



WINTER CHALLENGE
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PSALM ONE NINETEEN

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VERSE: 7 Resh

Look upon my agony and rescue me,
For I do not forget Your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me;
Revive me *and* give me life according to [the promise of] Your word.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked,
For they do not seek Your statutes.

156 Great are Your tender mercies *and* steadfast love, O Lord;
Revive me *and* give me life according to Your ordinances.

157 Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
Yet I do not turn away from Your testimonies.

158 I see the treacherous and loathe them,
Because they do not respect Your law.

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

160 The sum of Your word is truth [the full meaning of all Your precepts],
And every one of Your righteous ordinances endures forever.





Holy Spirit

“But the Spirit gives life”

John 6:59-65/2 Corinthians 3

THEME

INSIGHTS

The Poet in this stanza (Resh) is still lamenting over his suffering and afflictions, he calls to God's attention with great urgency for Him to consider his plight and deliver him. Because with great certainty he remembers God's Word and is aligned to it. The fiery test and trials have not stopped, and so he repeats his petition to God. He urgently needs Him to come through for him/act on his behalf/show support/to intervene and give a type of relief or some form of victory. Therefore, he seeks to be restored and obtain life (new) - physical life, spiritual life, and eternal life' as maintained by God's Word [Genesis 2:7, Job 33:4, Acts 3:15; 17:25].

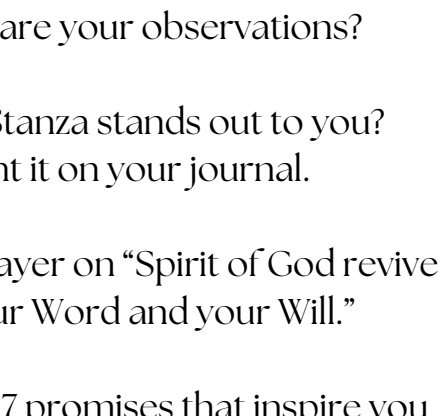
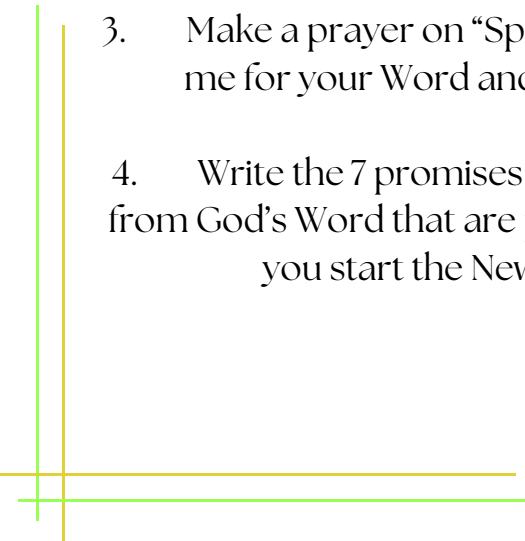
The Poet is confident that there is no redemption for those who are sinful/evil; they do not love God and have no desire to obey His Word. He then cries out praises for God's compassion and His loving-kindness. And once again pleads to be 'restored and obtain life (new) - physical life, spiritual life, and eternal life' on the authority of God's Word.

The great oppression and persecution from his enemies has not stopped. Nonetheless, he does not retreat from God's Word, he persists on it. He knows those who are unstable in their ways which makes the doubleminded when it comes to God and His Word. This makes him feel he feels repugnant toward them.

He desires for God to examine and evaluate how he has deep affection/passion for His Word. Yet again he appeals to be 'restored and obtain life (new) - physical life, spiritual life, and eternal life' on the evidence of God's love '*Hesed*'.

He concludes by declaring his confidence in God's Word which is guaranteed, eternal and unchanging - fixed and established forever in the heaven of heavens [Psalm 89:2, James 1:17].

Now, as we near the end, we see the Poet beautifully demonstrating the experiences faced by the children/servants of the Lord today. Many like him are going through great afflictions-long suffering which has rendered them downcast, defeated and feelings of abandonment. Thus, God's Word is the only comfort, hope and strength.

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1. What are your observations?
 2. What Stanza stands out to you?
Highlight it on your journal.
 3. Make a prayer on “Spirit of God revive me for your Word and your Will.”
 4. Write the 7 promises that inspire you from God’s Word that are pinned up for as you start the New Year
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CHALLENGE

INSPIRATION QUOTE

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The work of the Spirit is to impart life, to implant hope, to give liberty, to testify of Christ, to guide us into all truth, to teach us all things, to comfort the believer, and to convict the world of sin.

Dwight L. Moody

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