



WINTER CHALLENGE
DECEMBER 2024
PSALM ONE NINETEEN

DAY 11

VERSE: 5 Kaph

My soul languishes *and* grows weak for Your salvation;
I wait for Your word.

82 My eyes fail [with longing, watching] for [the fulfillment of] Your promise,
Saying, “When will You comfort me?”

83 For I have become like a wineskin [blackened and shriveled] in the smoke [in which it hangs],
Yet I do not forget Your statutes.

84 How many are the days of Your servant [which he must endure]?
When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?

85 The arrogant (godless) have dug pits for me,
Men who do not conform to Your law.

86 All Your commandments are faithful *and* trustworthy.
They have persecuted me with a lie; help me [Lord]!

87 They had almost destroyed me on earth,
But as for me, I did not [c]turn away from Your precepts.

88 According to Your steadfast love refresh me *and* give me life,
So that I may keep *and* obey the testimony of Your mouth.





Live by Faith
'Fix your eyes on Jesus Christ'

Hebrews 11-12:1-3

THEME

INSIGHTS

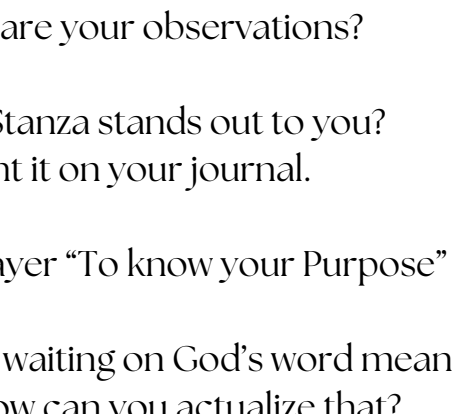
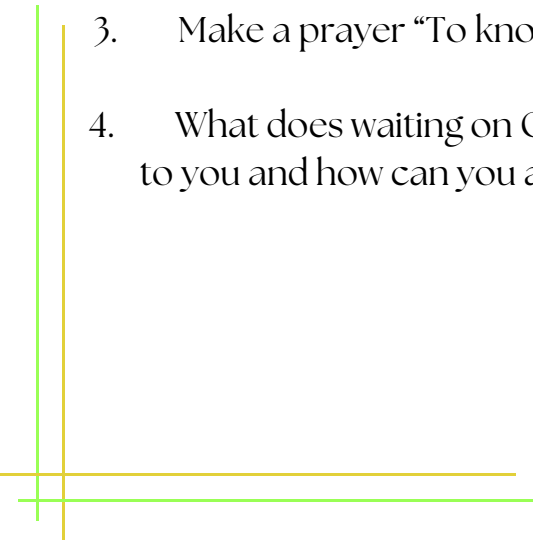
From the beginning of the stanza (Kaph), the Poet's turmoil and frustrations are evident.

He starts by expressing his anguish, despair, and weariness *'He is almost to the point of giving up, to the point of throwing in his towel, so to speak. His soul is fainting. His eyes are failing.* Though he maintains his hope in the Word of God, he appears to experience little or no "breakthrough" *(transformational change brought forth by divine grace, encouraging believers to trust in God's plans and His ability to bring about miraculous outcomes in their lives).*

Consequently, he has seemingly lost his sense of direction, he feels desolate and purposeless. There is an insinuation of being abandoned and forgotten by God in his journey of faith, with a greater part of discouragement from the unrelenting opposition he receives from those who do not love God's law. Yet he still remembers God's statutes. He knows God's commandments are faithful thus, he treasures them. He knows that forsaking God's precepts is not the answer, he must keep them for he wants to be revived again; a renewed life to do God's Will.

Like the Poet, sometimes situations and life experiences appear as smokes in life, and you are this wineskin constantly exposed. Trial after trial causes one to shrivel up, harden and lose one's flexibility or openness to certain parts of God's Will. One becomes displeased and somewhat dissatisfied with life, which often leaves them feeling purposeless or even the feeling of being left behind/forgotten.

To overcome these sorts of struggle with perseverance and determination remember to cling onto God's Word with all your strength [Romans 5:1-5, Colossians 3:5-17].

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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 “To know your Purpose”
 4. What does waiting on God’s word mean to you and how can you actualize that?
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CHALLENGE

INSPIRATION QUOTE

“

God will test you because He wants you to mature. He wants you to develop a walk with Him that is not based on your fluctuating emotions, but on your commitment to Him as you learn to walk by faith.

-Greg Laurie

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