

WINTER CHALLENGE DECEMBER 2024 PSALM ONE NINETEEN

DAY 18

VERSE: ۲ Tsadhe

Righteous are You, O Lord, And upright are Your judgments.

138 You have commanded Your testimonies in righteousness And in great faithfulness.

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

140 Your word is very pure (refined); Therefore Your servant loves it.

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

142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have found me, Yet Your commandments are my delight *an∂* my joy.

144 Your righteous testimonies are everlasting; Give me understanding [the ability to learn and a teachable heart] that I may live.





THEME

INSIGHTS

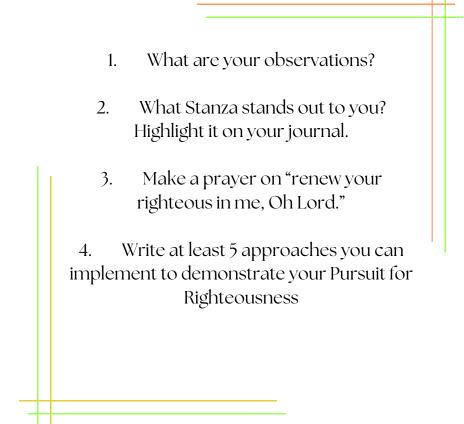
The Poet is this stanza (Tsadhe) begins by acknowledging the Justice of God revealed in His Word and conveyed through His divine counsel and honorable acts [Jeremiah 9:24, Psalm 145:17]. He appreciates the ever-faithful standard of God's Word, it is immutable. Now having been convicted of God's righteousness and faithfulness there is an ignited passion that makes the Poet point out his displeasure with those who revel in sin; disobey God and His Word. He is stirred up (renewed) in his pursuit for God thus he states his love for God's Word which has stood the test of time. He admits to his insignificance/irrelevance and hatred from his adversaries, finds comfort and relevance in God's Word.

He again affirms the Righteousness of God [Romans 1:17; 3:21-22] and His True Word [Psalms 33:4-5, John 17:17]. Though he is afflicted, going through adversities his fulfilment is found in God's Word.

The Poet concludes by testifying that God's righteous Word is eternal, His standard of righteous remains the same. Hence, he appeals for insights of God's Word so that it will sustain his life [Jeremiah 15:16, Psalm 119:107].

It is written in Romans 14:16-18:

Therefore, do not let what is a good thing for you [because of your freedom to choose] be spoken of as evil [by someone else]; <u>17 for the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking [what one likes], but</u> <u>of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.</u> 18 For the one who serves Christ in this way [recognizing that food choice is secondary] is acceptable to God and is approved by men.



CHALLENGE

INSPIRATION QUOTE

We shall never be clothed with the righteousness of Christ except we first know assuredly that we have no righteousness of our own.

John Calvin

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