingdom, there will be no more sickness or death because it is a Kingdom of life.

The powerful truth that God created and formed us implies, for those who do not know Christ, that God is their Creator and therefore has power over them; He is the owner of life and death. For us, as believers, it implies this too, but there is something more. He is our MAKER: «Oh come, let us worship and bow down; / Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.» (Psalm 95:6).

He is our SHEPHERD and who BEAR US UP so that we may not go astray and may enter into His eternity: «Save Your people, / And bless Your inheritance; / Shepherd them also, / And bear them up forever.» (Psalm 28:9); He is our KEEPER: «The Lord is your keeper; / The Lord is your shade at your right hand. / The sun shall not strike you by day, / Nor the moon by night. / The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; / He shall preserve your soul. / The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in / From this time forth, and even forevermore.» (Psalm 121:8). The Lord is the one who takes care of us, who never abandons us, who teaches us: «Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.» (Psalm 119:73b).

The Lord is our Maker; he chastens and molds us like the potter molds the clay, so we cannot question Him: «"Woe to him who strives with his Maker! / Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth! / Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' / Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands'?"» (Isaiah 45:9). We must recognize and accept this truth as the psalmist does: «I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right, / And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.» (Psalm 119:75).

It is difficult to say this in trial, tribulation, or chastening. Still, we know that God is Sovereign and that He is the one who is allowing the tribulation or has sent the chastening for teaching

us, molding us, and making us perfect: «But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*.» (1 Peter 5:10). And in this situations God manifests His faithfulness; He shows us that, because He is our Maker and Father, He takes care of us, He takes care of our souls so that we do not lose our salvation.

Like the psalmist, we should know that if God allows affliction in our lives, it is for love. According to that love, He extends His mercy to comfort us in the midst of affliction and after it: «Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort...» (Psalm 119:76). And the comfort in the midst of affliction is the strength that the Lord gives us through His Word that encourages, cheers up and gives us new strength.

Therefore, in the midst of affliction, we should earnestly seek the Scriptures, hold on to them, and delight in them: «Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; / For Your law is my delight.» (Psalm 119:77); because the enemy will try in every way to keep us away from prayer, from the worship of Christ, and will attack trying to keep us away from the Word of God to make us faint and fall into torment, distress, and despair; and the devil wants to do this through various instruments; for example, he will do it by sending fiery darts to our mind to weaken our faith; also by using human instruments.

Nevertheless, we must resist the devil to flee (James 4:7) and keep on crying out to the Living God and keep on the Warfare against Satan because Christ has given us the victory; we must keep on declaring and confessing the written Word of God and the one He has given us to our heart in the midst of affliction: «Let the proud be ashamed, / For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood; / *But* I will meditate on Your precepts.» (Psalm 119:78).

Certainly when we are in affliction, the devil sends blasphemous demons that speak against the Word of God, and against the promises that the Lord has given us; the old perverse nature also rises with ungodly arguments; the devil also uses human instruments that try to weaken our faith through messages of despondency that David speaks of in Psalm 42, verses 3 and 10: «³ My tears have been my food day and night, / While they continually say to me, / “Where *is* your God?” ... As with a breaking of my bones, / My enemies reproach me, / While they say to me all day long, / “Where *is* your God?”» Other messages that the enemy sends through other people, and the old man himself, is: "He is crazy, he is mad, what he hopes for will never happen".

This attack is the order of the day in these End Times when the Rapture is going to take place very soon, but many inside and outside the churches deny this glorious event. They deny that God is going to judge this Earth in the seven years of Tribulation; they deny that

the wrath of God is about to be poured out on this Earth; they deny that Christ will come for a second time with His Church to rule a thousand years; they also deny that there will be an Eternal Kingdom on the New Earth in a new universe; finally, they deny all the eternal promises, especially the promise of the holy descendants that will multiply eternally. Another form of denying is to say that the Rapture, the judgments, the Millennium, and the Eternal Kingdom will happen someday but very far away, in two thousand years or many thousands of years more.

With these End-Times denials, the Biblical prophecy of 2 Peter 3:3-4 has been fulfilled: «³knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”» These mockers of the last days are those who are clinging to this Earth and the world; they walk according to their own ungodly lusts, as Jude 1:17-18 says: «¹⁷But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: ¹⁸how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.»

We must be aware of this spiritual warfare so that we do not allow ourselves to be deceived because the sooner the day of our departure with Christ in the Rapture draws near, the more Satan will attack in order to weaken us, the believers, to divide the body of Christ, the Church, causing some to apostatize from the faith and go astray and listen to deceiving spirits and stop believing and obeying the Word of God; the devil wants many of the Church to go into the world or remove their eyes from the Eternal Kingdom and put them on this Earth, in the cares of this world, following the sensual persons, the worldly, who are proud, haughty and worship THEIRSELVES, their desires, and their desires.

These attacks of reproach were suffered by the psalmist and that is why he said: «Let the proud be ashamed, / For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood; / *But* I will meditate on Your precepts.» (Psalm 119:78). Despite the attacks of reproach and slander, the psalmist knew that his refuge was the Word of God, and that is why he says that he will meditate on it, on the commandments of the Lord. We must do this now that we are about to leave this Earth, and when many are accusing us of being mad, of being fanatics, of being loveless because we speak the truth that is for salvation because we say that the Lord is going rapture the Church out of this Earth; and then the wrath of God will come upon the world.

Now more than ever, we must lay hold of the mighty Word of God that talks about our Almighty Lord, the Maker of wonders and marvelous works, Whose wisdom is unsearchable, His power unimaginable, unstoppable, overwhelming, irresistible, His love and grace are infinite, our glorious Lord Whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain and therefore He will live on the new Earth and in the ETERNAL and INFINITE New Heavens; our

beloved King who, because of these and other attributes, deserves a river of worshipers who will worship Him in spirit and truth, for He has decreed it, that generations will multiply and be fruitful, generation after generation will be born for eternity, for the majesty and glory of God are endless, unlimited, infinite, and therefore, His worshipers must multiply, extend infinitely, like the stars forever and ever.

This is our God, without limits, without boundaries to stop Him, whose will remains forever and will be established on Earth eternally in the perfect existence of His subjects who will never again have sin or death. Hallelujah!

What God is saying to you today



Beloved brother and beloved sister who read this devotional, do not forget that your victory is the Word of God; believe it, declare it, and confess it, no matter the adverse circumstances. Do not be afraid to declare the eternal promises of the Lord! David confessed the promises the Lord made to him, showing his faith in them (read 1 Chronicles 17:24-27); all the Old Covenant saints believed, confessed, and embraced His promises (read Hebrews 11:13). We must do so because there is a cloud of witnesses around us (read Hebrews 12:1), before whom we must testify; this cloud is formed by all those who have not received Christ, natural men and those who have strayed from the Word of God, the proud, scoffers who do not know the Lord, His Word and do not know the things of the Spirit (read 1 Corinthians 2:14).

But the cloud of witnesses is also constituted by all those who dwell in Heaven and all the believers in the churches, the God-fearing, those who know Christ, and those who are born again. For all these people, we are witnesses to the glory of God; that is why the psalmist states: «Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, / Because I have hoped in Your word.» (Psalm 119:74). This is the powerful effect of having believed the Lord, of having hoped and kept His Word; the affirmation and confirmation of the faith of the righteous, of the children of God, of our brethren who are around us: «Let those who fear You turn to me, / Those who know Your testimonies.» (Psalm 119:79). And the joy of these brethren and the strength that will work when they too are tested.

But other effects may be: The conviction of those who did not believe, but seeing the wonders of God, His Word fulfilled, will repent, believe and receive Christ into their hearts; another effect may be the hardening of the heart of those who out of pride do not want to repent; nevertheless, the faithful, the one who believed and to whom what was said to him from the Lord was fulfilled, will not be ashamed, but the glory of God will shine upon him, and the Word of God will be established and praised: «Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes, / That I may not be ashamed.» (Sal 119:80). The Word of God does not remain without producing an effect (Read Isaiah 60:1-5).

Let us pray to the Lord



Can you pray to the Lord like this?

Lord! I cry out to You today.
Help me to understand Your Word
the powerful and wonderful promises
that are written therein
and which Christ has given me
by Your Redeeming work on the Cross.
You are glorious, my Lord
Holy and Mighty.
My soul praises You,
that I may never doubt your Word,
of Your eternal promises
for Your Word has been fulfilled
and all will be fulfilled.
Let me enter eternity
rapture me on the day when the trumpet sounds.
Change me into your likeness
Glorify me!
May I live with you, God
My King and my Lord.
I pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Mis promesas” (My promises): Berea Films Barranquilla

<https://youtu.be/dAPoV9UWcGM>

DAY 11. Kaph (כ):

When will You comfort me?!: «*My soul faints for Your salvation...*» (Psalm 119:81a).

⁸¹ My soul faints for Your salvation,
But I hope in Your word.
⁸² My eyes fail *from searching* Your word,
Saying, “When will You comfort me?”
⁸³ For I have become like a wineskin in smoke,
Yet I do not forget Your statutes.
⁸⁴ How many *are* the days of Your servant?
When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?
⁸⁵ The proud have dug pits for me,
Which *is* not according to Your law.
⁸⁶ All Your commandments *are* faithful;
They persecute me wrongfully;
Help me!
⁸⁷ They almost made an end of me on earth,
But I did not forsake Your precepts.
⁸⁸ Revive me according to Your lovingkindness,
So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

Time of thinking



When the child of God is in tribulation, in persecution, he is not able to wait for the moment when God will come and deliver him; the question that often comes up is: How long? (Read Psalms 35:17; 74:10; 79:5; 94:3). The Lord hears the cry of His children because His ear is attentive to the voice of those who are in Christ Jesus and pray in holiness, humility, and humiliation; Psalm 34:15 says: «The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, / And His ears are open to their cry.» We must be confident that we are heard by our Heavenly Father, and in our cry, we must ask Him to incline His ears in His infinite mercy. In this way, David guides us when he says the following in several psalms:

- **In Psalm 5:1-3:**

¹ Give ear to my words, O Lord,
Consider my meditation.

² Give heed to the voice of my cry,
My King and my God,
For to You I will pray.

³ My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord;
In the morning I will direct *it* to You,
And I will look up.

- **In Psalm 17:1:**

¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord,
Attend to my cry;
Give ear to my prayer *which is* not from deceitful lips.

- **In Psalm 55:1-2:**

¹ Give ear to my prayer, O God,
And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.

² Attend to me, and hear me;
I am restless in my complaint, and moan noisily...

- **In Psalm 86:1-7:**

¹ Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me;
For I *am* poor and needy.

² Preserve my life, for I *am* holy;
You are my God;
Save Your servant who trusts in You!

³ Be merciful to me, O Lord,
For I cry to You all day long.

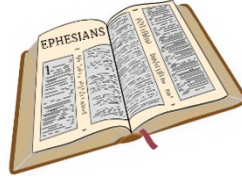
⁴ Rejoice the soul of Your servant,
For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵ For You, Lord, *are* good, and ready to forgive,
And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

⁶ Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
And attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷ In the day of my trouble I will call upon You,
For You will answer me.

The teaching of today



The psalmist in Psalm 119 was confident that the Almighty God heard his prayer, his cry, and so he says: «“When will You comfort me?”» (Psalm 119:82b), «When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?» (Psalm 119:84b). The psalmist said in the midst of the persecution of which he was a victim: When will you comfort me? He knew that the only One who could comfort him was the Lord, for He is the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort (read 2 Corinthians 1:3).

This prayer to be comforted is really a cry for the Word of God because it says in verses 49 and 50 of Psalm 119: «Remember the word to Your servant, / Upon which You have caused me to hope. / This *is* my comfort in my affliction, / For Your word has given me life.» The Bible says that the Prophetic Word is for edification, exhortation, and comfort (1 Corinthians 14:3). The Lord comforted the Early Church with many words (read Acts 15:32).

For this reason, the psalmist says: «My eyes fail *from searching* Your word, / Saying, “When will You comfort me?”» (Psalm 119:82). The psalmist fainted for the salvation of the Lord, but this fainting was not of defeat, because he was sustained by the Word of God: «My soul faints for Your salvation, / But I hope in Your word.» (Psalm 119:81).

When we are in tribulation because of various troubles or persecution, there may be times when we will feel that we faint; it is then when we should cry out for the Word of God and seek comfort in the Scriptures (read Romans 15:4) and in the confirmed, true, Prophetic Word given by the Holy Spirit (read 2 Peter 1:19).

When we are in tribulation, we long to hear the voice of God and so we seek His presence, we pray, we cry out, we watch, we fast, we pray with all prayer of supplication in the Spirit and God manifests Himself, He speaks to our heart by the Scriptures and by His Prophetic Word through His Holy Spirit.

The psalmist was in tribulation, but a question arises: Which tribulation? You might think that it was something in his personal life, but according to verses 81 to 84 of Psalm 119, the psalmist's tribulation was because he longed for eternal consolation, that is, the presence of the Living God; notice that there are two reasons why the psalmist was fainting: (a) for

the Lord's salvation; and (b) for the Word of the Lord. There was a cry to be before the Lord; David¹⁴ experienced the same cry in Psalm 42:1:

¹ As the deer pants for the water brooks,
So pants my soul for You, O God.

Now that we are about to be caught away in the Rapture, the Lord asks the Church:

- ✓ As the deer pants for the water brooks, are you panting for Me this way, so is your soul crying out for me, Church?
- ✓ Church, does your soul thirst for me, for the Living God?
- ✓ Church, are you asking: "When will You come, when will You come, Lord, appear before You"?
- ✓ Church, is your soul fainting for your final salvation?
- ✓ Church, are your eyes faint for my Word, are you longing to see, live and enjoy all that my Word says?

The Lord is telling us that He wants to hear this voice of His Church, of His beloved; the Lord wants to feel the heartstrings of His Church, of His beloved, which cries out for Him, which cries out for the final salvation that will rapture her into His glorious presence. Hallelujah!

The psalmist has so much longing to be in the presence of God that he faints and is "like a wineskin in smoke" (Psalm 119:83a) and this is a powerful figure. The wineskins were used to store water, milk or wine and the Israelites placed them in a place where the smoke reached them so that the insects would not approach them, or so that the wine would obtain the necessary properties. Smoke could also cause the wineskins to lose their elasticity and become stiff.

The psalmist uses this image of the wineskin to refer perhaps to that state of stiffness because of the smoke, pointing to his faintness, but he may also refer to the wineskin as a container of wine that, with the smoke, acquired the perfect quality; the psalmist would be that wineskin since he was in a body of death that was perishing day by day, but in his interior was the life, the salvation as an earnest, represented in the wine, which will reach its precise quality; but this salvation was also represented in the Word of God which is the water and the pure milk (read 1 Peter 2:2); and this salvation as an earnest will reach its final quality for us on the day of the Rapture. Let us read 2 Corinthians 4: 14-18:

¹⁴ We believe that David wrote Psalm 42 because of the topic and the relationship with Psalm 63; the New King James Version (NKJV) says: "To the Chief Musician. A Contemplation of the sons of Korah.", but in the King James Authorized (AKJV) version, it says "Maschil, for the sons of Korah."

¹⁴ knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present *us* with you.

¹⁵ For all things *are* for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward *man* is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory,

¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which *are* not seen are eternal.

There is a relationship between the part of Psalm 119:81-83 and the passage of 2 Corinthians 4:14-18; the psalmist in the midst of his tribulation, of the wineskin of his body, perishing, fainting, cried out for the exceeding and eternal weight of glory, for eternal things. This is how we should be now that we are about to depart to the Father's house, the New Jerusalem. And the guarantee to have this weight of glory is to be filled with the Word of life, with the new wine, with the living water, with the pure milk of the Word; this is what the psalmist understood, and that is why he said: «For I have become like a wineskin in smoke, / **Yet I do not forget Your statutes.**» (Psalm 119:83).

The psalmist says that he has not forgotten the statutes of the Lord, His Word, and His commandments; he is not willing to forsake the way, God's blessing of His eternal promises, His inheritance to which he has access through salvation; therefore he adds: «All Your commandments are faithful...» (Psalm 119:86a). But the enemy does not remain static and continues to use the old perverse nature and the instruments of flesh and blood to weaken the believer, to make him lose faith and to make him lose the promises of the Lord; the psalmist says: «^{84b} When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me? / ⁸⁵ The proud have dug pits for me, / Which *is* not according to Your law.» (Psalm 119:84b-85).

But the psalmist was clear that he was on the way of salvation and that those who reproached and persecuted him were instruments of the devil; therefore, the psalmist says: «Which *is* not according to Your law.» (Psalm 119:85b); the psalmist, instead of separating from the Lord, holds more and more to His Word and declares in faith: «All Your commandments *are* faithful...» (Psalm 119:86a). Because of this, the enemy attacks more and more against the servant, against the child of God, but the psalmist comes to the Lord with a cry and prays: «^{86b} They persecute me wrongfully; Help me! / ^{87a} They almost made an end of me on earth...» (Psalm 119:86b - 87a).

And after the cry, the psalmist reaffirms his confidence, his unshakeable conviction, and his faith in the powerful Word of God and says: «But I did not forsake Your precepts.» (Psalm 119:87b). In this assurance, the psalmist is immersed in the river of faith, he prays: «Revive

me according to Your lovingkindness, / So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.» (Psalm 119:88). REVIVE ME! This is the prayer we must do because we know that only when our mortal bodies, these wineskins in smoke, are revived, resurrected, glorified, we will be able to see the face of the King, the Almighty God; we will no longer faint for salvation because this joy of ours will be fulfilled. Hallelujah! Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:22-23: «²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming.»

REVIVE ME!, this is the cry of the psalmist; in many parts of the Psalm 119 he prays this way, and it is necessary that we read it the times that this servant did it, because it is the petition, the cry, the prayer, that the Church must have now that we are about to depart; let us read it:

²⁵ My soul clings to the dust;
Revive me according to Your word.

¹⁰⁷ I am afflicted very much;
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for Your precepts;
Revive me in Your righteousness.

¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice according to Your
lovingkindness;
O Lord, revive me according to Your justice.

⁵⁰ This *is* my comfort in my affliction,
For Your word has given me life.

¹⁵⁴ Plead my cause and redeem me;
Revive me according to Your word.

⁸⁸ Revive me according to Your
lovingkindness,
So that I may keep the testimony of Your
mouth.

¹⁵⁶ Great *are* Your tender mercies, O Lord;
Revive me according to Your judgments.

⁹³ I will never forget Your precepts,
For by them You have given me life.

¹⁵⁹ Consider how I love Your precepts;
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your
lovingkindness.

What God is saying to you today



We cannot abandon the Word of God, the protection of the King; we cannot leave His covering, His mighty hands, the dwelling place of the Most High, His eternal ways; He is our refuge. The psalmist knew this, and it seemed that he was about to be overcome by the attacks of the devil, of the old nature, and of the human enemies, but the strength was the Word of God because the psalmist says: «But I did not forsake Your precepts.» (Psalm 119:87b).

We cannot stop crying out for the Word of God because it will revive our mortal bodies. The Lord says to you today: "Endure to the end; I keep what you have committed for that day that is near; be faithful to the end; do not weaken, do not faint; I am with you as a mighty, awesome One, and I will bring you out of the kingdom of death; I will bring you out of this earth, for I have promised it in my Word, it is written, and it shall be fulfilled; soon your joy shall be fulfilled".

Let us pray to the Lord

Can you pray to the Lord saying this?



When will You come, King?
Come, Lord Jesus!
When will we go to the New Jerusalem?
When will we see You face to face?
When shall we serve You with our glorified bodies?
When will the trumpet sound?
Revive me Lord!
Glorify me!
Transform this body of death.
Clothe me with Your heavenly habitation.
My soul, Spirit, and body
cry out to You, my King and Lord.
In Jesus' name, I pray,
Amen.



Let us worship God

Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

"Santo y glorioso" (Holy and Glorious): Berea Films Barranquilla
<https://youtu.be/MEA6QTxb8M>

"Salmo 61" (Psalm 61): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/AjIVKvNcfuw>

DAY 12. Lamed (ל):

Your Word, O Lord, fills me with the eternity of life! «Forever, O Lord, / Your word is settled in heaven.» (Psalm 119:89).

⁸⁹ Forever, O Lord,

Your word is settled in heaven.

⁹⁰ Your faithfulness *endures* to all generations;

You established the earth, and it abides.

⁹¹ They continue this day according to Your ordinances,

For all *are* Your servants.

⁹² Unless Your law *had been* my delight,

I would then have perished in my affliction.

⁹³ I will never forget Your precepts,

For by them You have given me life.

⁹⁴ I *am* Yours, save me;

For I have sought Your precepts.

⁹⁵ The wicked wait for me to destroy me,

But I will consider Your testimonies.

⁹⁶ I have seen the consummation of all perfection,

But Your commandment *is* exceedingly broad.

Time of thinking

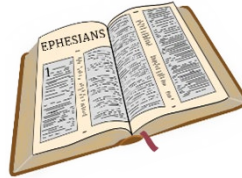


One of the characteristics of man is transience; the Bible says that he is like a flower of the field: «¹⁵ As for man, his days *are* like grass; / As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. /¹⁶ For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, / And its place remembers it no more.» (Psalm 103:15-16). Everything the man does is ephemeral and transitory, although, in his pride, he wants to go down in history with his works. Many people desire to be in history books because of the desire for fame, popularity, and glory of man with which they try to fill their hearts, but all this is ephemeral and does not fill the heart.

The Preacher in the book of Ecclesiastes says: «I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.» (Ecclesiastes 1:14); and he concludes by stating: «“Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher, / “All *is* vanity.”» (Ecclesiastes 12:8).

If man's hope were in what he does, thinks, or says, if his hope were in himself, the man would be the most pitiable, and his existence would be meaningless because everything that surrounds him in this world and his works are ephemeral, corruptible. But in contrast to man's transience, there is the eternity of God, and the Lord Himself has provided a way for us to be filled with it. The words of men perish no matter how much they are put in writing, but God has given us the great blessing of His Word, which is eternal.

The teaching of today



This part of Psalm 119 begins with a powerful truth: The eternity of God's Word. God is eternal and therefore His Word is also eternal, which is why the psalmist says that it endures forever. The Scriptures says that: «*God is not a man, that He should lie, / Nor a son of man, that He should repent. / **Has He said**, and will He not do? / Or **has He spoken**, and will He not make it good?*» (Numbers 23:19); we also read in Hebrews 13:8 that «*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*» The power, omnipotence and immutability of God and the eternity of His Word are our guarantee. The psalmist knew this and with him we can say: how powerful are comfort, hope and the knowledge that God's Word does not change and is totally fulfilled!

When we read the Bible, we know that everything written there is true and everything will be fulfilled; therefore, the promises written there are unbreakable, steadfast, and sure; God will fulfill them. The psalmist knew this and thus, guided by the Holy Spirit, he wrote this part of Psalm 119 with two powerful portions; let us see: (a) a future prophetic portion that speaks of the new creation that the Lord will make after the Millennium, the creation of the New Earth and the New Heavens; (b) a portion referred to this present creation in which the psalmist is suffering, but has his firm faith and hope placed in the future promise of the new creation.

(a) The future prophetic portion

The psalmist defines this first prophetic portion with the eternity and immutability of the Word of God: «*Forever, O Lord, / Your word is settled in heaven.*» (Psalm 119:89). This eternal picture continues when it says: «*Your faithfulness endures to all generations...*» (Psalm 119:90a); it is evident that the attribute of God's faithfulness is eternal since He is also eternal and immutable; God is and remains faithful forever, He never ceases to be faithful, for He cannot deny Himself: «*If we are faithless, / He remains faithful; / He cannot deny Himself.*» (2 Timothy 2:13). This verse does not mean that if we are unfaithful, the Lord rewards us; what Paul is doing here is opposing the unfaithfulness of human beings with the unbreakable and immutable faithfulness of God as one

of His attributes. To say that God is unfaithful is a contradiction and blasphemy. The Bible teaches us that Christ is the Faithful and True Witness: «“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God...» (Revelation 3:14).

It is evident that all the attributes of God are eternal; therefore, when the psalmist says that His faithfulness endures to all generations, he is talking firstly about the Eternal Kingdom with the generations after generations of the holy descendants multiplied eternally¹⁵, upon whom the faithfulness and mercy of God will be manifested forever. Therefore, these eternal generations will praise and worship this faithfulness of God, as Psalm 89: 1 says: «I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; / **With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**». Therefore, when Psalm 119:90a says that «Your faithfulness endures to all generations... », it is talking about the descendants that will be born in the Eternal Kingdom, which will be holy and blessed forever.

(b) The portion referred to this present creation in which the psalmist is suffering, but has his firm faith and hope placed in the future promise of the new creation.

In this first future prophetic portion, the psalmist also speaks of the new creation of the New Earth and the New Heavens: «^{90b}You established the earth, and it abides. / ⁹¹They continue this day according to Your ordinances, / For all *are* Your servants.» (Psalm 119:90b-91). We believe that the psalmist talks about the future new creation, even though he uses verbs in the Past tense, because he mentions the Earth established by God and that abides; it cannot be this fallen creation, contaminated by sin, because it will be burned, it will no longer exist; the new creation will be the one that will be established and will abide forever.

Another evidence that the psalmist talks about the future creation is because he says, "For all *are* Your servants" (Psalm 119:91b); now we cannot see that all things serve the Lord, especially the man who is in rebellion against God. All things, all creation will worship and serve the Lord in the Eternal Kingdom.

The new creation appears in many parts of the Scriptures; for example, in Psalm 89:34-37 it says:

³⁴ My covenant I will not break,
Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

³⁵ Once I have sworn by My holiness;

¹⁵ To understand this promise of the holy descendants multiplied eternally, read the book: Ferrer, G., Rodríguez, Y. (2021). *The Eternal Kingdom: Descendants, New Earth, and Government*. Berea Editions. Free download: <https://www.ministeriobereabarranquilla.com/el-reino-eterno>

I will not lie to David:

³⁶ His seed shall endure forever,

And his throne as the sun before Me;

³⁷ It shall be established forever like the moon,

Even *like* the faithful witness in the sky." *Selah*

What a powerful promise is in this covenant of God with David! The best thing about it is that this covenant also covers us as the Church, Hallelujah!, for we have had access to all of God's eternal covenants and promises in Christ. It is powerful to see how the Lord says that He has sworn by His holiness that the descendants of David will be forever, that is, eternal; the descendants of David will multiply forever; and we as the Church are partakers of this covenant and of these promises, which are guaranteed by the oath that God swore by Himself, by His own holiness; and the Lord says that He will not change this, He will not change what He has said, because His Word is eternal, it endures forever, as Psalm 119 says, and He is Faithful and True.

This is confirmed in Hebrews 6:13-18:

¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

¹⁴ saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you."

¹⁵ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

¹⁶ For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* for them an end of all dispute.

¹⁷ Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath,

¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*.

Verse 13 says that God swore by Himself by two things that appear in verse 14: **(a) I will bless you; (b) I will multiply you;** in verse 17, it says that God shows to the heirs of the promise the immutability of His counsel, through the oath; and in verse 18 it says that the two things (I will bless you and multiply you) are immutable, and it is impossible for God to lie about them, since He is Faithful and True, besides the fact that He confirmed them by an oath.

These two mighty promises, to be blessed and to have holy descendants multiplied for eternity, are our strong consolation because we have fled for refuge to Christ and to lay hold of the hope set before us. These are eternal promises that only glorified, sinless, and deathless eternal men and women can receive. On the day of the Rapture, we will have the glorification of our bodies to receive these promises that no man has ever received. Hallelujah!

When the author of Psalm 119 has become fully aware of the promises of the Lord, of the eternal generations, of God's covenant with the creation, which He will make new, he is able

to feel the joy of the Word of God in which he delights greatly and, therefore, relieves his affliction: «Unless Your law *had been* my delight, / I would then have perished in my affliction.» (Psalm 119:92). And how can we not delight in the eternal promises of the Lord, which are written in His eternal Word and have been guaranteed by God's own oath by His own holiness?!

Any affliction is certainly relieved; the Early Church knew this, and that is why they did not mind any reproach, suffering, or death because they knew they had a glorious inheritance: «for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.» (Hebrews 10:34). Have you become aware that you have a better and an enduring possession in heaven?

We delight in the Word of God, because our inheritance, our promises, our joy, our eternity in the Kingdom of the Lord are guaranteed there; that is why Paul declared: «¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. ¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. » (Romans 8:17-18).

The Lord asks you at this moment:

- ✓ Have you been made aware that you are an heir of God and joint heir with Christ?
- ✓ Does this powerful truth relieve you of affliction, give you joy and make you delight in your King?
- ✓ Have you made aware that you will be glorified and have the inheritance that God has promised, descendants, new Earth, and government in His Eternal Kingdom?
- ✓ Have you realized that if you endure to the end by being faithful to Christ, on the day of the Rapture, you will receive all the promises that God Himself guaranteed and confirmed by swearing by Himself, swearing by His holiness?
- ✓ Do you rejoice with the glory which shall be revealed in us on that glorious day and hour?
- ✓ Are you fully convinced by the Word of God of that day and that hour are at the doors?

The psalmist was certain of the promises of the descendants, of the eternal generations over which God's faithfulness will be; he was also certain of the new creation that will abide and endure forever; therefore, he delighted in the midst of his affliction, and says: «I will never forget Your precepts, / For by them You have given me life.» (Psalm 119:93). This is a declaration applicable to the present situation of the psalmist, to that moment of his life, but it may well apply to his future and our eternal future, for he says "I will never forget" and then adds "You have given me life", which may refer to the glorification or vivification of the body

prophetically declared; we will never forget the Word of the Lord only when we are revived and glorified.

For these great and wonderful eternal promises, the psalmist in his mortal condition cries out to the Lord: «*I am Yours, save me; / For I have sought Your precepts.*» (Psalm 119:94). How many of us can say to the Lord now: "I am yours Lord, You have redeemed me, You have given me Your Word of life, I am filled with it, You have filled me with eternity with Your Word, Save me, Glorify my body, come and rapture me Jesus and take me to the Father's house!"

The psalmist cried out to the Lord because Satan was attacking him using the wicked: «The wicked wait for me to destroy me...» (Psalm 119:95a); because the enemy always intends to make us lose our salvation, to make us lose our eternal promises, our inheritance; the enemy wants to destroy us. But the psalmist declares again that the Word of God sustains him and defends him from the devil's attacks: «*But I will consider Your testimonies.*» (Psalm 119:95b).

The psalmist closes this part of Psalm 119 by reiterating what he said at the beginning about the eternity, infinity, and immutability of God's Word, for he says: «*I have seen the consummation of all perfection, / But Your commandment is exceedingly broad.*» (Psalm 119:96). This can be interpreted as the opposition between two facts: first, that anything on this Earth is ephemeral, has an end, even if it seems perfect; and second, that the Word of God, on the contrary, is infinite, wide-opened, eternal.

What God is saying to you today



The Word of God is eternal. The covenants written in it are eternal and are fulfilled in eternal men and women. Therefore, now we have all the promises as earnest, for they are eternal. God will fulfill all His Word; we have assurance because it is eternal and abides forever, even if the circumstances are totally contrary to what God has said.

Surely affliction threatens to extinguish the fire of the Holy Spirit in our heart; affliction threatens to dry up our heart, to kill our soul and spirit. And it is in those moments of great pain and affliction that we need to be revived by our loving Father. And He does this with His Word that comes as balm, as strength, living water that refreshes the soul and spirit, lifts our

heart, because with all certainty we can say: "You spoke to me, the Word came from Your mouth Lord, and it is eternal, faithful, powerful and endures forever".

The devil can show the circumstances, present before our eyes realities that seem certain and unchangeable, but these are opposed to the Word of God, which is written and which the Lord has certainly spoken to us according to it. What do we choose: the devil's lie or God's eternal truth? The Lord reminds us that what IS, IS NOT, and what IS NOT, IS.

Indeed, our salvation and hope for coming out of affliction are to receive, believe, and cling to the Word of the Living, Faithful, and True God; the written Word fulfilled in countless statutes and commandments in which God spoke. God promised and did. We must remember all the times He has spoken in our lives, and His Word has never failed; we have seen it fully and gloriously fulfilled in the time established in the calendar of God's perfect *Kairos*, His blessed, joyful, and glorious times.

Let us pray to the Lord



I believe Your Word, Lord
I believe all of it completely, from the beginning to the end.
I thank You for speaking to me in it,
For giving me Your testimonies,
Your commandments.
Thank You, God, because
In Your Eternal Word is my inheritance,
Where are my promises,
Which You have obtained for me, Christ,
with Your sacrifice.
You suffered to give me access
to Your Eternal Kingdom of power and glory. Thank You, King!
In Jesus' name, I pray,
Amen.



Let us worship God

Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

Coronado de gloria (Crowned with Glory): Berea Films Barranquilla
<https://youtu.be/5QwrAzYRnwM>

La batalla de la salvación (The Salvation's Battle): Berea Films Barranquilla
<https://youtu.be/TITFJUZcLro>

DAY 9. Teth (ט):

You call me to be humble!: «Teach me good judgment and knowledge, / For I believe Your commandments.» (Psalm 119:66).

⁶⁵ You have dealt well with Your servant,
O Lord, according to Your word.

⁶⁶ Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
For I believe Your commandments.

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Your word.

⁶⁸ You are good, and do good;
Teach me Your statutes.

⁶⁹ The proud have forged a lie against me,
But I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart.

⁷⁰ Their heart is as fat as grease,
But I delight in Your law.

⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been afflicted,
That I may learn Your statutes.

⁷² The law of Your mouth is better to me
Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.

Time of thinking



When we are in Christ Jesus, says the Bible, all things work together for good: «And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.» (Romans 8:28). This truth is hard for us to treasure in our hearts when we are in trials or tribulations. But all that God gives is good, is a blessing, and adds no sorrow. The Lord says that His thoughts toward us are thoughts of peace and goodness: «For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.» (Jeremiah 29:11).

Therefore, everything that is happening to you today, even though it seems bad, terrible, or painful, God will turn it into something good because, from the day you received Christ in your heart, you became a child of God, a precious treasure for the Lord. He has you inscribed in the palm of His hand, He keeps you, and everything is planned perfectly for your teaching, your blessing in the Millennium and the Eternal Kingdom, and your joy forever and ever.

The teaching of today



The psalmist begins this section of Psalm 119 by saying: «You have dealt well with Your servant, / O Lord, according to Your word.» (Psalm 119:65). What is the good that God has done for His servant? This good can be interpreted by the content of this part of the psalm as the conversion and restoration of our communion with God. The psalmist says: «Before I was afflicted I went astray, / But now I keep Your word.» (Psalm 119:67).

This humiliation to which the psalmist refers can be interpreted in the following ways:

- (a) That moment when we first open our hearts to Him in repentance, receive the Word of God by the Holy Spirit working through reproof of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
- (b) The moments when the Lord humbles us when we are astray from His way. Therefore, the psalmist says: «*It is good for me that I have been afflicted, / That I may learn Your statutes.*» (Psalm 119:71).

Man does not like humiliation; when he is humiliated, he feels terrible. But the child of God must be humble and must accept that when he is humiliated, God is allowing it for several purposes, among them:

- ✓ To test the longsuffering, temperance, and meekness or humility of His servant: Many times we do not realize that the old man has arisen with haughtiness, with arrogance, with pride, with impatience; but thanks be to God who all the time searches our heart, our walk, our words, and our thoughts, to teach us humility, to teach us to testify that Christ dwells in our hearts, to testify that we are the temple, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit and that we are ambassadors of God the Father and Christ in every place where we go.
- ✓ Mold the heart: With humiliation, the Lord may be doing a work in the heart in order to cleanse us from a sin that we have: it may be pride, haughtiness, arrogance, vanity, or vainglory. Humiliation is the best method to deal with those sinful areas in our life. When we are humbled, we ask for forgiveness; when we are humbled, we feel weak and come before the Lord to ask for mercy, pity, compassion, and help. The Word of God says: «The

sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, / A broken and a contrite heart— / These, O God, You will not despise.» (Psalm 51:17).

- ✓ To lead us to praise the Lord: Humiliation is praise for the living God, for the glorious Christ who rescued us. Humiliation is a blessing, and it is humility.
- ✓ Lead us to receive the Word of God: humiliation leads us to learn the Word of God because only with humility can we receive it and long to understand it: «Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.» (James 1:21). The psalmist says: «It is good for me that I have been afflicted, / That I may learn Your statutes.» (Psalm 119:71).
- ✓ Lead us to keep the Word of God: Humiliation also leads us to keep the Word of God: «Before I was afflicted I went astray, / But now I keep Your word.» (Psalm 119:67).

When the Word of God is in our life, once we have born again, and when we live in the gospel, there are five results, among others, that take place in our heart; and the psalmist speaks of them; let's see:

- (1) All the goodness and blessings of God written in His Word will come upon our lives: «You have dealt well with Your servant...» (Psalm 119:65a); this allows us to experience the goodness and kindness of God: «You *are* good, and do good...» (Psalm 119:68a). All the good of which the psalmist speaks is the eternal inheritance that is reserved in the Kingdom of Heaven, in the Kingdom of God, the Eternal Kingdom, the New Heavens and the New Earth, the New Jerusalem, for His children, those who live humbled before Him.
- (2) We long for God to teach us His Word every day, because from it we learn wisdom: «Teach me good judgment and knowledge, / For I believe Your commandments.» (Psalm 119:66); «Teach me Your statutes.» (Psalm 119:68b).
- (3) We long to keep God's commandments, despite the troubles, tribulations and attacks of the devil and the apostates, the enemies of God: «The proud have forged a lie against me, / *But* I will keep Your precepts with *my* whole heart.» (Psalm 119:69).

- (4) We rejoice, we joy in the Word of God: «Their heart is as fat as grease, / But I delight in Your law.» (Psalm 119:70).
- (5) We put off ourselves of material things, our mind is not set on this world or on riches, but on the Kingdom of God, on the Word of God, on the eternal promises of which it speaks to us and of which Christ has given us, which we will enjoy at His side forever: «The law of Your mouth is better to me / Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.» (Psalm 119:72).

What God is saying to you today



Remember that the proud man's heart waxes fat as grease, and he rejects the Word of God (Psalm 119: 70). Therefore, the Lord says to you today: Live humbled before the living God, rejoice in meekness and humility because the Lord will exalt the humble for eternity. The Lord hears the humble servants in prayer (Psalm 10: 17); God has promised that He will satisfy the humble, they will praise Him forever, and their hearts will live (Psalm 22:26); the humble are beautified with salvation (Psalm 149:4), He will give grace to them (Proverbs 3:34); with the humble is wisdom (Proverbs 11:2), they will increase their joy in the Lord (Isaiah 29:19); the humble (or downcast) will be comforted (2 Corinthians 7:6). For all these and many other blessings, can you say from your heart to the Lord: «*It is good for me that I have been afflicted...*» (Psalm 119:71a).

Let us pray to the Lord



Can you pray to the Lord in this way?

Humble me, humble me, Lord, O God!

Break me, and do not let my heart,
Do not let my heart be filled with fatness, with grease, with hardness.
Let it not be turned to stone,
For I love Your Word
and I want it to pierce into the deepest part
of my heart, of my soul, of my spirit.
I want it to blossom, to bear fruit
like Aaron's rod.
I believe in Your Word, and I hope in it.
For You will lead me into Your Eternal Kingdom very soon
Humbled, meek, and humble, I wait...
I pray in Jesus' name,
Amen.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Salmo 51” (Psalm 51): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/npw2AWfur0k>

DAY 13. Mem (מ):

How sweet are Your words to my taste!: «*Oh, how I love Your law!*» (Psalm 119:97a).

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love Your law!

It *is* my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸ You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies;
For they *are* ever with me.

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers,
For Your testimonies *are* my meditation.

¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients,
Because I keep Your precepts.

¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way,
That I may keep Your word.

¹⁰² I have not departed from Your judgments,
For You Yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste,
Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through Your precepts I get understanding;
Therefore I hate every false way.

Time of thinking



After sin, the man has spent his time in the search of knowledge, of the wisdom of the world; he glories himself of it all the time and wisdom is the object of idolatry. We can say that human science has become a god; and science itself has fed the MYSELF, the haughtiness, the arrogance of the man who has also assumed himself as a god.

This is the offer that the devil made to Eve in Eden and she accepted it by coveting: «So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.» (Genesis 3:6). Adam sinned by accepting his wife's offer. From that moment, death, sin, and corruption entered his body, the world, and all men, his descendants; creation was subjected to the bondage of corruption and futility.

The teaching of today



In Genesis 3, verse 6, there are key words that characterize sin; let's see: (a) "... saw": Adam and Eve began to walk by sight and not by faith (read 2 Corinthians 5:7); (b) "... that the tree *was* good": Adam and Eve began to call good evil (read Isaiah 5:20); (c) "... for food": Adam and Eve began to center on the lust of the flesh, of physical food, and of all perishable things (read John 6:27; and Matthew 4:4); (d) "it *was* pleasant to the eyes": Sight and futility again appear here, which pleases the eyes, the appearance (read Isaiah 5:18 and 1 Samuel 16:7); (e) "and a tree desirable": Covetousness, greed, came to rule Adam and Eve (read Mark 4:19); (f) "...to make *one* wise": Man's wisdom began to rule Adam and Eve, the wisdom of God, the wisdom of His Word, was rejected (read 1 Corinthians 1:19 and 3:19-20). And all these sins entered all men until now (read Romans 5:12).

When the Lord created man, the first thing He gave him was His powerful Word, which is the central theme of the whole of Psalm 119; this Word is the wisdom of God. The psalmist says: «You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; / For they *are* ever / with me.» (Psalm 119:98). Look here how it says that it is with the commandments, with the Word of God, that the psalmist has been made wise, it is not with human knowledge, with man's wisdom which is opposed to God's wisdom; for the Lord says: «And to man He said, / 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom, / And to depart from evil *is* understanding.' »» (Job 28:28). Here, it is clearly defined what true wisdom is, which is the fear of the Lord; and what true understanding is, which is to depart from evil.

It is necessary to notice the order of the two definitions above; first is wisdom, which is the fear of God, and from this comes understanding, which is to depart from evil; now, someone might ask, what is evil?

The Bible clearly says that it is God who defines evil, who says what is evil, and his wisdom determines what should be considered evil. This is very important because man believes in his wisdom that evil is relative and calls evil good and good evil, as the prophet Isaiah says in his woes against the wicked: «Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; / Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; / Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!» (Isaiah 5:20). Man has done this, since people call sin good and the Word of God religion, fanaticism, something backward, old-fashioned, outdated, among other blasphemies.

It is striking to see that in the next verse, Isaiah speaks of man's wisdom which is corrupted: «Woe to *those who are* wise in their own eyes, / And prudent in their own sight!» (Isaiah 5:21). This is what man has done since he turned away from God: he has created his own wisdom which is the enthronement of the devil's lie in the heart of man, which attempts against the truth of God and wants to void it, so this earthly wisdom is demonic (read James 3:14-15).

Man has called evil good and good evil because he has considered himself wise in his own conceit, wise in his own eyes (read Proverbs 26:5; 26:12, 16; 30:12 and Romans 12:16). And the result of this is the world in which we live now, where lawlessness has abounded, a world of depravities, perversions, sexual immoralities, murders, genocides, rapes, deaths, lies, deceits, thefts, diseases, pandemics, wars, greed and covetousness of all kinds, a world full of materialism, full of powers, demonic hosts everywhere that feed on the sin of the man.

The psalmist knew that true wisdom was the fear of God and understanding to depart from evil; therefore, he said: «I have restrained my feet from every evil way, / That I may keep Your word.» (Psalm 119:101). He had been taught in the wisdom of God, His commandments, His judgments, His statutes, and His mighty Word; therefore, he restrained his feet from every evil way and thus kept God's Word at the same time.

The Bible teaches that anyone who seems to be wise, let him become a fool: «¹⁸ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness" ...» (1 Corinthians 3:18-19). We cannot have a divided heart, saying that we love the Word of God and at the same time we delight in man's wisdom and glory in it, feeding the "MYSELF".

Man's wisdom is an idol in the heart and feeds vanity, vainglory, haughtiness, pride, and arrogance; the apostle Paul adds: «and again, "The **Lord** knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."» (1 Corinthians 3:20). When we are converted to Christ, we must empty ourselves of man's worldly wisdom; we cannot continue to think and live according to the world's model, we must think and live according to God's wisdom, which is His powerful Word.

The psalmist did this and thus declared: «⁹⁸ You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; / For they *are* ever with me. / ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, / For Your testimonies *are* my meditation. / ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients, / Because I keep Your precepts.» (Psalm 119:98-100).

The Word of God was permanently in the psalmist's life; he says that the commandments of God were always with him, so he had understood; this servant meditated permanently on the

Word of God; in other words, he thought about it; he read it, he studied it, he applied it to his life because he loved it and delighted in it: «Oh, how I love Your law! / It is my meditation all the day.» (Psalm 119:97).

When we love the Word of God, as we read it, we rejoice in the wonders of the King, delight in its content, in the mighty works of God written in it, and rejoice in the mighty eternal promises He has given us. When we read and meditate permanently on the Word of God, we have our hearts united to the Lord's heart; we are filled with the Holy Spirit; we are in communion with Him; we are full of faith; and we are full of peace in believing.

When we meditate on the powerful Word of God, we say: "Oh, how perfect you are King, how perfect is your Word, how great you are King, how great you are King!" We can experience God's love and feel that we love Him, for Jesus said in the speech of the Upper Room: «"If you love Me, keep My commandments.» (John 14:15).

This is the first love, to love the Lord, to love His Word above all else, and this means to long for His coming for the Church with all our hearts. Beloved brothers, beloved sisters, the Lord has prepared His holy Church; He has prepared us, dressing us with abundant Word (taught, sung, prophesied) so that we may be filled with His wisdom, His love, and His reverent and holy fear; in this way, He has immersed us in the river of the Spirit, in the river of His Word, in the river of faith; and every day He has immersed us more and more until He has taken us to the depths where we are delighting in the eternal promises, where we are seeing them clearly, where we feel that the day and the hour of our departure to the New Jerusalem is at hand; and the Lord has said: "Do not leave the river, do not leave the depths of the river of my Word, of my faith, of my love, of my wonders, where you are saying, Oh how I love your law, how I love you Lord!", because Jesus said: «"If you love Me, keep My commandments.» (John 14:15).

And now we want to show you how the abundance of the Word of which we have been filled and continue to be filled is a sign of the approaching day of the Rapture; this appears in John 14:18-20; let us read:

¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹ "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

²⁰ At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

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You might think that the Lord was speaking about His death and resurrection when He says that the world will see Him no more, but the disciples would see Him; and this happened during 40 days after Jesus rose from the dead. However, the reference the Lord makes in these three verses is to His coming in the Rapture, for He says that He will not leave us orphans, but that we will see Him and live, that is, we will be revived and glorified; and when this happens, we will know the unity of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and us (John 14:20). The Lord continues saying in John 14:21-23:

²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

In verse 21, it says that he who has the Word of God, His commandments, and keeps them, is the one who truly loves the Lord and will be loved by the Father and the Son; and notice how then it says that Jesus will manifest Himself to him who has and keeps the Word of God; and in verse 23 it says that he who keeps it will be the home of the Father and the Son, which refers both to the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit in the believer and to the eternal house of the Lord to which He will take us on the day of the Rapture.

And this is then confirmed in John 14:28: «You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming *back* to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.» The Lord is talking about His ascension, His departure to Heaven; therefore, when He says that He will come back, He is referring to the day when He will come back to take us to the Father's house. Therefore, Jesus says in John 14:23: «Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.»

The psalmist perfectly knew that he must keep, love, and delight in the Word of God to go into the presence of God, that is why he said: «How sweet are Your words to my taste, / *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth!» (Psalm 119:103), and he declared: «Oh, how I love Your law!» (Psalm 97a); he also adds: «I have not departed from Your judgments, / For You Yourself have taught me.» (Psalm 119:102).

Adam and Eve rejected God's truth and received Satan's lie, his blasphemy against the Word of God; this is what Paul says in Romans 1:25: «who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.» When

Adam and Eve believed in Satan's lie, they began to worship him, to serve him, and from there, they began to continue worshipping all other creatures, including himself. And notice how Paul says that the greed of wisdom originated this, as we read in the book of Genesis (read Genesis 3:4-6); Let us read Romans 1:21-23:

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

In this way, since the fall, man has been puffed up in their thoughts, science, philosophies, and wisdom. However, by claiming and believing that they are wise, they have actually become fools, for they have denied God and His Word. The psalmist says: «Through Your precepts I get understanding; / Therefore I hate every false way.» (Psalm 119:104). The children of God must hate the false way, which is to hate all that the world offers, what Satan offers: the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life (read 1 John 2:15-16). Eve did not reject this and induced Adam to sin. But the second Adam, Jesus Christ, has overcome sin and death; he rejected Satan's temptation in the wilderness, and how did he overcome it? He overcame with the powerful Word of God; the Lord quoted to the devil the Scriptures and repeated to him: "It is written" (Read Matthew 4:3-11).

What God is saying to you today



The monstrous growth of the world's wisdom is a clear sign of the End Times, and this time has already come: «"But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."» (Daniel 12:4). We must be prepared to depart at the Rapture because all the signs of the End are fulfilled, and the Lord has promised to take us out of this Earth. The Lord asks you at this moment the following questions:

- ✓ Are you ready to depart with Christ at the Rapture?
- ✓ Do you love God's Word?
- ✓ Do you keep God's Word?
- ✓ Do you delight in God's Word?
- ✓ Do you live in the Word of God and restrain your steps from the evil way?

- ✓ Have you rejected the world's wisdom and become a fool to become wise by the Word of God, fearing Him and turning away from evil?
- ✓ Are you immersed in the depths of the river of the Word of God, the eternal promises of the Lord, His eternal Kingdom, the depths of the river of faith, the river of the Spirit, the waters that spring up into everlasting life?

If you answered yes to all these questions, then REMAIN WITHIN THE RIVER AND KEEP DELIGHTING YOURSELF IN GOD'S WORD!

Let us pray to the Lord



Can you pray to the Lord this?

I love Your Law, for it is perfect, converting the soul;
I love Your Word, for it has saved me;
I love Your Law because it has sanctified me
and presents me accepted and righteous before the Father.
I love Your Word because it gives me wisdom, understanding, and discernment
to obey it, to fear God, and to turn away from evil.
Lord, fill me more and more with Your Word. I want to be immersed in it,
I want to remain in the depths of the river
of Your Word, of faith, of Your love.
Help me to delight in it!
In Jesus' name, I pray,
Amen



Let us worship God

Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Salmo 77” (Psalm 77): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/yPGd7DLWmAY>

“Yo te esperaré” (I will wait for You): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/ByMWBIXHBQg>

DAY 14. Nun (נ):

Your Word is my joy! «*Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path.*» (Psalm 119:105).

¹⁰⁵ Your word *is* a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.
¹⁰⁶ I have sworn and confirmed
That I will keep Your righteous judgments.
¹⁰⁷ I am afflicted very much;
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.
¹⁰⁸ Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord,
And teach me Your judgments.
¹⁰⁹ My life *is* continually in my hand,
Yet I do not forget Your law.
¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me,
Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.
¹¹¹ Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever,
For they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.
¹¹² I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes
Forever, to the very end.

Time of thinking



The world lives and walks in darkness, in shadows, because it has rejected God and His Word. The Bible says that darkness is in the minds of the unbelievers, of those who have not received Christ: «¹⁷This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart...» (Ephesians 4:17-18).

The darkness of unbelievers originates from their rebellion against God because of their life alien to the Lord, the futility of their minds, and their hardened hearts due to sin. Therefore, they grope in the midst of great darkness. When Jesus came to this Earth, he said: «“I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the Light of life.”» (John 8:12); and he added that many do not want to come to the Light, lest their deeds should be exposed: «¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the Light and does not come to the Light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the Light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”» (John

3:19-21). Jesus is the Light of the world and is the Word incarnate; that is why the Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

The teaching of today



The Word of God is a lamp that enlightens our path because, in it, God speaks to us and teaches us how to be saved (read John 5:39) and how to work out this great salvation (read Hebrews 2:2-3), keeping it as the most precious treasure (read Matthew 13:44). The Word of God teaches us how to live a life acceptable to God, being a living sacrifice, holy to Him (read Romans 12:1).

The Word of God gives us the wisdom to make decisions and act according to God's will, to live under this good, acceptable, and perfect will, and not according to the practices of the world, of the evil age: «And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.» (Romans 12:2).

That is why the Holy Spirit revealed to the psalmist that the Word of God shines as a lamp to the feet, which refers to our daily walk. When we hear the gospel for the first time and open our hearts, our darkness is dispelled by the powerful light of the Word of God; and Jesus, the Light of the world, enters our life for salvation and eternal life. After being saved after receiving Jesus, the Word of God must continue to shine on our path, our daily life, as Proverbs 6:23 says: «For the commandment *is* a lamp, / And the law a light; / Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life...»

We must have and obey the Word of God in our heart, in our path until the end, until there is no more breath of life in our body, or until the Lord comes in the Rapture and we are taken to the New Jerusalem without seeing death. Therefore, the psalmist says: «I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes / Forever, to the very end.» (Psalm 119:112).

Because of the salvation produced by the powerful Word of God, the psalmist declares without hesitation: «I have sworn and confirmed / That I will keep Your righteous judgments.» (Psalm 119:106). The Lord Jesus Christ in the New Covenant tells us not to swear (Matthew 5: 34-37), but what the psalmist is doing in this verse is a declaration or affirmation of faith¹⁶, like those made by the apostle Paul based on faith in Christ, in His Word, with certainty and conviction of the power of God to keep him and to care for his salvation. Let us remember what Paul said in Romans 8:38-39: «³⁸For I am persuaded that neither

¹⁶ In Hebrew, the word that the New King James Version translates as "I have sworn" is *shâba'* (שָׁבַע), which means "to repeating a declaration seven times."

death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.»

Paul said the above as a declaration or affirmation of faith that the believer must also make with certainty and conviction; and this conviction comes from living and obeying the Word of God, from holiness and from the testing of faith; it is necessary that we be tested.

Paul was tested in tribulations, persecutions, stripes, perils of death, hunger, and thirst, among other sufferings (read 2 Corinthians 11:23-27). Despite all this, the apostle Paul was able to make the affirmation of faith that nothing and no one would be able to separate him from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus. And when the apostle speaks here of the love of God, he is referring to the love that Christ demonstrated on the cross of Calvary, giving His life for us, but also to the love that we should have in our heart towards God through the Holy Spirit that was given to us (read Romans 5:3-5).

For this reason, before making the powerful declaration or affirmation of faith, Paul says: «Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?» (Romans 8:35). Yet Paul affirms: «Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.» (Romans 8:37).

This is the main message of Psalm 119. The psalmist says that despite the tribulation, the distress, the despair, the despondency to the dust, he loves the Word of God: "Oh, how I love Your law!" (Psalm 119:97a). The psalmist declares that he loves God and, therefore, he affirms with certainty and conviction that his desire and purpose is to keep God's testimonies, judgments, statutes, commandments, and Word.

The psalmist's conviction is such that even in the midst of persecution, of the peril of death as it happened to Paul, he says: «¹⁰⁹My life *is* continually in my hand, / Yet I do not forget Your law. / ¹¹⁰The wicked have laid a snare for me, / Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.» (Psalm 119:109-110). We could imagine that in response to the question, who shall separate us from the love of Christ and His Word?, the psalmist would answer: "Nothing and no one will be able to separate me from the Lord, from His powerful Word, from His salvation, because I do not want to separate myself from my King, I do not want to forsake His commandments, I do not want to lose His eternal promises and His eternal inheritance."

This should be the steadfast conviction of every believer and not be weakened and in danger of drifting away; his heart should be established, knowing whom he has believed, even in the midst of suffering; the apostle Paul said this to Timothy amid suffering: «For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have

committed to Him until that Day.» (2 Tim. 1:12); Paul reiterates to Timothy: «¹³ **Hold fast the pattern of sound words** which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ **That good thing which was committed to you, keep** by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.» (2 Timothy 1:13-14)

What Paul says in the verses above, we must treasure our hearts and declare it all the days of our life on this Earth until the Lord takes us to the Heavenly City. We must work out our salvation with fear and trembling! (Philippians 2:12). And for this, we must be diligent and heed the Word of God all the time: «Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.» (Hebrews 2:1).

We must say and embrace what the psalmist says: «Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, / For they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.» (Psalm 119:111). What a powerful affirmation! The psalmist and our inheritance are the Word of God; they are the testimonies of the Lord because all our eternal promises are in them.

But this affirmation of faith of the psalmist also refers to the fact that in the Eternal Kingdom, the Word of God will be our joy and our delight, for it is infinite; the wisdom of God is endless, inscrutable. Romans 11:33 to 36 says: «³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord? / Or who has become His counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has first given to Him / And it shall be repaid to him?" ³⁶ For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.»

Because of the glorious inheritance of God's Word, the psalmist keeps declaring: «I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes / Forever, to the very end.» (Psalm 119:112). This was the firm decision of this servant, and it should be our firm decision as well; we should say: "I rejoice in Your Word, Lord! I delight in Your statutes, O God! I rejoice in Your words and in Your commandments! I love Your Word, O King! It is a lamp that enlightens my being, my journey, my lying down and my rising up; it will enlighten me forever and ever. I love Your Word, Lord, because it enlivens me when I am afflicted".

We should cry out to the Lord as the psalmist did: «I am afflicted very much; / Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.» (Psalm 119:107). We are afflicted because we live in this fallen world, and we want to go home soon, to the New Jerusalem; for that reason, we cry out: Come, Lord Jesus! But we are also joyful, because we know that the day and the hour are at hand. Hallelujah!

We should say: "I love Your Word, Lord, for it teaches me to be pleasing to you." We should pray like the psalmist: «Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, / And teach me Your judgments.» (Psalm 119:108).

What God is saying to you today



The Lord asks you:

- Is the Word of God your inheritance, your heritage?
- Do you rejoice in the Word of God?
- Is the Word your lamp that lights your daily walk?
- Are you filled with the Word of God every day? Is it your delight?

Remember that to answer these questions according to God's will affirmatively, you must understand and firmly believe that the Word of God is for eternity, not for the corruptible things from this sin-filled Earth. If your heart and your eyes are set on the New Jerusalem, then you will be able to affirmatively answer the questions above with the answers that the Lord wants.

In these End Times, when everything is already fulfilled, and we look up and lift up our heads because our redemption draws near, we must be filled with the Word of God; the Prophetic Word must be shining powerfully in our hearts, in our house, as the apostle says in 2 Peter 1:19: «And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts...»

Now more than ever, we must take heed to the Word of God that is being fulfilled because the darkness, the shadows, has been increasing due to the sin of humanity, for which it is about to be judged. Do not let the fire of God's Word, the fire of the Holy Spirit, the fire of the coming of Christ in the Rapture, the fire of the eternal promises of the King, be quenched! Rejoice in God's Word!

Let us pray to the Lord



Let us pray that God may continue to enlighten our path with His Word and that He may continue to light our way. Let us long with all our hearts to be filled with His Word and live it to the fullness, so that we may always be in victory, in the victory of holiness so that our body may be glorified and we may go to the New Jerusalem; our victory is to endure and overcome in order to go to the presence of the Lord.

Thank You, Father, for Your eternal Word.
Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever,
For they are the rejoicing of my heart.
Grant me Your Word,
open my understanding
that I may understand it,
that I may know the riches
Your glory in the saints,
that I may understand
the exceeding greatness of Your power
that will raise me up, that will glorify me,
for Your riches are not on this Earth,
Your riches are Your eternal promises
and I need to be eternal in order to receive them!
Redeem my body, King!
to be in Your glorious presence
I ask that my prayer
come before You
in Jesus' name, amen.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Salmo 59” (Psalm 59): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/bQ7IIF5CMrw>

“Tú eres mi todo” (You are my all): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/-ee7AqZzT8I>

DAY 15. Samek (ס):

Your Word is my refuge, I trust in it!: «*You are my hiding place and my shield; / I hope in Your word.*» (Psalm 119:114).

¹¹³ I hate the double-minded,
But I love Your law.

¹¹⁴ You *are* my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in Your word.

¹¹⁵ Depart from me, you evildoers,
For I will keep the commandments of my God!

¹¹⁶ Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live;
And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

¹¹⁷ Hold me up, and I shall be safe,
And I shall observe Your statutes continually.

¹¹⁸ You reject all those who stray from Your statutes,
For their deceit *is* falsehood.

¹¹⁹ You put away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross;
Therefore I love Your testimonies.

¹²⁰ My flesh trembles for fear of You,
And I am afraid of Your judgments.

Time of thinking



At some point, we have experienced fear of something, perhaps when we walk on a lonely street or in a place that is unsafe. Nowadays, when there is so much violence in so many places in the world, terrorism, wars, robberies, insecurity, and pandemics such as Covid-19 (declared as a pandemic in 2020), many people feel insecure, they are afraid to go out of their homes, go to work, buy food, because they may be contaminated; people cannot approach each other or shake their hands; people have to go out wearing masks, gloves and different types of clothing because the virus can be anywhere. And to top it all, a high percentage of those infected are asymptomatic and have a high potential to infect others.

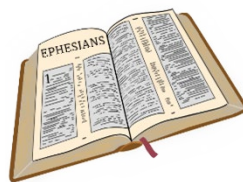
The whole world is living through the worst of events recorded for a long time; many say it is worse than the Second World War. Half of the world's population is in quarantine, cloistered in their homes; more than 3 billion people. In addition to the fear of disease and death, there is the economic crisis; people are starving because they cannot work; the world economy has entered a terrible recession; the rulers

of nations do not know what to do; worldly activities have been stopped; the places of which mankind was proud and which encouraged world tourism, are empty.

God is the one who has sent this judgment before the terrible judgments of the 7 years of the Tribulation; the Lord has intensified the birth pangs of creation to announce that the second global judgment is certainly coming, and therefore it is necessary to repent, receive Christ, believe in Him to become part of the holy nation, the Church; because this is the one that will be kept from the wrath to come, the wrath of Almighty God, the wrath of the Lamb, which is at the doors (read Revelation 3:10).

The world's people do not know what is going to happen; you only need to watch the news to see how insecure this world has become. But we children of God do know what is going to happen, and we feel safe because we know that the Lord is our defense, our peace, and our trust.

The teaching of today



In this passage of Psalm 119 says: «*You are my hiding place and my shield; / I hope in Your word.*» (Psalm 119:114a). Today, the Church can say this with all certainty and conviction, with all joy, because we are about to depart to the New Jerusalem; we should say like David in Psalm 3:3: «*But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, / My glory and the One who lifts up my head.*» We should say, "Lord you are a shield for me and my glory, for you will soon vivify me, you will soon glorify me; and you have told me to lift up my head, to lift up my head, for my redemption draws near" (Read Luke 21:28).

Since we are about to depart to the New Jerusalem, we should say like David in Psalm 5:11-12:

¹¹ But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;
Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them;
Let those also who love Your name
Be joyful in You.

¹² For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous;
With favor You will surround him as *with* a shield.

The Lord is the one who delivers us, and we rejoice in Him, we trust in Him, and we know that soon we will shout for joy forever; henceforth, we rejoice in the Lord because we love Him, we love His name; God is our shield and our steadfast anchor of the soul; we have the certainty and conviction that the Lord will give us the blessings of His Eternal Kingdom, because Christ has justified us before the Father, He has declared us righteous and therefore we will soon be surrounded by Him as with a shield.

Since we are about to behold the face of the King, we should say like David in Psalm 7:10:

¹⁰ My defense *is* of God,
Who saves the upright in heart.

Our shield is the God of hosts, the Holy One of Israel, who will manifest His salvation on the day He comes for His Church (read 1 Peter 1:3-6) so that we may receive the eternal inheritance and the entrance to this inheritance, the purchased possession, the salvation. The Lord is our shield (read Psalm 89:18), His salvation is our shield (read Psalm 18:2, 35), and His Word is also our shield (read Psalm 18:30). Hallelujah! That is why the psalmist says: «I hope in Your word.» (Psalm 119:114b).

The Word of God is truth, and those who keep it, treasure it, obey it, believe it, and live it hate lies, wickedness, hypocrisy, and double-mindedness; they hate the works of the flesh, the unfruitful works of darkness. In these End Times, many churches have lost the zeal for the house and the Word of the Lord and have strayed after the lies of the devil, after hypocrisy, and wickedness; this is the apostasy, which is the last sign of the End Times, and now we are seeing it with our eyes; therefore there is no doubt that we are in the End Times and our departure with Christ will occur soon.

The devil's savage attack at this moment is to use apostasy with all its followers so that we fall from our steadfastness in Christ and His Word and swell the ranks of the apostates, and the only way to repel these attacks is through the Word of God, holding on to it as the servant of Psalm 119 did; the Word is a lamp to our feet (Psalm 119:105), as we learned in day 14 of this devotional and it brings to light the lie, exposes sin and the works of Satan; let us read Ephesians 5:11-13:

¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*.

¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

When the apostle Paul says, "which are done by them in secret," he refers to those who sin and live in darkness, both the unbelievers and the apostates, but the light of the Word of God manifests everything so that we will not be deceived. This is what the servant of Psalm 119 says; he speaks of the wicked, of those who go astray from the Word of God; let us read verses 113 to 118:

¹¹³ I hate the double-minded,
But I love Your law.

¹¹⁴ You *are* my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in Your word.

¹¹⁵ Depart from me, you evildoers,
For I will keep the commandments of my God!

¹¹⁶ Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live;

And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

¹¹⁷ Hold me up, and I shall be safe,

And I shall observe Your statutes continually.

¹¹⁸ You reject all those who stray from Your statutes,

For their deceit *is* falsehood.

Verse 118 talks about those who stray from the statutes of the Lord, from His Word, those who have embraced the lie, the falsehood, and with cunning they want to deceive; Paul refers to these people who have embraced the apostasy; let us read 2 Corinthians 4:1-2:

¹Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

²But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, **not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully**, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

The Lord is telling us not to faint and not to let ourselves be carried away by the hidden things of shame; not to go astray by walking in craftiness and handling the word of God deceitfully; that is to say, that we should not depart from the biblical faith and the Word of God, that we should not forsake the Lord by committing adultery and fornication with idols and false doctrines; this is what the psalmist refers to in verse 118 when he talks about those who turn aside from the statutes of the Lord because they walk in craftiness and falsehood. The apostle Paul continues to relate cunning with Satan's deception, his lies, and false doctrines; let us read 2 Corinthians 11:3-4:

³But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent **deceived** Eve **by his craftiness**, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

⁴For if he who comes **preaches another Jesus** whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

We cannot be deceived by the cunning of those who have strayed from the Word of God! We cannot be deceived by those who have forsaken the pure gospel to preach another Jesus, and now they have another spirit and not the Holy Spirit; now they have received another gospel. Paul warns again about the danger of the craftiness of the deceivers; let us read Ephesians 4:14:

¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting...

We are in the last days, and we are about to depart! Do not be deceived by those men who deceive by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, of false doctrines! Do not be a double-minded child tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine! The Lord is at the door, and your faith in His pure Word will be accounted to you for righteousness; for in the holy church where you have received

the powerful Word taught, sung, prophesied, you have been jealous with godly jealousy, you have been betrothed to ONE husband that you may present yourself as a chaste virgin to Christ; let us read 2 Corinthians 11: 2 and reread verses 3 and 4:

² For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ.

³ But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

⁴ For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

Now we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, for our redemption is at the doors; soon, the trumpet will sound very soon, and we will go home! God has brought us to this time when we are seeing all the fulfillment of His Word.

In this portion of Psalm 119:113-118, the psalmist talks about apostasy and explains the key for us not to fall into its deception, and it is to be filled with the Word of God, love it, live it, rejoice in it, obey it, follow it, delight in it, proclaim it, believe it with all our heart; and by doing this, we can clearly identify those who have gone astray, the apostates, those whom the psalmist in Psalm 119 calls "double-minded" (Psalm 119:113), "evildoers" (Psalm 119:115), "those who stray from Your statutes" (Psalm 119:118), "the wicked" (Psalm 119:119).

When the psalmist says, "I hate the double-minded" (Psalm 119:113), the Hebrew word for "double-minded" is *sê'êph* (שֵׁפֶף), which means "those who are divided in heart or who to divide up." The apostle Paul refers to these in Romans 16:17, let us read:

¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

Paul warns about those who attack against the sound doctrine, the one we have learned from the powerful Word of God, and he tells us that we must avoid them; that is, not to have communion with them, not to follow them, not to share their false doctrines and their sinful lives; Paul adds in Romans 16:18:

¹⁸ For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

The apostle Paul tells us to see the fruit of those who cause divisions and attack the sound doctrine, and this fruit is that they do not serve the Lord Jesus Christ but their own belly; they serve their own lusts and desires, which fill their pride; they are worldly people whose god is their belly and have their portion,

their inheritance, on this Earth, of whom the Bible says that "... whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things" (Philippians 3:19) (read also Psalm 17:14).

Paul says that these worldly, earthly people use smooth words and flattery to deceive the hearts of the simple, the double-minded, those who are not established in the Word of God. We must not listen to these people who have their hope on this Earth because our citizenship is in Heaven, and we are about to go to the Heavenly City (read Philippians 3:20-21).

When the servant in Psalm 119 says, "I hate the double-minded" (Psalm 119:113), he is not saying that he hates people but their works, the unfruitful works of darkness that must be reprov'd. And therefore, the psalmist was not moved from steadfastness in the Word of God; therefore, he declares: "I hope in Your word" (Psalm 119:114b), "For I will keep the commandments of my God!" (Psalm 119:115b), "Therefore I love Your testimonies" (Psalm 119:119b).

The psalmist was so aware of the lies of the apostates, of their falsehood, of their hypocrisy, that he understood what their final destiny was, which is:

- ✓ God will tread down them: "Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes" (Psalm 119:118a, KJV¹⁷).
- ✓ The Lord will put away them like dross: «You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross...» (Psalm 119:119a).

For this reason, the psalmist says: «My flesh trembles for fear of You, / And I am afraid of Your judgments» (Psalm 119:120). How terrible is the fate of apostates, of those who go astray from the Word of God, of those who forsake the biblical faith, of those who reject the eternal promises of the Lord to set their eyes, desires, and hope on this Earth! This makes us tremble as the psalmist trembled! And it leads us to have three reactions, among others:

(a) To be in fear: «¹ Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*.» (Hebrews 4:1-2).

¹⁷ Here, we use the King James Version because, in verse 118 of Psalm 119, the Hebrew word *sâlâh* (סָלַח) is accurately translated as tread down (under foot), whereas the New King James Version translates this word as "reject," which is not the main translation.

- (b) To cry out for those who have gone astray (read Psalm 80:14-15).
- (c) Not to have no fellowship with the works of apostates (read Ephesians 5:11).

What God is saying to you today



How many times has God tested us regarding His Word and promises? The Lord takes us into the wilderness to test us, and there, He sometimes allows the devil to afflict us, sometimes slightly, sometimes strongly. And in the wilderness, we may sometimes experience thirst, hunger, loneliness, distress, and anguish. But God is always with us as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

The Lord expects that in the midst of these feelings that we may experience in our human condition, we seek Him and put our trust in Him and declare, like the psalmist: «You *are* my hiding place and my shield» (Psalm 119:114a). The Lord wants us to seek the refuge of His Word; when we are in tribulation, in a hard trial, and everything around us is contrary to what we expect, the Word of God is the only refuge, and what a powerful refuge! Because it is the steadfast, sure, and powerful Word with which God made the Universe, with which He created everything; it is the Word with which Jesus freed the captives and has given us salvation, eternal life, and the entrance to the eternal inheritance. That is why the psalmist says: «Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; / And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.» (Psalm 119:116).

Before and during tribulation, God gives us His Word as the refuge where we can be protected, the rock on which we can be sustained. Immerse yourself in the Word of God, immerse yourself in what He has spoken and established to you, and take refuge in it. There, the enemy will not be able to touch you, will not be able to weaken you, and will never be able to defeat you. With His Word, the Lord sustains, feeds, and upholds us: «Hold me up, and I shall be safe, / And I shall observe Your statutes continually.» (Psalm 119:117).

Until the end, the Lord will sustain us because we are sure His Word will be fulfilled. He will judge those who reject or stray from His Word (Psalm 119:118). Judgment is certain, before which the psalmist says: «My flesh trembles for fear of You, / And I am afraid of Your judgments.» (Psalm 119:120). This is the reverent fear before God and His Word, knowing that it is true, has been fulfilled, is fulfilled, and will be fulfilled.

Let us pray to the Lord



Beloved Lord,
I know that Your Word is being fulfilled
and terrible times are coming for mankind,
for the apostate Church, the one that has turned away from You.
I cry out today and ask that Your hand of mercy be extended
over the remnant of the Church that has remained
that has not turned away from You.
I ask You also for mercy
for those who will remain in the Tribulation
and who never received You,
while the holy Church was on Earth,
May they understand Your glorious salvation!
May they understand Your eternal promises!
Keep me in Your Word,
with Your Holy Spirit.
You are my hiding place
and my shield.
I pray in Jesus' name,
Amen

Let us worship God



God will execute His judgments, and this is also a reason for praise for the children of God because the Word of the reward for the righteous and the destiny of the wicked in the Lake of Fire will be fulfilled: «You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross; / Therefore I love Your testimonies.» (Psalm 119:119). Let us praise the Lord and His Word forever; His judgments are right, His ways are true, and His righteousness shines forever. Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Los Sellos y el Cordero” (The Seals and the Lamb): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/0LLP6YDn-5w>

“El Fuerte de Sion” (The Mighty One of Zion): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/9tBG-eeIKfA>

“Tu victoria Oh Jesús” (Your Victory, O Jesus): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/5QPQbeAG8b8>

DÍA 16. Ayin (ע):

I cry out for Your Word, Lord!: «*My eyes fail from seeking Your salvation / And Your righteous word.*» (Psalms 119:123).

¹²¹ I have done justice and righteousness;
Do not leave me to my oppressors.
¹²² Be surety for Your servant for good;
Do not let the proud oppress me.
¹²³ My eyes fail *from seeking* Your salvation
And Your righteous word.
¹²⁴ Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy,
And teach me Your statutes.
¹²⁵ I *am* Your servant;
Give me understanding,
That I may know Your testimonies.
¹²⁶ *It is* time for *You* to act, O Lord,
For they have regarded Your law as void.
¹²⁷ Therefore I love Your commandments
More than gold, yes, than fine gold!
¹²⁸ Therefore all *Your* precepts *concerning* all *things*
I consider *to be* right;
I hate every false way.

Time of thinking



At this time, for many people, the Bible has become just another book belonging to a certain culture of a particular people, the Judeo-Christian people; most people do not see it for what it is: the true Word of God. Christianity is considered a religion within the beliefs of all the nations of the world; nevertheless, these misconceptions are not only among the people of the world, but sadly, it has already invaded many believers of many churches around the world.

There's a very common discourse, which is the discourse of tolerance among religions, and many Christians consider themselves part of a community with equal beliefs to others; this has led to Christianity being considered one more religion, and, therefore, all beliefs are considered true and valid. But the Bible teaches that there is only one true God, the Father, the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit; that there is only one Savior and one Mediator between God

and men, Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 2:5); that there is only one truth and one revelation which is the Bible inspired by the Holy Spirit. If we consider that all beliefs are true, they all annul each other and end up being lies.

The reason the world is corrupted is that mankind rejected the wisdom of God written in His Word, rejected the truth of God, the Law of the Lord, and established their own "truths" and "laws" without God. The reason was because of the disobedience regarding God's Word, was the sin. Romans 1:21-25 says:

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools,

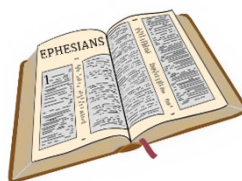
²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

It is time for the Church of Christ to return to the Word of God as the only truth! It is time for the Church of Christ to proclaim it as the only truth, the only revelation of God! It is time for the Church of Christ to declare that there is only one God and Savior, Jesus Christ! This is the cry for the Word of God.

The teaching of today



The psalmist says: «It is time for You to act, O Lord, / For they have regarded Your law as void.» (Psalm 119:126) and he refers to the fallen world, to mankind that has established its own laws against the Lord and His Word; the psalmist refers to all those who live away from the Word of God, that is, they are in the ways of lies; both the unbelievers and the strayed, the apostates, those who abandoned the glorious Gospel of Christ, the powerful Word of God to embrace, preach, and teach another gospel, to preach another Christ (read Galatians 1:6-10 and 2 Corinthians 11:4). The psalmist in verse 126 of Psalm 119 is praying to the Lord to act, and this is a request for judgment. Isaiah 24:4-5 says:

⁴The earth mourns *and* fades away,
The world languishes *and* fades away;
The haughty people of the earth languish.
⁵The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants,
Because they have transgressed the laws,
Changed the ordinance,
Broken the everlasting covenant.

This is the state of the Earth and its inhabitants at this moment; the defilement has reached its limit, and the prophet Isaiah clearly says that it is because they have transgressed the laws of the Lord. But this is also the state of the strayed Church, for she is doing what the people of Israel did as the Bible says in 2 Kings 17:32-35; let us read:

³² So they feared the Lord, and from every class they appointed for themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places.
³³ They feared the Lord, yet served their own gods—according to the rituals of the nations from among whom they were carried away.
³⁴ To this day they continue practicing the former rituals; they do not fear the Lord, nor do they follow their statutes or their ordinances, or the law and commandment which the Lord had commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel,
³⁵ with whom the Lord had made a covenant and charged them, saying: “You shall not fear other gods, nor bow down to them nor serve them nor sacrifice to them;

The sin of the apostate Church is worse than Israel's, for Israel was under the Law with animal sacrifices, but the Church was washed with the precious blood of Christ and was called to be the light of the world; however, she became darkness and therefore has filled the Earth with more darkness (Matthew 5:14-16; 6:22-23). The apostate Church has defiled the Earth because she became tasteless salt that has come to be trodden underfoot (Matthew 5:13); therefore, there has been more spiritual corruption; for this reason, the Lord executed the Judgment of Forsakenness in 2021 upon this unfaithful Church, which trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted His blood as a common thing and insulted the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 10:29).

We, the children of God, are attacked not only by the unbelievers but also by those who have gone astray from the Gospel; they mock us, they call us fanatics, old-fashioned, conservatives, fundamentalists; the apostate Church also accuses the holy Church, the true children of God saying that these are the ones who are wrong and have gone astray; the apostates say that we speak lies, that we do not have love and mercy and that we are the ones who twist the Gospel.

However, the fruit of those who go astray is evident, for while we, the true children of God, have our hope, longing, and mind on heavenly things (Colossians 3:1-4), on the Heavenly City, on the eternal promises, and on salvation; those who stray from the faith have their mind set on this world, on material things, and earthly plans; they are rooted with all their hearts to this Earth and think like the worldly people that the corruptible daily life is going to continue. The psalmist suffered these attacks, and for that reason, he cried out to the Lord, saying, "Do not leave me to my oppressors." (Psalm 119:121b), "Do not let the proud oppress me." (Psalm 119:122b).

And the oppression that the psalmist was suffering was the savage attack of the wicked, of those who had turned away from the Word of God; they were attacking the psalmist because he lived according to the Word of the Lord; the psalmist says: «I have done justice and righteousness; / Do not leave me to my oppressors.» (Psalm 119:121).

The psalmist was being attacked because he loved the Word of God; this was his delight, his joy, and the reason for his permanent seeking of the Lord: «My eyes fail *from seeking* Your salvation / And Your righteous word.» (Psalm 119:123). However, The psalmist was not moved by his oppressors but was totally immersed in his relationship with the God of glory, in communion with his Lord, in the Word of the King, believing it, loving it, and instead of being weakened by those who attacked him, he was strengthened and cried out: «¹²⁴ Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, / And teach me Your statutes. ¹²⁵ I *am* Your servant; / Give me understanding, / That I may know Your testimonies.» (Psalm 119:124-125).

The psalmist knew that God's mercy was His Word. This is what the Lord has confirmed to us; He has told us: "My mercy is My Word, and I have poured it out in abundance; I have given it in abundance, written, preached, taught, sung, prophesied." The psalmist cried out to the Lord and said: "Your Word is Your mercy, teach it to me ("teach me Your statutes," Psalm 119:124b); give me understanding to know Your Word, Your testimonies, for it is Your mercy".

We should pray this way: "Your mercy is Your Word, Lord, and You have poured it in abundance in the Berea Barranquilla Ministries, You have given it in abundance as a river to my life; I thank You, and for that, I praise and bless you". When the psalmist realized that the Word is the mercy of God, he said: «¹²⁷Therefore I love Your commandments / More than gold, yes, than fine gold! ¹²⁸ Therefore all Your precepts *concerning* all things / I consider to be right; / I hate every false way.» (Psalm 119:127-128).

The psalmist's declaration is: "Nothing in this world is more precious than Your Word, Lord, Your testimonies, and Your promises that are written there and ratified." The contrast that the psalmist makes is tremendous; he says that he has loved the Word of the Lord more than fine gold; can the whole Church at this time say the same? No. Many churches have gone astray after money and material goods, earthly possessions; they have forgotten the warning that the Lord makes in 1 Timothy 6:9-10:

⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of evil*, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Many churches, pastors, ministers, and sheep (the attendees of those churches) wanted to get rich. They set their eyes on money, possessions, in the pursuit of the material, and the worst thing is that they used and continue to use the holy Gospel of the Lord for this purpose; they have twisted the Word of the Lord to fulfill their perverse desires. But the sentence of God is very plain: Those who do this are sunk in destruction and perdition; they have gone astray from the faith and are pierced themselves through with many sorrows (1 Timothy 6:10); this is the judgment.

He who strays from the faith loses everything; he who does not hate the way of the lie, the lies of the devil, falsehood, hypocrisy, false doctrines, will remain being deceived; and when the Church is raptured, he will remain in the Tribulation, and the lie that he chose from now will be taken root more in his heart afterward because he rejected the truth, he rejected the powerful Word of the Lord, he rejected the mercy of God which is His Word; let us read 2 Thessalonians 2:6-12:

⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.

⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way.

⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Paul is talking about the manifestation of the antichrist that marks the beginning of the judgment of the 7 years of the Tribulation. In verse 6, he speaks of "what is restraining," and in verse 7 he says: "He who now restrains"; "what is restraining" (the antichrist in his manifestation) is the Church of Christ; and "He who now restrains" is the Holy Spirit who dwells in the holy Church. Paul is referring to the Rapture; he is clearly saying that when the holy Church departs from this Earth, the Holy Spirit will cease to restrain the antichrist from manifesting himself, and then he will appear as the leader of the European Union (the restored Roman Empire).

Paul says that those who are left behind in the Rapture will fall into the strong delusion and will fall to the lie of this wicked one (the antichrist), for he will perform signs and lying wonders. Now, who are those who will be deceived? Who will believe the lie? The apostle Paul says that they are all those who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness; they are those who rejected the Word of God; however, Paul cannot be referring to those who, at this End Times before the Rapture, haven't receive Jesus, because Revelation 7 says that there will be a multitude of people who will receive Christ during the 7 years of judgment of the Tribulation (read Revelation 7:9, 13 and 14). Therefore, Paul refers to those who have decided to abandon the truth, the Word of God, the faith, and the true Gospel. We read this in chapter 1 of this same epistle of 2 Thessalonians in verses 4-9:

⁴so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith **in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,**

⁵*which is* manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer;

⁶**since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,**

⁷and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

⁸**in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

⁹**These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,**

The Lord is speaking to the Church that was suffering persecutions and tribulations (2 Thessalonians 1:4), like the psalmist in Psalm 119 who suffered the reproach of the oppressors, of the proud. In verse 5 of 2 Thessalonians 1, Paul says that God allows these sufferings so that we may be counted worthy of the Kingdom of God because for this Eternal Kingdom that we hope for, that we long for with all our heart, is that we are reproached, troubled, and persecuted. However, Paul says in verse 6 that those who trouble us will suffer judgment, tribulation, referring to the seven years of the Tribulation because, in verse 7 of 2 Thessalonians 1, Paul says that, while they will go through this judgment, we the holy Church,

who now suffer, will have rest; when? When the Lord Jesus will be revealed from Heaven, this is the Rapture.

The Lord says that the tribulation of the apostates is in flaming fire; this description refers to the seven years of Tribulation, and He says that this description is for two groups: for those who did not know God (the unbelievers who will not want to repent), but also for those who do not obey the Gospel (the apostates); and look how He says that these (the apostates) will suffer punishment, the punishment of everlasting destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power. Why does He say "away"? Because we, the holy Church, will go with the Lord, we will be in His presence and see the glory of His power. That is why the verse says, "...when He comes, in that Day." Which is that day? The day of the Rapture; and on that day we will worship the King, we will glorify Him, we "His saints," "all those who believe" (2 Thessalonians 1:10).

All this is near, at the doors. Hallelujah! Now it is nearer than ever. And we should rejoice because we have fulfilled the mission that the Lord gave us, to be vessels for His Holy Spirit to go and announce that Christ is coming for His Church, that judgments are at the doors and it is necessary to repent, and that there are eternal, glorious, powerful promises. All this has been preached, taught, and announced by the Lord and His Holy Spirit.

What God is saying to you today



In the glorious mission that the Lord gave us, the light of the Gospel was brought to the lost, and they were taught that this is the only truth; they were told that all the beliefs of men and religions are lies, that they must repent and have their hearts affirmed and secure in Christ, rooted in His Word and they must esteem it as true, right, powerful, the most precious thing (Psalm 119:128); as the most important thing above all, for it is the voice of God; more important than any material possession: «Therefore I love Your commandments / More than gold, yes, than fine gold!» (Psalm 119:127).

In order to deliver the message of salvation we must cry out for the Word of God, so that we may speak as we ought to speak (read Ephesians 6:19-20 and Colossians 4:3-4) according to what is written, and not according to human wisdom, doctrine or the commandments of men (read 1 Corinthians 2:4).

The Lord says to you today to continue loving His Word, that in this short time, you remain to continue witnessing, announcing the coming of Christ for His holy Church, continue proclaiming the judgments, and continue enunciating with a loud voice His eternal promises. Very soon, the fullness of the Gentiles will be completed (Romans 11:25b), the trumpet will resound, we will see our brothers and sisters resurrected in glory, the Lord will gather us together and then glorify us to catch us away together with them to the clouds (read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17).

Let us pray to the Lord



Your mercy is Your Word, Lord
And You have poured it out in abundance
As a river into my life;
You have filled me with the words of Your mouth, Father.
Sweeter than honey.
I thank You for that; I praise and bless You.
Continue to fill me with your Word, King,
Fill me with Your eternal promises,
Affirm them in my heart,
I pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Rey Eterno” (King Forever): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/MxOptxVE6RI>

“Salmo 56” (Psalm 56): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/Zq-tI2Cth3M>

DAY 17: Pe (פ):

I wonder and rejoice at Your Word O God!: «*Your testimonies are wonderful; / Therefore my soul keeps them.*» (Psalm 119:129).

¹²⁹Your testimonies are wonderful;
Therefore my soul keeps them.
¹³⁰The entrance of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.
¹³¹I opened my mouth and panted,
For I longed for Your commandments.
¹³²Look upon me and be merciful to me,
As Your custom *is* toward those who love Your name.
¹³³Direct my steps by Your word,
And let no iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴Redeem me from the oppression of man,
That I may keep Your precepts.
¹³⁵Make Your face shine upon Your servant,
And teach me Your statutes.
¹³⁶Rivers of water run down from my eyes,
Because *men* do not keep Your law.

Time of thinking



The world marvels at many things, all corruptible and ephemeral: places, events, and people. There is even a record of the seven wonders of the world. The human being tends to boast of his own works and creations. As for the believer, the temptation to marvel at what the worldly man marvels lies at the door.

Many people find it hard to marvel at God's creation. Psalm 19:1 says: «The heavens declare the glory of God; / And the firmament shows His handiwork.». Job 38:7 also says: «When the morning stars sang together, / And all the sons of God shouted for joy?» Not everyone marvels at the colors and shape of a flower, the diversity of animals, the song of birds, the mountains, the sea, the expanse of the heavens. All this seems so normal and everyday, and the natural man even believes that he deserves it because he considers that God's creation made itself, but this is because he has a darkened understanding and blind eyes so that the light of the Gospel does

not shine on him (read 2 Corinthians 4:4); if they deny God Himself, it is impossible for them to appreciate the wonders of His works.

Although this first creation is fallen because of man's sin, it still preserves much beauty. Nevertheless, mankind has not been able to enjoy it to the fullest because of sin, which wreaked havoc on it and caused mankind to lose dominion over all that was given by God to Adam. Creation turned against the human being himself because of his iniquities.

However, the Bible teaches that God will make a new creation, a New Earth and New Heavens in which righteousness dwells (Read 2 Peter 3:13); it is a new Universe cleansed from sin and death, where we, as the children of God, will live forever, glorified and multiply and be fruitful, no longer bring forth children for trouble or curse, but to blessing; and blessed nations will be born forever who will worship God in Spirit and truth (Read Isaiah 65:17, 23). God has promised that in this future time, we will enjoy all that He has created, referring to the New Creation; let us read Isaiah 65:19:

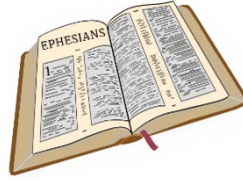
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, / And joy in My people; / The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, / Nor the voice of crying.

From now on we can appreciate the wonder of God's first creation, since we have come to the feet of Christ and recognize Him as Lord and Savior; but the day and hour is coming soon when we will go to the Third Heaven and delight in the mountains, hills, the New Jerusalem, the Heavenly City, the unsearchable beauties and wonders of Almighty God; then we will come to this Earth which will be partially restored in order to rule with Christ for a thousand years and then be witnesses of the new creation of which we will marvel.

In addition to rejoicing in the promises of the new creation that awaits us, we now also rejoice in the Word of God, in His powerful testimonies and statutes, and we say like the psalmist:

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful;
Therefore my soul keeps them.

The teaching of today



The psalmist begins this passage by saying: «Your testimonies are wonderful; / Therefore my soul keeps them.» (Psalm 119:129). What are these testimonies? The testimonies are the Word of God that speaks of His salvation, creation, miracles, and wonders in the Universe, on this Earth, and in His people, living testimonies of His love, power, glory, and majesty.

The testimonies are also His commandments that amaze us because His law is perfect and converts the soul (Psalm 19:7). The testimonies are the wonders of the Word of God that enlighten the understanding and make the simple understand: «The entrance of Your words gives light; / It gives understanding to the simple.» (Psalm 119:130). The wonder of the Word of God that has the power to give us an inheritance among those who are sanctified (read Acts 26:18), cleanses our daily walk and washes our hearts; «Direct my steps by Your word, / And let no iniquity have dominion over me.» (Psalm 119: 33).

The wonder of God's Word reveals to us that His mercies are everlasting, that He is slow to anger and abounding in mercy and truth (Psalms 86:15; 103:8; 145:8), that He is the Father of mercies and God of all consolation (2 Corinthians 1:3); and therefore we may turn to Him at all times, in afflictions and great tribulations, crying out for His mercy: «Look upon me and be merciful to me, / As Your custom is toward those who love Your name.» (Psalm 119:132). The wonder of God's Word that teaches us to pray, to cry out, and to ask for His permanent presence in our lives and the sanctification of His Spirit in our whole being: «Make Your face shine upon Your servant, / And teach me Your statutes.» (Psalm 119:135).

The wonder of God's Word makes us live separate for Him, out of the world, out of Egypt, out of Babylon, out of Sodom; the Word in which God commands us not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers (2 Corinthians 6:14); it is the Word of the King that makes us see clearly how unbelievers are lost and can be instruments of the devil to cause the child of God to stumble, for which, we cry out like the Psalmist: «Redeem me from the oppression of man, / That I may keep Your precepts.» (Psalm 119:134). But those lost people can come to repentance, and the Word of God leads us to cry out: «Rivers of water run down from my eyes, / Because *men* do not keep Your law.» (Psalm 119:136).

The only way to cry out for their souls is to understand from the Word of God that they are lost and will go to Hell if they do not repent. This should lead us to groan for their souls so that they will repent of their wicked ways.

Finally, the wonder of God's Word leads us to love it so much that there is pain in our hearts when we see that people do not obey it. The psalmist experienced this pain; that is why he cried out for the Word of God; he cried out for understanding so that he could spread it as a living testimony of the wonders of God.

The child of God must be sure of God's mercy on his life; the psalmist says in Psalm 119:132:

¹³² Look upon me and be merciful to me,
As Your custom *is* toward those who love Your name.

The psalmist was assured that God had mercy on those who love His name, since the Lord Himself says through his servant David:

(1) God will make known His covenant to those who love and fear Him (Psalm 25:14). His covenant is a covenant of peace and an everlasting covenant; it contains the promises of God; therefore, David says in Psalm 25:12-13:

¹² Who *is* the man that fears the Lord?
Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.
¹³ He himself shall dwell in prosperity,
And his descendants shall inherit the earth.

The covenant means inheritance and eternal promises, Hallelujah! And they are for those who fear God, love Him, and keep His testimonies, His Word; that is why the psalmist says about the testimonies of God: «Therefore my soul keeps them.» (Psalm 119:129b) and he adds: «I opened my mouth and panted, / For I longed for Your commandments.» (Psalm 119:131).

The psalmist was assured that God has mercy on those who love His name, since the Lord Himself says through David:

(2) He has kept His goodness for those who fear Him and hope in Him: Psalm 31:19 says:

¹⁹ Oh, how great *is* Your goodness,
Which You have laid up for those who fear You,
Which You have prepared for those who trust in You
In the presence of the sons of men!

Very soon, we will see the goodness of God manifested in His glory on the day of the Rapture!
Therefore, we wait on the Lord.

(3) The Lord also tells us that His eyes are upon those who fear Him and hope in His mercy (Psalm 33:18).

We joyfully wait for the mercies of God, the sure mercies to David, and the mercies of His promises and covenants.

The psalmist in Psalm 119 recognizes the powerful effects of the Word of God and prays and cries out before God; these effects, among many others, are:

(1) The Word of God gives light (Psalm 119:130a)

(2) The Word of God makes the simple understand (Psalm 119:130b)

(3) The Word of God directs the steps (Psalm 119:133a)

(4) God's Word keeps us from all iniquity (Psalm 119:133b)

(5) The Word of God delivers us from the violence of men: that is, from the reproach cast against us, for the Lord will exalt the humble in the day that he catches away the Church. All those who have done violence with their blasphemous tongues will be put to shame (Psalm 119:134).

(6) The Word of God causes the face of the Lord, His holiness, His power, to shine upon His servants (Psalm 119:135).

When the psalmist was aware of the mighty works of the Word of God, among many others, he was cut to the heart, groaned, and cried out (Psalm 119:136).

The psalmist wept and was cut to the heart for those who did not live according to the Word of God. This should be the feeling of the holy Church that is about to depart; the believer cannot be looking outwards, towards the world and the inhabitants of the world; he cannot be seeing them as if they were doing well; we must understand the spiritual state of these

people, so that like the psalmist, we can groan, cry out, for the lost people, for the strayed people; because a fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation awaits them (read Hebrews 10:27).

What God is saying to you today



The Lord says to you today: "Be amazed at My Word because you will receive all that I promise therein and have guaranteed under oath in the eight covenants that I made with My servants. Be amazed at the glory that shall be revealed in you when the trumpet sounds; be amazed at the things which eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, but I have revealed through My Spirit, for My Spirit searches even the depths of God. All these wonders I have prepared for those who love Me" (read 1 Corinthians 2:9-10).

The Lord tells us today to rejoice in what He has granted us and what is written in His Word, the exceeding greatness of His power that is about to be revealed.

Let us pray to the Lord



Father of glory
I praise and bless You, King, because You have saved me
And You have given me
Great, mighty
And precious promises
Which I am about to receive,
For Your glory is about to be revealed.
My greatest joy is to see Your face, King,
To feel Your presence
And enjoy it for eternity.
I pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Abriste mi corazón” (You opened my heart): Berea Films Barranquilla

<https://youtu.be/11QXuAcmknw>

“Padre de gloria” (Father of glory): Berea Films Barranquilla

<https://youtu.be/SAx1VVleaHw?si=z56hYUxgKso1gQ2y>

DAY 18. Tsadde (צ):

The righteousness of the Word of God!: “The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting” (Psalm 119:144a).

¹³⁷ Righteous *are* You, O Lord,
And upright *are* Your judgments.
¹³⁸ Your testimonies, *which* You have commanded,
Are righteous and very faithful.
¹³⁹ My zeal has consumed me,
Because my enemies have forgotten Your words.
¹⁴⁰ Your word *is* very pure;
Therefore Your servant loves it.
¹⁴¹ I *am* small and despised,
Yet I do not forget Your precepts.
¹⁴² Your righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness,
And Your law *is* truth.
¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have overtaken me,
Yet Your commandments *are* my delights.
¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of Your testimonies *is* everlasting;
Give me understanding, and I shall live.

Time of thinking



In these End Times, it is urgent that believers hold on totally to the Word of God; it is urgent that we do not listen to anything that contradicts it, no matter how tender, kind or happy it may seem; we cannot think according to our desires, our faith cannot be founded on our emotions and feelings and on what surrounds us, on circumstances, because the Bible teaches clearly that faith is founded on the Word of God, that faith comes by hearing the Word of God (read Romans 10:17) and that we walk by faith and not by sight (read 2 Corinthians 5:7).

But faith is not believing that God will give us corruptible and ephemeral things; this is a false faith, a corruptible faith that has been enthroned in many churches around the world. The faith that comes through the Word of God is faith in salvation, faith in eternal life, and faith in the eternal promises of the Lord. Of this great and incomparable salvation, of this eternity of life is that it speaks of the powerful Word of God; therefore, His Word is the only one that can

produce the faith for salvation, to enter the Eternal Kingdom and the powerful promises of the Lord.

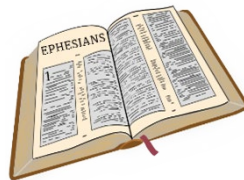
This confronts us because the first conclusion we can say is: If people in many churches have a corruptible faith, a faith for the things of the world, for life on this Post-Flood Earth, a faith in a God who provides material things, therefore in those churches the Word of God is not being preached, but the word of man, of ungodly people who use the Bible to twist it, to accommodate it to perishable purposes, to the lusts of the heart. What happens to these people who have this corruptible faith? Are they saved? No, they are not saved because they do not have the faith for salvation.

In these last days, it is of vital importance for us to have faith for salvation, faith in the eternal promises; which promises? Read some of them: The resurrection of the dead in Christ, our reunion with them, the glorification of our body, the Rapture of the Church and our departure to the Third Heaven, to the New Jerusalem, our preparation in Heaven, our return with the Lord at His Second Coming, the ministry we will exercise in the Millennium as kings and priests, the preaching, evangelism, worship, teaching the Word to all who will be born during the Millennium; then the strong ministerial work, more intense, when Satan is released from prison and goes out to deceive the nations.

These are mighty and glorious promises, and there is more: we will see the execution of the judgment upon Satan and all his demons and then witness the new creation, the New Heavens and the New Earth, where we will live forever immersed in the love, the holiness and the power of God seeing our descendants multiply and be fruitful for all eternity, the rivers of worshippers that will exalt the Lord from generation to generation, forever and ever. This is the biblical faith! This is the faith for eternity of life! This is the faith for salvation! This is the faith that pleases God! Hallelujah!

It is the faith to believe that everything is at the doors, that we have reached the end of the dispensation of the Church, and that we are about to depart. Therefore, all that is happening around us must be seen in the light of the Scriptures and not in the light of the news, of what man says. As faith-filled children of God, we must first seek the Scriptures and look for what God says about everything that is happening because He has left everything we need in the Bible; everything we need to stand firm in Christ, without weakening, without fainting, without turning away from Him.

The teaching of today



The Word of God is righteous, right, and faithful (Psalm 119:137, 138); this means that it is perfect in its nature and application. The justice of the Word of God is due to the fact that God is righteous; it is one of His attributes (Psalm 119:137a). The righteousness of the Word of God is also related to the attribute of truth; it is true, because God is truthful (Psalm 119:142b).

Sometimes, the believer may think that what is happening is unjust. This can occur during the affliction and tribulation. Job thought that what was happening to him was unjust because he had not sinned, and if God was allowing this tribulation in his life, then Where was God's justice? Where was His righteous Word? But God is righteous, He is perfect, He is holy, He is merciful, and from our suffering, He produces something good, He molds us, He perfects us, He changes us for our spiritual growth, for our sanctification, and for His work.

The psalmist knew that God was righteous and will be righteous forever; He is faithful and true; he knew that the Word of God is right, perfect; that is why he says in Psalm 119:138:

¹³⁸Your testimonies, *which* You have commanded,
Are righteous and very faithful.

God is righteous, and His Word, as Psalm 119:137 says, is also righteous: «The righteousness of Your testimonies *is* everlasting» (Psalm 119:144). God's Word is eternal, and therefore His righteousness is also eternal. The reference here is to the Eternal Kingdom in the New Earth and the New Heavens where righteousness will fully dwell, as the apostle Peter says in 2 Peter 3:13:

¹³Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth **in which righteousness dwells.**

Perhaps it would seem difficult to imagine a world where righteousness reigns because since Adam's sin, injustice has reigned on this Earth in all fields of life (read Romans 1:29-32). But

the Lord has promised that the time will come when righteousness will reign, first during the Millennium, and then in the Eternal Kingdom; this is what the prophet refers to in Isaiah 9:7:

⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Although complete and perfect righteousness will be manifested in the Eternal Kingdom, it is now manifested in His children because we have been justified in Christ Jesus and declared righteous before God the Father. Romans 1:17 says:

¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

In the children of God, the righteousness of the Lord has been manifested (read Romans 3:21-22, 25-26). And since this righteousness has been granted to us by the powerful and eternal Word of God, which has produced in us genuine faith, the Lord has promised that this righteousness will remain forever in all those who remain in Christ and persevere in the Gospel. The Lord says in Psalm 112:1, 2a, 3a, and 9:

¹ Praise the Lord!
Blessed *is* the man *who* fears the Lord,
Who delights greatly in His commandments.
^{2a} His descendants will be mighty on earth;
^{3a} Wealth and riches *will be* in his house,
⁹ He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever;
His horn will be exalted with honor.

The true child of God is the one who delights greatly in the Word, in the commandments, statutes and words of the Lord; the true child of God is the one who fears Him. Psalm 112:1 says that there are rewards, eternal promises, for the true children of God who show their love to the Lord, loving and keeping His Word; these promises are¹⁸:

¹⁸ Para conocer más sobre las promesas eternas del Rey ver: Ferrer, G., Rodríguez, Y. (2023). El Reino Eterno: Descendencia, Tierra y gobierno. Ediciones Berea. <https://www.ministeriobereabarranquilla.com/en/el-reino-eterno>

- ✓ *The promise of the eternal descendants:* “**His descendants** will be mighty on earth” (Psalms 112: 2); “**The generation** of the upright will be blessed.” (Psalms 112: 2b).
- ✓ *The promise of the eternal Earth:* “His descendants will be mighty **on earth**” (Psalms 112: 2); “Wealth and riches will be in his house” (Sal 112: 3a).
- ✓ *The promise of the eternal government:* “And his righteousness endures forever.” (Psalm 112: 3b); “His righteousness endures forever; / **His horn [or Strength]** will be exalted **with honor.**”

Now we have the righteousness of God in His Word, now we have the righteousness of God in that we have been justified by faith in Jesus, and God has said that the righteousness of His Word is eternal, which endures forever; only those who remain abided to the vine, to Christ, who justifies, only those who are faithful to Him to the end, the righteousness will follow them eternally and forever, they will possess the righteousness of the Word of God forever.

The psalmist was assured that the Word of God is pure and therefore he loved it; let us read Psalm 119:140:

¹⁴⁰Your word *is* very pure;
Therefore Your servant loves it.

Since the Word of God is pure, when it is received, it produces purity, holiness, purification, and sanctification. He who does not sanctify himself is because he has not received in his heart and has not believed the Word of God. This shows that he has a haughty, arrogant, selfish, and proud heart, and this prevents him from receiving the Word with humility and meekness. Humility is necessary to receive the Word in fullness and to let ourselves be changed by it, to let it do the work of sanctification and purification, to fill the heart with eternity. James 1:19-21 says:

¹⁹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;
²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

When a person is confronted with the powerful Word of God but does not receive it with humility, what happens is the manifestation of anger, of rage, in that person; therefore, James says that when this happens, neither the righteousness of God nor sanctification can work there; He adds that it is necessary to cast away uncleanness, the abundance of malice, to cast away anger and to accept humility, meekness in order to receive the Word of God for the salvation of the soul; and this humility is manifested in that the person is ready to hear and

slow to speak; to hear what? Hearing the Word of God and faith that comes by this hearing. Jesus said to the Pharisees, scribes, and other Jews; let us read John 8:43:

⁴³ Why do you not understand My speech? Because you **are not able** to listen to My word.

The Psalmist of Psalm 119 loved the Word of God; he wanted to hear it all the time; he wanted God to teach it to him, to explain it to him, to open the Scriptures to him. He knew that he had to be humble and meek in order to receive the Word of God; he knew that haughtiness closed the Scriptures to him, that pride kept him away from the Word of God, from the blessing of the Lord's teaching, that is why he said in Psalm 119:141:

¹⁴¹ I *am* small and despised,
Yet I do not forget Your precepts.

How many of us can say, "I am small, Lord!?" "I am despised, Lord!?" That is what the apostle Paul said, the more he advanced in the ministry, the more he declared the same; he said that he was the last of the apostles. Let us read 1 Corinthians 15:8-9:

⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

The Lord had already forgiven Paul, he was already saved, and he had already been called to the ministry, but he knew that he was nothing and did nothing, but he was a clay vessel used by the King because it was His grace and power that worked; let us read 2 Corinthians 4:7:

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

We need to be humble and meek, and the Lord is the One that produces in us this humility in the midst of humiliation, tribulation, suffering, and trial. But all things work together for good in Him (read Romans 8:28).

The psalmist was in suffering, in pain, but the powerful Word of God was his refuge, his sustenance, his strength, his hope, his delight, his joy; let us read Psalm 119:143:

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¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have overtaken me,
Yet Your commandments *are* my delights.

Because the hope of the psalmist was the eternity that the Word of God granted him, for such reason he cried out and asked earnestly that the Lord would give him understanding to be able to comprehend the Scriptures and thus live eternally; let us read Psalm 119:144:

¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of Your testimonies *is* everlasting;
Give me understanding, and I shall live.

The psalmist loved the Word of God so much that he manifested a fervent zeal for the Lord, for his ways; let us read Psalm 119:139:

¹³⁹ My zeal has consumed me,
Because my enemies have forgotten Your words.

Elijah experienced this zeal when he said he had been very zealous for the Lord in the midst of suffering and persecution. Let us read 1 Kings 19:10:

¹⁰ So he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

Elijah was in pain because the people of Israel had forsaken the Word of the Lord, His commandments, and His covenant and had rejected true worship ("They have torn down Your altars"). This same zeal was felt by the Lord Jesus Christ when He saw that the house of God had become a house of merchandise. Let us read John 2:16-17:

¹⁶ And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

¹⁷ Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

What is written and was remembered by the disciples in the previous passage is what David said in Psalm 69, because he was suffering reproach, like the psalmist of Psalm 119; he was suffering for the sake of the Word of God, for the sake of defending it with all his heart; let us read Psalm 69:7-9:

⁷ Because for Your sake I have borne reproach;
Shame has covered my face.

⁸ I have become a stranger to my brothers,
And an alien to my mother's children;

⁹ Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up,
And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

During this dispensation, the Lord has expected (and still expects) His Church to have a love for His Word, to defend it with all her might, to contend earnestly for the faith (read Jude 1:3-4), because apostasy, false apostles, false pastors, false teachers, false prophets, abound in these End Times¹⁹. But not all the churches have done this, for they have not had zeal for the house of the Lord. Rather, they have united with the apostates, the ungodly, following false doctrines and listening to apostate praise; they have rejected the Word of God, biblical faith, and true worship.

What God is saying to you today



The Lord says to you today: "Love my Word, be very zealous for it, be very zealous for Me, for My house; I am coming soon, and My reward is with Me! Be steadfast in the faith for salvation; believe My eternal promises; ask Me to teach you My Word, to open your understanding, to open the Scriptures to you. They are and will be your joy forever".

Let us pray to the Lord



Lord of glory and majesty
Grant me wisdom in Your Word
Teach me to love it, for I love You this way
And I will love You more
Strengthen my faith
And stir up fire and joy
For your promises
For I believe
Are at the doors

¹⁹ For a complete study of the characteristics of the false prophets and how to discover their lies see: Ferrer, G., Rodríguez, Y. (2023). *The prophet of God and the false prophets*. Berea Editions.

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The cry for the Word of God: Psalm 119

Thank You, Lord, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Salmo 68” (Psalm 68): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/D-F17qGwz-l>

“Canta” (Sing): Berea Films Barranquilla https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hbf9_Kw6WRA

DAY 19: Qoph (ק):

I hope in Your Word, my Lord!: «*I rise before the dawning of the morning, / And cry for help; I hope in Your word.*» (Psalm 119:147).

¹⁴⁵ I cry out with *my* whole heart;
Hear me, O Lord!

I will keep Your statutes.

¹⁴⁶ I cry out to You;

Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies.

¹⁴⁷ I rise before the dawning of the morning,
And cry for help;

I hope in Your word.

¹⁴⁸ My eyes are awake through the *night* watches,
That I may meditate on Your word.

¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness;
O Lord, revive me according to Your justice.

¹⁵⁰ They draw near who follow after wickedness;
They are far from Your law.

¹⁵¹ You *are* near, O Lord,
And all Your commandments *are* truth.

¹⁵² Concerning Your testimonies,
I have known of old that You have founded them forever.

Time of thinking



When we are in tribulations and various trials, we cannot think that we are the only ones because the Bible affirms that all believers suffer the same because the devil walks about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, and he attacks the children of God; the apostle Peter says in 1 Peter 5:8-9:

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

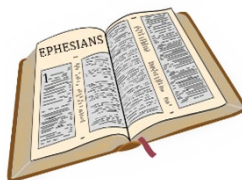
And the question is: Why does God allow these attacks and sufferings? The answer is given by the apostle Peter himself in 1 Peter 5:10:

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¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*.

The apostle Peter clearly says that God allows sufferings because in the midst of them He perfects us, affirms us, strengthens us, establishes us in His ways, and roots us in His kingdom of power and glory so that we may come into His presence. Peter says "He Himself" referring to the Lord, for He is with us in the midst of suffering, trials and tribulations and it is He Himself who perfects the work until the day of the Rapture (read Philippians 1:6).

The teaching of today



The psalmist was being persecuted by those who had turned away from the Word of God, from His Law; that is, the apostates persecuted him: «They draw near who follow after wickedness; / They are far from Your law.» (Psalm 119:150); therefore, he was crying out for an answer. When we are in affliction, in tribulation, we raise a permanent cry before the Lord; we cry out for His Word, to hear His voice, and to have an answer from God. In those moments, the Holy Spirit guides us on how to cry out in the following ways:

(a) With all my heart, let us read Psalm 119:145:

¹⁴⁵ I cry out with *my* whole heart;
Hear me, O Lord!
I will keep Your statutes.

The cry with all the heart arises in the believer when he is in pain, suffering, tribulation, or affliction. This is demonstrated in the book of Job and the Psalms. David says in Psalm 25:16-19:

¹⁶ Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me,
For I *am* desolate and afflicted.
¹⁷ The troubles of my heart have enlarged;
Bring me out of my distresses!
¹⁸ Look on my affliction and my pain,
And forgive all my sins.
¹⁹ Consider my enemies, for they are many;
And they hate me with cruel hatred.

This groaning is similar to the one made by the servant of the Psalm 119; David in Psalm 25 cried out with all his heart, because he sought to be heard by God; he says that he had many troubles in his heart (Psalm 25: 17), pains, affliction (Psalm 25:18) and he was also a victim of the attacks of his enemies, of their hatred. These same tribulations suffered the psalmist of Psalm 119; and David did the same as this servant, he cried out for the Word of God, for its truth; he prayed to be taught by the Lord, to the Lord to show him His ways, let us read Psalm 25:4-5:

⁴Show me Your ways, O LORD;

Teach me Your paths.

⁵Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

For You *are* the God of my salvation;

On You I wait all the day.

The second way in which the Holy Spirit guides us on how to cry out in the midst of trouble is also found in Psalm 119; let's see:

(b) crying out before the dawning of the morning, through the night watches crying out dawning of the morning; let us read Psalm 119:147-148:

¹⁴⁷I rise before the dawning of the morning,

And cry for help;

I hope in Your word.

¹⁴⁸My eyes are awake through the *night* watches,

That I may meditate on Your word.

Night watches are powerful; when we are willing to seek the Lord, read and study His Word, praise Him, worship Him, pray, cry out, and groan in these times of night and dawning of the morning, God is pleased and listens to His children. The Bible teaches that there are four watches:

First Watch: 6 pm - 9 pm (EVENING)

Second Watch: 9 pm - 12 am (MIDNIGHT)

Third Watch: 12 am - 3 am (THE CROWING OF THE ROOSTER)

Fourth Watch: 3 am - 6 am (MORNING)

The Lord Jesus refers to these four watches in the parable of Mark 13:35: «Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—»

This is the parable of the man who went away and left his servants to watch, with which the Lord refers to the Rapture of the Church since the previous context is the sign of the fig tree that is Israel, which was given to the Church; the Lord says that the Church do not know neither the day nor the hour in which the glorious event of the coming of the Lord will occur ("the Master of the house": Mark 13:35); therefore, the Church must watch and pray to know the day and the hour.

Another example of this kind of night watch is found in Luke 12, in a parable that also refers symbolically to the Rapture of the Church. Let us read Luke 12:37-38:

³⁷ Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them.

³⁸ And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants.

Here, it speaks of the second and the third watch. Another example we have of watching is the Lord Jesus Christ; He watched at specific times; for example in Matthew 14:22-25 (cf. Mark 6:48):

²² Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

²⁵ **Now in the fourth watch** of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.

David knew the blessing of the watch and at this time he worshipped; it says in Psalm 63:1a, 5, 6:

^{1a} O God, You *are* my God;

Early will I seek You;

⁵ My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness,
And my mouth shall praise *You* with joyful lips.

⁶ When I remember You on my bed,
I meditate on You in the *night* watches.

The psalmist of Psalm 119 also knew the power of the watches; in several verses, he reiterates this in Psalm 119:55, 62, and 148:

⁵⁵ I remember Your name in the night, O LORD,
And I keep Your law.

⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You,
Because of Your righteous judgments.

¹⁴⁸ My eyes are awake through the *night* watches,
That I may meditate on Your word.

This servant praised, worshiped, and meditated on the Word of God during the watches of the night until dawn. Have you done this alone? Have you delighted in worshiping the Lord and reading and meditating on his Word? If you have not, it is time for you to do so, to seek the presence of the Lord in this way, especially now that we are about to depart to the New Jerusalem.

In addition to the Lord guiding us on how to cry out through Psalm 119, he tells us what the content of our cry should be; the psalmist prayed this way:

(1) Answer me to keep Your Word: «I cry out with my whole heart; / Hear me, O Lord! / I will keep Your statutes.» (Psalm 119 145)

(2) Deliver me to keep Your Word: «I cry out to You; / Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies» (Psalm 119:146). This means, "Your salvation allows me to love and keep your Word from now on and forevermore."

(3) Hear my voice according to Your mercy: «Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness» (Psalm 119:149a). This means: "Extend Your mercy over me.

(4) Revive me according to Your Word: «O Lord, revive me according to Your justice.» (Psalm 119:149b). This means: "Glorify my body to be in Your presence for eternity." But it also means, "Let not my heart be quenched, revive it with the fire of Your Holy Spirit; let not tribulation overwhelm me, revive me!"

Finally, the psalmist makes several affirmations with faith in the midst of his suffering:

(a) He affirms that the Lord is never far away, that He is always near: «You *are* near, O Lord,» (Psalm 119:151a).

(b) Affirms that God's Word is truth: «And all Your commandments *are* truth.» (Psalm 119:151b).

(c) He affirms that God has given him the understanding to understand and receive His Word: «Concerning Your testimonies, / I have known of old» (Psalm 119:152a).

(d) He affirms that God has established forever His Word, His testimonies, His statutes: «that You have founded them forever.» (Psalm 119:152b).

What God is saying to you today



The psalmist understood that the purpose of the Word of God is to be for all eternity with the King, that salvation is for eternity; that is why he ends this portion of Psalm 119 with the powerful affirmation; let us read Psalm 119:152:

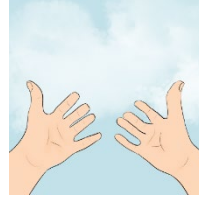
¹⁵² Concerning Your testimonies,
I have known of old that You have founded them forever.

Many churches in these last days that we are living before the Rapture, are immersed in the material, ephemeral, and corruptible things, in the earthly things, and they resist to come out of this demonic imprisonment, of this lie that has blinded their eyes and their understanding. It is necessary that the Church wakes up! And to understand the Word of God so that she can say, like the psalmist, that he has understood the testimonies of the Lord, and this understanding indicates that he was able to see that these testimonies, the powerful Word of God, was established by the Lord forever. The objective is eternal life! The Word of God must be read with the eyes of eternity at God's side, but also understanding that there is an eternity away from God in Hell.

The Lord tells you today that there is no other way to read the Scriptures; and that every time you fill yourself with His powerful Word, you are filling yourself with eternity of life; you are immersing yourself in the river of faith, of the Eternal Kingdom, of the Kingdom of God, of the Kingdom of Heaven. In this way you hate the kingdom of this world that hates God and His Word.

The Lord tells you to clothe yourself with His Word because in this way you will be clothed with the eternity of life, with the rivers that spring up to eternal life.

Let us pray to the Lord



Lord, I want to adore you,
To seek your presence,
To meditate on Your Word
In the watches of the night.
I want to adore you in the early morning,
To anticipate the dawn
And think of your wonders,
In your promises
And delight in them
Feeling Your mighty presence
Visit me in the watches of the night Oh, God!
Thank You that you have made me understand
Your eternity of life,
Which is written in your Word.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Bienvenidos a la casa del Señor” (Welcome To the house of the Lord): Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/ih6SMailTds>

“Ishi”: Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/N801obU98bU?si=7IT9yu-GW10viRb5>

DAY 20: Resh (ר):

“Revive me according to Your truth, Your Word is everlasting: «*The entirety of Your word is truth, / And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.*» (Psalm 119:160).

¹⁵³ Consider my affliction and deliver me,
For I do not forget Your law.

¹⁵⁴ Plead my cause and redeem me;
Revive me according to Your word.

¹⁵⁵ Salvation *is* far from the wicked,
For they do not seek Your statutes.

¹⁵⁶ Great *are* Your tender mercies, O LORD;
Revive me according to Your judgments.

¹⁵⁷ Many *are* my persecutors and my enemies,
Yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.

¹⁵⁸ I see the treacherous, and am disgusted,
Because they do not keep Your word.

¹⁵⁹ Consider how I love Your precepts;
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.

¹⁶⁰ The entirety of Your word *is* truth,
And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.

Time of thinking



How hard it is for human beings to let go of the earthly and the ephemeral! The people of the world put all their efforts into doing works on this Earth, rooting themselves to them with all their strength; they plan and execute longings for jobs, studies, housing, and amusements, without God, with a false god, without thinking about the eternity of life. But all these things are temporary and disappear with time or in the twinkling of an eye.

Many believers also undertake earthly works, forge a state, trade, profession, procure a home, a family, and put all their hopes in this, even believing that God's only interest and objective is to help them forge all this because there is nothing else. There comes a point when all this becomes the center of life, of the heart, and there is a feeling of clinging to all this, to this Earth.

The Bible teaches that we are pilgrims, strangers, and foreigners on this Earth and that our gaze should always be set on things above, not earthly things. Colossians 3:1-2 says:

¹ If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

The apostle says, " If then you were raised with Christ," that is, if we have been reborn, if we are new creatures, because before we were dead in our trespasses and sins. It is a contradiction to have been resurrected with Christ and to continue with our eyes and heart on Earth, in the ephemeral, in the earthly, in the corruptible. Paul adds in Colossians 3:3-4:

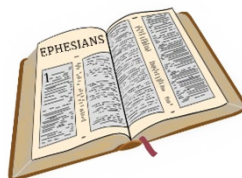
³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

We have died! We have died to this Earth, we have failed to the world, to sin; Paul says that our LIFE is HIDDEN with Christ, that is, it has not yet been manifested, and therefore, the apostle affirms that our LIFE WILL BE MANIFESTED when Christ is manifested, that is, on the day of the Rapture, when we will be manifested with Him in glory when our body will be glorified. Are you still clinging to "life", to existence on this Earth of corruption, curse, and death, or are you filled with Christ, who is life, and His Word, which is life, longing for the day and hour of the manifestation of life-life? The Lord wants us to live every day with our eyes fixed on eternity with Him, in the heavenly abodes, in the New Jerusalem.

There are children of God who, when they are in tribulation, become weak and fall into the enemy's trap of moving away from the Lord, from the Church, from the brethren; they forget the eternal promises and fall into sadness and do not want to listen, read and live the Word of God. But when we are in tribulation, we should cling to the living God, the Almighty Christ, and the Word of God because it is a source of consolation and strength. We must also surround ourselves with brothers in the faith whom God has arranged to comfort us; we must gather together and be in one spirit.

The teaching of today



This passage of the psalm begins with a powerful statement: "Consider my affliction and deliver me, / For I do not forget Your law." (Psalm 119:153). We know that the psalmist was in tribulation when he wrote Psalm 119 and was waiting for the fulfillment of the Word.

Therefore, he was crying out all 22 passages, it was the cry for the Word of God, to learn it, to treasure it, to live it; it was the cry for the fulfillment in his life, for the fulfillment of the eternal promises.

In this verse, we see that the psalmist amid his cry gives a reason that sustains him: "For I have not forgotten your law" (Psalm 119:153b). The Lord has left a promise to bless those who keep his commandments, and this blessing will be for the Church from the day of the Rapture until eternity; this promise is the Eternal Kingdom (read Deuteronomy 7:9; and Nehemiah 1:5).

The psalmist cries out to the Lord asking to be delivered from his affliction: "Consider my affliction and deliver me" (Psalm 119:153a). Whenever we are afflicted and pray to the Lord, He will hear us and deliver us from our afflictions; His mercy is great. The people of Israel sinned by turning away from God; but then they repented and cried out and God heard them and delivered them from their afflictions: "Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, / And He saved them out of their distresses. / ²⁰ He sent His word and healed them, / And delivered *them* from their destructions." (Psalm 107:19-20).

Righteous Lot afflicted his soul; he cried, he groaned, to be taken out of Sodom, and God attended him; let us read 2 Peter 2:6-8:

⁶and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;

⁷and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked

⁸(for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)—

In this way, we are now daily afflicting our souls, crying out because this world has become a Sodom, sin has multiplied and has reached the nose of the Lord; therefore, the judgment of the seven years of the Tribulation is at the door, but the Lord has promised to take us out of this Earth, to deliver us from the hour of trial that is to come upon the whole world; this is stated by the apostle Peter in 2 Peter 2:9-10:

⁹*then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

¹⁰and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries...

In verse 9, Peter refers to the hour of trial mentioned in Revelation 3:10 (gr. *Peirasmos*, πειρασμός); it is the same term used by John in Revelation 3:10; in Jude, it is translated as

"temptation," but the correct translation is "trial"). In verse 10, Peter speaks of apostates who despise the lordship of Christ.

We must understand the time we are living in, the time before the outpouring of the Tribulation judgment on this Earth; we must see this world with the eyes of the Word of God, with the lens of the Scriptures, with what God says in them and not according to what men or our emotions say. Judgment is at the door, and it is a terrible judgment because of the sin of mankind, because of the prevarication, and because of the apostasy of many churches. This is the reality, and we cannot evade this reality by deceiving ourselves, thinking and saying that everything is going to get better, that everything is going to change, and that everything will be all right.

By understanding the time and situation of mankind, in the light of the Word of God, we can cry out, we can groan to be delivered from the hour of trial, to escape from all that will come upon the Earth; we must groan for the coming of Christ for his holy Church. And God has left us Psalm 119 for this time in which the Church must be afflicted to see the multiplication of wickedness, the apostasy of many churches, and that everything is against the Word of God.

The psalmist of Psalm 119 saw the sin and apostasy of those around him who persecuted him; let us read Psalm 119:157-158:

¹⁵⁷ Many *are* my persecutors and my enemies,

Yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.

¹⁵⁸ I see the treacherous, and am disgusted,

Because they do not keep Your word.

The apostates were enemies and persecutors of the psalmist, but he did not faint or abandon the Word of God; he affirmed that he did not depart from the testimonies of the Lord; he asked God to see him "For I do not forget Your law" (Psalm 119:153b). Brothers and sisters, the terrible attack and persecution of the devil against the children of God are aimed at making us abandon the Word of God because the enemy knows that it produces salvation. The psalmist knew this, and that is why he clung with all his being to the Word; he loved it with all his heart; let us read Psalm 119:159:

¹⁵⁹ Consider how I love Your precepts;

Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.

The psalmist cried out; let us read Psalm 119:154, 156:

¹⁵⁴Plead my cause and redeem me;

Revive me according to Your word.

¹⁵⁶Great *are* Your tender mercies, O LORD;

Revive me according to Your judgments.

As believers, when we are in trials, tribulations, distresses, afflictions, and pains, we cannot forget the Word of God. On the contrary, we must immerse ourselves in it, read it, and appropriate it because it is the Truth of God: "The entirety of Your word *is* truth" (Psalm 119:160a). And because it is all truth, all the written promises are fulfilled and will be fulfilled in our lives, so we have comfort, we find rest, it enlivens our soul and our spirit and will enliven our bodies: "Revive me according to Your word" (Psalm 119:154b).

Because the Word of God is eternal, for us, it is a guarantee of its fulfillment and its powerful work in our lives to give us an eternity of life, to make us enter the Eternal Kingdom, to provide us with the eternal promises that God made in the eight covenants in Eden with the creation, with Adam, with Noah, with Abraham, with Israel, with David and the mighty New Covenant that certifies all the previous ones. The psalmist says: "And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever" (Psalm 119:160b). What justice? The justice of Christ, who has clothed us to present us righteous and holy before the Father now and forever, when the old nature and death leave our bodies on the day we are made alive.

The Word of God, His testimonies, His testimonies, His judgments, His statutes, His eternal Law, has been given to us so that we may be eternal and thus be in the presence of God who is eternal, be in His kingdom which is eternal and receive the promises which are eternal Hallelujah! Before sin, Adam was apt, acceptable, to receive all this blessing, but sin incapacitated him because sin and its wages, which is death, made us unclean, mortal, and incapable of being children of God, to be in His presence, to participate in His kingdom and to receive the promises that He determined He would give, because His covenants are irrevocable, immutable, His Word is unbreakable, it is eternal.

However, because of God's infinite mercy and love, in the covenant He made with Adam after sin, He gave the promise of the Seed, Christ, who would take away sin, overcome death, and give us eternal life, making us fit, acceptable, before the Father to receive all His promises Hallelujah! (Read Ephesians 1:6-10).

When, as true believers, we keep the Word in our being, in our lives, believing it, when we love it, when we keep it with all our heart, we can receive the eternal promises of the Lord. But if we reject the Word, we reject God Himself; we reject His mercy, His love. Nevertheless, even when the believer commits this sin of turning away, which is apostasy,

he can repent with all his heart and ask the Lord with all his strength; let us read Psalm 119:156:

¹⁵⁶Great *are* Your tender mercies, O LORD;
Revive me according to Your judgments.

The one who has turned away needs to be revived again because death has entered his heart, for he has rejected the Word that is life; when the Word of God is rejected, life goes out of the heart, and death enters; let us read John 6:63:

⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. **The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.**

But when there is genuine repentance, sincere humiliation, God forgives; the one who is forgiven can then cry out saying:

- (a) Consider my affliction and deliver me (Psalm 119:153a).
- (b) Plead my cause and redeem me (Psalm 119:154a).
- (c) Revive me according to Your word (Psalm 119:154b); revive me according to Your judgments (Psalm 119:156b); revive me, O Lord, according to Your lovingkindness (Psalm 119:159b).

When the Word of God is in our lives, we see the condition of the lost people: "Salvation is far from the wicked, / For they do not seek Your statutes." (Psalm 119: 155). Brothers and sisters, it is necessary that we understand this truth of verse 155 (reread it): he who does not have the Word of God does not believe in Jesus, the incarnate Word. Therefore, he is not born again (John 3:5-7), he is dead in his trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1), the wrath of God is upon him (John 3:36), his destiny is Hell, the place of torment and the Lake of Fire (John 3:18, Revelation 20:15).

Our emotions, feelings, or thoughts cannot move us. We believe that those who do not have the Word of God, those who do not live according to it, and those who do not believe in Jesus as the only Savior, the only Lord, as God, then such people will not go to Hell but are saved. We cannot think this, for how will you have sorrow in your heart for their souls? How can you groan and cry out for them if you believe that they are not lost? Indeed, you cannot, and you run the risk of slipping and living like the lost and losing your salvation. The Psalmist said: " Salvation *is* far from the wicked, / For they do not seek Your statutes." (Psalm 119:155). Far, far, far is salvation from those who do not have Jesus, from those who do not have his pure Word; they are far from God, far from the covenants and promises,

without God and hope in the world (read Ephesians 2:12). When the Word of God, pure, unadulterated, is in our heart, we cannot look favorably upon sin, we cannot tolerate it, we cannot be partakers of it, nor share in it; instead we abhor it: "I see the treacherous, and am disgusted, / Because they do not keep Your word." (Psalm 119:158) What a blessing that God has granted us His Eternal Word, His righteous and eternal judgments, His perfect law, His glorious testimonies, His mighty commandments for life, eternal life in His kingdom, in the New Earth and the New Heavens!

In the Bible, the prevaricators are those who have apostatized from the faith and the Word of God, those who have sinned against Him, having been called by the Lord. We can affirm this by looking at the contexts in which the word "**unfaithfulness**" (heb. *ma`al* מַעַל) is used; for example, Leviticus 26: 40 says:

⁴⁰ 'But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, **with their unfaithfulness [Heb. *ma'al* מַעַל]** in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me...

The context is the curses of disobedience in which the Lord warns the people of Israel of the consequences of abandoning His Word; Moses says that because of the judgment that will come, if Israel confesses their iniquity and their transgression, God will hear and forgive them. The explicit reference is to the future apostasy of the people of Israel. Still, it also refers to the time of the tribulation judgment when, in the middle of this terrible period, they will repent for having rejected the Messiah when He first came.

Another context that confirms unfaithfulness as apostasy is Jeremiah 3:20, with the term in Hebrew *bâgad* (בָּגַד) that means to act covertly, to deal deceitfully, treacherously, unfaithfully, to offend, transgress (Meyers, 2000). Let us read Jeremiah 3:20:

²⁰ Surely, as a wife treacherously departs [Heb. *bâgad* בָּגַד] from her husband, So have you dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel," says the LORD

Many churches have trespassed against God; they are an unfaithful wife who has forsaken Christ and His Word, has abandoned her husband, and therefore, does not love Him (read John 14:15, 21), has lost the first love; and if these churches do not repent they will be left behind, they will be taken away when the rapture occurs (Revelation 2:4-5), and will be judged in the seven years of judgment of the tribulation, they will go to Hell.

What God is saying to you today



The Lord says to you today: "I have cleansed you, I have sanctified you, I have washed you with my precious blood, I have justified you, I have reconciled you with my Father, I have saved you, and I have called you to be light in the midst of darkness, I have called you to testify that I am eternal life and that no one comes to the Father but by me; I have filled you with my eternal Word so that you may testify, so that you may preach and say that I am the only Savior, Lord and God. I do not want you to weaken. I do not want you to look at those who do not believe in my pure and holy Word and me as if they were well, as if nothing happened because I have already told you that they are far from my salvation; I have already told you that he who leaves my Word does not love me, does not love my Father, but hates my Word and my ways; he hates me, my Father and his Holy Spirit; he loves himself and says with his mouth he loves me, but his fruit, his works, show the opposite.

I tell you today to take a good look at the condition of the wicked, of those who have not been born again, and of those who were born again but have fallen away; I want you to take a good look at their condition because they are lost, and I will execute my Word, my judgment if they do not repent; I do not change, my Word does not change, it is eternal. I want you to see this judgment well because I will certainly execute it. My mercy is my Word that I have poured out in abundance; my mercy is eternal because my Word is eternal. I want you to understand so that you may groan, so that you may cry out for the lost, for the lost, because if they do not repent, Hell awaits them, the Lake of Fire, the eternal torment, where the worm does not die and the fire is never extinguished; because the dungeon, the prison in which they are now will be prolonged eternally in worse eternal prisons of darkness and gloom.

I tell you today, affirm your heart in my Word, do not let yourself be moved by emotions, because my Word is not emotion, my Word is alive, it is certain, it is truthful, it is immutable, immutable, I do not change, I AM WHO I AM."

Let us pray to the Lord



O God I understood your judgments, and I feared,
sorrow is in my heart
for those who do not know you,
for those who do not love you,
for those who knew you
and now have turned away.
King of Glory,
grant them to repent,
send them your light and your truth
I cry out; I groan today
by your Holy Spirit!
In Jesus' name.
Amen.



Let us worship God

Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Salmo 56 (Psalm 56)”: Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/Zq-tl2Cth3M>

“Salmo 51 (Psalm 51)”: Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/npw2AWfur0k>

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I praise you, O God, for your Word, I will worship you eternally, O King: «Seven times a day I praise You, / Because of Your righteous judgments.» (Psalm 119:164).

¹⁶¹ Princes persecute me without a cause,
But my heart stands in awe of Your word.

¹⁶² I rejoice at Your word
As one who finds great treasure.

¹⁶³ I hate and abhor lying,
But I love Your law.

¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day I praise You,
Because of Your righteous judgments.

¹⁶⁵ Great peace have those who love Your law,
And nothing causes them to stumble.

¹⁶⁶ LORD, I hope for Your salvation,
And I do Your commandments.

¹⁶⁷ My soul keeps Your testimonies,

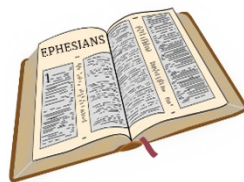
¹⁶⁸ And I love them exceedingly.
I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,
For all my ways *are* before You.

Time of thinking



What are the reasons why you praise God? When this question is asked, many people think of material blessings; they praise God because He provides them with material things. Rarely do they think of salvation; this is a great motive, for to be saved is an undeserved gift for which we should praise the Lord all the days of our lives. But the psalmist gives us another glorious reason to praise God: " Seven times a day I praise You, / Because of Your righteous judgments" (Psalm 119:164). May there be in our hearts a song of permanent praise for God's judgments, his commandments, his testimonies, his Law, and his Word!

The teaching of today



The psalmist affirms that he praises the Lord seven times a day for his righteous judgments (Psalm 119:164); if we take this expression literally, there are many times that the psalmist praises the Lord for his Word, but if we take it symbolically, understanding seven as several fullness, then the psalmist praises the Lord all day long for his Word and it brings joy to the heart of the servant: " I rejoice at Your word / As one who finds great treasure." (Psalm 119:162). The psalmist praises the Lord for his Word because he loves it: "I love your law" (Psalm 119:163); " LORD, I hope for Your salvation, And I do Your commandments." (Psalm 119:167). He also praises the Lord for his Word because it brings peace: " Great peace have those who love Your law " (Psalm 119: 165a). Love for God's Word will lead us to keep it (Psalm 119:168) because we know that all our ways are before Him. Love for the Word also fills us because we know that its fruit is salvation, and therefore, we put it into action: "LORD, I hope for Your salvation, / And I do Your commandments " (Psalm 119:166).

The psalmist says: "165 Great peace have those who love Your law, / And nothing causes them to stumble" (Salmo 119:165).

This peace of which he speaks refers to several events: (a) peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (read Romans 5:1), (b) peace as part of the fruit of the Spirit (read Galatians 5:22), (c) the peace of Christ which is opposed to the peace of the world; and (d) the eternal peace that we will have in the Kingdom of God, in the Father's house (Romans 14:17). It is the peace in the Kingdom of God and it is related to the peace that Christ gives; let us read John 14:27:

²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Before receiving Christ, we were enemies of God; that is, there was no peace (read Romans 5:10) and the wrath of God was upon us (read John 3:36). But when we repent of our sins, receive Christ and believe in Him, we receive reconciliation with the Father, we are no longer His enemies and we are delivered from the wrath to come; therefore, Jesus said in John 14:27 that He gives us His peace and adds in Romans 5:8-9:

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

In John 14:27, the Lord says that he gives us his peace. It is striking that he ends by affirming: " Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.," which is the same thing he said when he began the discourse in the Upper Room; let us read John 14:1; " Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me". In John 14:28 the Lord affirms: "You have heard that I said to you, I am coming, and I am coming to you. If ye loved me, ye would have rejoiced, because I said, I go unto the Father: for the Father is greater than I." The Lord is speaking of His resurrection and ascension to Heaven ("I go") and then of His coming for the Church ("I come to you"), and He says this after enunciating in verse 27 that He gives us His peace; therefore, He is referring to peace in the Kingdom of God, in the New Jerusalem, in the Heavenly city to which we are about to depart, to the abodes of the Father that Jesus Himself prepared for us, let us read John 14:2-4:

² In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know."

The Lord said: "Let not your hearts be troubled; I go to prepare a place in the Father's house, I go to prepare dwelling places for you, have the peace of the Holy Spirit now, but I will return for you, I will come again because now I go and then I come to you so that where I am, you may also be; so that you may have peace for eternity, in the Kingdom of God which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." Best of all, all this is already at the door, Hallelujah!

The psalmist said in the Psalm 119:165:

¹⁶⁵ Great peace have those who love Your law,
And nothing causes them to stumble.

Those who love the Word of God are those who love the Lord, and the consequence is that they have and will have an abundance of peace. In verse 165, the word in Hebrew for "much" is *rab* (רב), which means "abundant in quantity, number, measure, quality"; it is a shortened word from *râbab*, which means "to increase, multiply especially in number, in quantity." We shall have an abundance of peace, Hallelujah! This is proven in several passages that speak of the Eternal Kingdom; let us read some of them:

✓ Psalm 37:11:

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the earth,
And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

✓ Jeremiah 33:6:

⁶ Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.

What a powerful promise, Hallelujah! It is the Eternal Kingdom because the Lord states through the prophet Jeremiah, let's read Jeremiah 33:9 -11:

⁹ Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it.'

¹⁰ "Thus says the LORD: 'Again there shall be heard in this place—of which you say, "It is desolate, without man and without beast"—in the cities of Judah, in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast,

¹¹ the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say:

"Praise the LORD of hosts,

For the LORD is good,

For His mercy *endures forever*" —

and of those *who will* bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first,' says the LORD.

The promises to Israel are our promises, and we have the first fruits; the Church will have them first on the day of the Rapture, which is nearby. Rejoice for that! Sing to the King for this great blessing dawning and about to manifest! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the coming King, who is at the door!

The psalmist also said in the Psalm 119:165b:

¹⁶⁵ ... And nothing causes them to stumble.

"And nothing causes them to stumble," this very thing the Lord Jesus Christ said in Matthew 11:6: "... And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." What did the Lord mean when He said this? The answer is in the context of this passage in Matthew and relates to what the Psalmist says in verse 165 that we read.

After Jesus said that blessed is he who finds no stumbling block in Him, He speaks of those who revile Him; they also revile His Word and His servants. He refers to those who reject

Him and resist receiving the Word of God, pure and holy; and in this way, they attempt with violence against the Kingdom of God; let us read Matthew 11:12- 19:

¹²And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

¹³For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

¹⁴And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is Elijah who is to come.

¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

¹⁶“But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions,

¹⁷and saying:

‘We played the flute for you,

And you did not dance;

We mourned to you,

And you did not lament.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is justified by her children.”

All those to whom we have preached and taught the Word of God, the pure message of the Gospel, the message of the Rapture, of the imminent judgment of God and the eternal promises, the Eternal Kingdom, the glory of the New Jerusalem, in this end time, all those to whom we have preached these mighty truths, but have rejected them, have left the message and have reviled, blasphemed, violated the message, are those who find stumbling block in the Lord, because those who love the Word of God, the Law as the Psalmist says (Psalm 119:165), are those for whom there is no stumbling block.

The apostle Peter refers to this in 1 Peter 2:4-8:

⁴Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious,

⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, / “Behold, I lay in Zion / A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,

And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

⁷**Therefore, to you who believe, *He is precious*; but to those who are disobedient, / “The stone which the builders rejected / Has become the chief cornerstone,”**

⁸**and “A stone of stumbling**

And a rock of offense.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

The apostle Peter refers to those who are preached and taught the pure, holy Word, the Gospel of eternal salvation, of the Eternal Kingdom, the Gospel that speaks of repentance and forgiveness of sins, of holiness, of sanctification, those who are preached this message

but do not BELIEVE and do not want to get rid of their sins, of their love for the Earth and the world, who do not want to sanctify themselves, these people stumble in the Word; for them the Word of God is a stumbling block to develop their desires, their earthly plans, their worldly desires, to fulfill the lusts of their hearts; then, they decide to discard the Word, to reject it, and they go to listen to the teachers who are heaped up according to their own lusts (2 Timothy 4:3; 2 Peter 3:3), they go to listen to the tongues that satiate their worldliness, their filthiness, their earthliness, their love of self, their selfishness, their status quo; and when they get those flattering tongues, to those people who speak to them with smooth words (Rom 16:18), there they stay and end up more bound, more captive, they end up going deeper and deeper into the depths of the prison, of the dungeon they are in, they end up being double children of Hell.

This happened to the Jews, the Pharisees, Sadducees, scribes, priests, elders, and other religious people when they heard the preaching and teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ, who turned out to be them a stone of stumbling and a rock that made one fall (1 Peter 2:8); they ended up rejecting the stone, the Rock that was and is the head of the corner (1 Peter 2:7), they left the Eternal Kingdom, they rejected the New Jerusalem, they rejected Zion, because Christ is the stone of the corner, chosen, precious that was set in Zion (1 Peter 2:6; Isaiah 28:16).

But we who have heard, treasured, kept the Word of God, we who love it, we who delight in it, we who believe it and live it, Peter says that the Lord is precious to us (1 Peter 2:7) and we are moreover: "...But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9); and we rejoice and give thanks to God that "...once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; that once you had not obtained mercy, but now you have obtained mercy. " (1 Peter 2:10) Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the King, Glory to Christ who has made us a people, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, who has brought us out of darkness and brought us into his marvelous light, who has given us the steadfast mercies of David, who has given us exceeding great and precious promises!

Jesus is precious to us, and his Word is precious; his eternal promises are precious, glorious; therefore, we say like the psalmist in Psalm 118:19-23:

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness;
I will go through them,
And I will praise the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD,
Through which the righteous shall enter.

²¹ I will praise You,
For You have answered me,
And have become my salvation.
²² The stone *which* the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ This was the LORD's doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.

Thus, we now say: "Open to us the gate of Heaven, Lord, that we may enter and praise you!" and when we see our brothers resurrected and glorified, we will say, "It is marvelous in our eyes"; when we are transformed, we will sing "it is marvelous in our eyes"; when we ascend and reach the clouds and see closely, face to face the King, we will say, sing, praise "How marvelous you are King! "When we reach the New Jerusalem, we will say: "This is from the Lord, / And it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23).

Now, we are singing with a joyful voice; let us read Psalm 118:14-17:

¹⁴ The LORD *is* my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation.
¹⁵ The voice of rejoicing and salvation
is in the tents of the righteous;
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted;
The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
¹⁷ I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of the LORD.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

What God is saying to you today



The Lord asks you today, "Am I precious to you? Is my Word precious, and do you love it? Or is my Word a stumbling block to you? Is there something in your life that my Word is showing you, is exhibiting to you, and resisting to the point that my Word is a stumbling block because you don't want to give that up?"

The Lord says to you: "I am already at the door, and I am knocking; the door will be opened and shut. Only my holy sheepfold, for which I am precious, for which I am not a stumbling block, for which my Word is joy and delight, because he loves it, only my holy sheepfold will be glorified, will be lifted up. This is the time to delight in my Word, to be sanctified still, to

practice righteousness still (Revelation 22:11); listen to my call, Church. I am calling you because I promised that when I am at the door, I will knock (Revelation 3:20), listen to my voice, open the door, and dine with me. I am longing for you, Church, and you are about to marvel at my promises; you will have the complete joy of my presence.

Today, I remind you of what is written in Revelation 22:12-15:

¹² “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last.”

¹⁴ Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

¹⁵ But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

Let us pray to the Lord



Eternal Father:

¹⁶² I rejoice at Your word

As one who finds great treasure.

¹⁶³ I hate and abhor lying,

But I love Your law.

¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day I praise You,

Because of Your righteous judgments.

¹⁶⁵ Great peace have those who love Your law,

And nothing causes them to stumble.

¹⁶⁶ LORD, I hope for Your salvation,

And I do Your commandments.

¹⁶⁷ My soul keeps Your testimonies,

And I love them exceedingly.

¹⁶⁸ I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,

For all my ways *are* before You.

You save me for that glorious day

When you take me home

Thank You Lord

In Jesus' name.

AMEN.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

“Salmo 77 (Psalm 77)”: Berea Films Barranquilla <https://youtu.be/yPGd7DLWmAY>

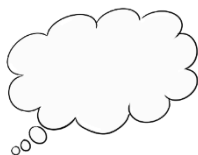
“Santo y glorioso (Holy and Glorious)”: Berea Films Barranquilla
<https://youtu.be/MEA6QTxb8M>

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I delight in your Word God, I rejoice in your promises, O my King and my Lord!: «*I long for Your salvation, O LORD, And Your law is my delight.*» (Psalm 119:174).

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before You, O LORD;
Give me understanding according to Your word.
¹⁷⁰Let my supplication come before You;
Deliver me according to Your word.
¹⁷¹My lips shall utter praise,
For You teach me Your statutes.
¹⁷²My tongue shall speak of Your word,
For all Your commandments *are* righteousness.
¹⁷³Let Your hand become my help,
For I have chosen Your precepts.
¹⁷⁴I long for Your salvation, O LORD,
And Your law *is* my delight.
¹⁷⁵Let my soul live, and it shall praise You;
And let Your judgments help me.
¹⁷⁶I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
Seek Your servant,
For I do not forget Your commandments.

Time of thinking



Mankind desires many material things and finds delight in everything around him. The worldling finds delight in sin, and what he wants does not glorify God. But we know this is so because he does not know the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. The question we must ask ourselves is, what is our desire? And what is our delight? The psalmist says that the law of the Lord, his Word, is his delight; he reiterates this several times in Psalm 119; let us read verses 24, 77, 92, and 143:

²⁴Your testimonies also *are* my delight
And my counselors.
⁷⁷Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;
For Your law *is* my delight.
⁹²Unless Your law *had been* my delight,
I would then have perished in my affliction.
¹⁴³Trouble and anguish have overtaken me,
Yet Your commandments *are* my delights.

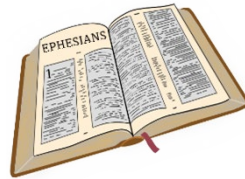
Today, we sing to the Lord, and we say: "In you, there is fullness of joy, delights at your right hand forever; your law is my delight, your Word is the delight of my heart, songs are in my mouth"; and the Lord tells us now as Psalm 1:1-2 says:

¹Blessed *is* the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
²But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.

We have the promise of his mercy in abundance, the delights of his house in infinite abundance, as Psalm 36:7a -9 says:

^{7a} How precious *is* Your lovingkindness, O God!
⁸ They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house,
And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.
⁹ For with You *is* the fountain of life;
In Your light we see light.

The teaching of today



This final portion of Psalm 119 begins with a cry for the Word of God, which has been the central theme of this powerful Psalm; let's read verse 169:

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before You, O LORD;
Give me understanding according to Your word.

The psalmist cries out for understanding by and for the Word of God; it certainly produces wisdom, but we need the Lord to give us understanding to comprehend it, which means that we need Him to open the Scriptures to us with His Holy Spirit. This is what the Lord Jesus Christ did when He met the disciples on their way to Emmaus after the resurrection; let's read Luke 24:32:

³² And they said to one another, "**Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?**"

The Lord opened the understanding of the disciples to understand the Scriptures, to know the meaning and purpose of His death, resurrection, and glorification; let us read Luke 24:45-47:

⁴⁵ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

The psalmist also states in Psalm 119 that there are three effects, among many others, when we receive the teaching of the Word and understand it; let us see:

(a) Being taught in the Word produces deliverance; read Psalm 119:170:

¹⁷⁰ Let my supplication come before You;
Deliver me according to Your word.

Throughout Psalm 119, the psalmist uses several synonyms to point to the Word of God; they are: "testimonies," "statutes," "commandments," "law," and "sayings." In verse 170, the servant asks the Lord for liberation through His Word. Certainly, this is the one that delivers from captivity; the Lord Jesus Christ cast out demons with the Word; let us read Matthew 8:16:

¹⁶ When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick...

(b) Being taught in the Word produces an abundance of praise and worship to God because there is joy in our hearts: «My lips shall utter praise, / For You teach me Your statutes.» (Psalm 119:171). Earlier, the servant said: «Your statutes have been my songs / In the house of my pilgrimage.» (Psalm 119:54).

(c) Being taught in the Word produces preaching: «My tongue shall speak of Your word, / For all Your commandments are righteousness.» (Psalm 119:172). When the psalmist says that all the commandments of the Lord are righteousness, he is affirming that they produce salvation and justification of sinners before the Father because the Holy Spirit uses the Word to produce repentance, the conscience of sin, righteousness, and judgment.

The psalmist says that his desire is the salvation of God (Psalm 119:174), and here he refers to the fervent longing for the house of God, for the heavenly city, for the presence of the Lord. This should be our desire and longing as true believers. Psalm 84:1-4 says:

¹How lovely *is* Your tabernacle,
O LORD of hosts!
²My soul longs, yes, even faints
For the courts of the LORD;
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
³Even the sparrow has found a home,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young—
Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts,
My King and my God.
⁴Blessed *are* those who dwell in Your house;
They will still be praising You. *Selah*

The psalmist's longing in Psalm 119 was not only for God's salvation but also for his Word; that is why he says that the Law of the Lord is his delight; every Word written therein is a reason to delight in it. We must delight so much in the Word of God that we must desire it at all times, approach it knowing that it speaks to us of Christ, our Lord, and Savior, of his redemption for us, of his attributes and work of power, of his eternal and infinite love, of his marvelous promises in his Eternal Kingdom.

We should say to the Lord: "I delight in your Word because it tells me of my future with you in eternity, Lord; because it tells me of your perfect righteousness, of the inheritance and promises that you will soon fulfill."

For that delight, the psalmist cries out to God for understanding to understand the Word: "Let my cry come before You, O LORD; / Give me understanding according to Your word." (Psalm 119:169). It is for delight that the psalmist cries out to God to teach him the Word: «My lips shall utter praise, / For You teach me Your statutes.» (Psalm 119:171), and to be able to speak of it: «My tongue shall speak of Your word, / For all Your commandments are righteousness» (Psalm 119:172).

The psalmist ends Psalm 119, reiterating his cry for deliverance and help. His reason: «For I have chosen Your precepts.» (Psalm 119:173b). He also expresses the petition to the Lord in which he recalls his unconverted past when he was astray: «I have gone astray like a lost sheep» (Psalm 119:176a), but he tells the Lord to seek him, to come for him: «... Seek Your servant...» (Psalm 119:176b). The request is not to let him go astray, not to let him go astray; the reason is: «For I have not forgotten your commandments.» (Psalm 119:176b).

We are living in the last days, and we need to tell the Lord with all our hearts to come and get us, to come soon, that we long for Him and desire to be in His presence forever. God is listening to this cry that we make with his powerful Word. And soon, we will see the answer in the trumpet's sounding.

What God is saying to you today



The Lord tells us today that the promise to keep us from the hour of trial by keeping His Word (Revelation 3:10) will soon be fulfilled. There is little time left; each day that pass is one day less in this countdown that leads us to the glorious day and hour of our departure at the Rapture. So do not faint, brother and sister; be strong in the Lord, be strong in the Holy Spirit, be strong in His Word, and be strong in His praise. The Lord is coming! Maranatha!

Let us pray to the Lord



Eternal Father,
keep me in your Word,
keep me with your Holy Spirit,
for the day and the hour draw near
which you have placed in your sole power,
I feel the nearness of your coming,
Lord Jesus,
and the joy is indescribable.
Come, Lord Jesus,
come, beloved King,
come, God of glory.
I cry and sing your coming
Hallelujah!
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Let us worship God



Let us sing with love, let us worship to our Lord with His sung Word:

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“Grande es el Señor(Great are You, my Lord)”: Berea Films Barranquilla

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“Ven Señor Jesús (Come, Lord Jesus, come)”: Berea Films Barranquilla

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In most churches worldwide, the word of man is preached, centered on this Earth and the desires of the heart, of the Perverse sinful nature.

In the Scriptures, the Lord says we must seek the things which are above, and not those of the Earth, because we have been born again of incorruptible Seed, by the Word of God which lives and abides forever (Colossians 3: 1-4; 1 Peter 1: 23).

If we are full of the Word of God, the everlasting gospel, we will be clothed with the heavenly habitation, the glorified body, and we will receive the precious and great promises of the Eternal Kingdom of power and glory of the Lord (2 Corinthians 5: 1-4; 2 Peter 1: 4).

There is a cry of the Holy Spirit for the Word of God; can you hear His voice? The Church needs to listen to this cry so that she can groan for the redemption of the body and to be worthy to escape the judgment of the Tribulation, which is at the door (Romans 8: 23; Luke 21: 36).

The book *The Cry for the Word of God: Psalm 119* is a daily devotional that will allow you to immerse yourself in the power of this song so that you will groan to be filled with the eternal gospel, the Word of God, the love of the Father and the Rivers of the Holy Spirit who is saying: "Come Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22: 17).

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