



WINTER CHALLENGE
DECEMBER 2024
PSALM ONE NINETEEN

DAY 3

VERSE: **א** Gimel

Deal bountifully with Your servant,
That I may live and keep Your word [treasuring it and being guided by it day by day].

18 Open my eyes [to spiritual truth] so that I may behold
Wonderful things from Your law.

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

20 My soul is crushed with longing
For Your ordinances at all times.

21 You rebuke the presumptuous *and* arrogant, the cursed *ones*,
Who wander from Your commandments.

22 Take reproach and contempt away from me,
For I observe Your testimonies.

23 Even though princes sit and talk to one another against me,
Your servant meditates on Your statutes.

24 Your testimonies also are my delight
And my counselors



Life Through the Spirit

-Romans 8

THEME



INSIGHTS

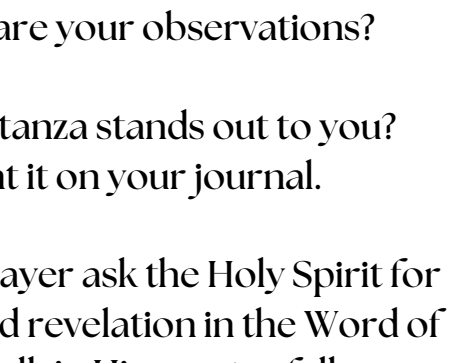
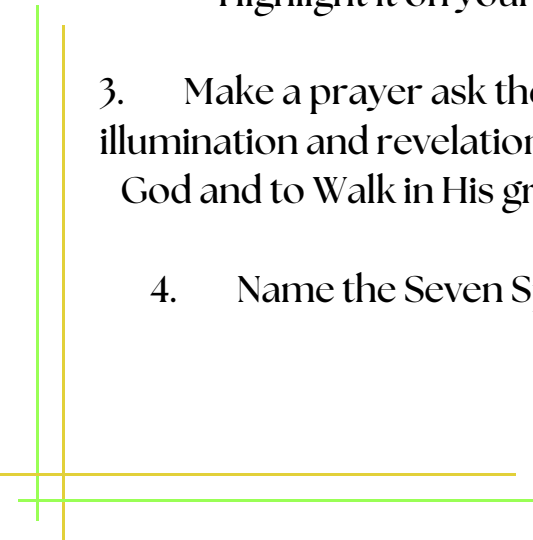
Here (Gimel) the Poet begins by pleading with God to richly deal with him so that he may be able live and Keep His Word. To him, abundant life means believing and obeying God's Word. In other words, God's Word is Life [John 6:63]. Next, he requests for his eyes to be opened so that he may "see" the wondrous things of God's Law. Now, what the poet is requesting from God is 'the gift of sight' beyond the physical... He wants to PERCEIVE THE SPIRITUAL TRUTH, which is a supernatural illumination and revelation. To perceive the Word of God goes beyond just knowledge (information/facts), it is with understanding (compression/insight) and Wisdom (how to apply it/judgement) [Ephesians 1:15-23]. Hence, it can ONLY be perceived through the eyes of the Holy Spirit [1 Corinthians 2:13-15].

The poet also acknowledges that He is "a stranger on the earth". Likewise, are the Children of God who are Kingdom ambassadors in this World [1 Peter 1-2]. We are from a different and greater Kingdom [Philippians 3:20]. Therefore, he prays, "Hide not your commandments from me." This is his plea having recognized that God's Word is his guide/road map [Psalms 119:105].

He also expresses His deep passion for God's Word "at all times" this is an expression of thirst for God, an indication of pursuit after God's heart [Psalm 42, John 14:31].

Lastly the poet is confident in God's dealings with those he describes as "the cursed *ones*" and that God will hear his prayers for relief from persecution, remove ridicule, reproach and the taunts. For he keeps His testimonies, meditates on His statutes and delights in His counsel [John 14:27, 15:18-21, 16:33, 2 Timothy 3:12].

Like the poet, through Jesus Christ who is our model let us His faithful followers alter our perspective adopting a meek posture spiritually. Which brings us in walk with the Holy Spirit and into alignment with the Will of the Father.

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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 ask the Holy Spirit for illumination and revelation in the Word of God and to Walk in His greater fullness.
 4. Name the Seven Spirits of God
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CHALLENGE

INSPIRATION QUOTE

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“The Holy Spirit accompanies God’s Word to bring revelation of Christ, resulting in transformation.”

Bob Hoskins

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