



WINTER CHALLENGE
DECEMBER 2024
PSALM ONE NINETEEN

DAY 22

VERSE: **1** Taw

Let my [mournful] cry come before You, O Lord;
Give me understanding [the ability to learn and a teachable heart] according to Your word [of promise].

170 Let my supplication come before You;
Deliver me according to Your word.

171 Let my lips speak praise [with thanksgiving],
For You teach me Your statutes.

172 Let my tongue sing [praise for the fulfillment] of Your word,
For all Your commandments are righteous.

173 Let Your hand be ready to help me,
For I have chosen Your precepts.

174 I long for Your salvation, O Lord,
And Your law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live that it may praise You,
And let Your ordinances help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
Seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.





The Call to Repentance

Romans 2:1-16 / Matthew 4:12-17

Acts 3:17-26 / 1 John 1:9

THEME

INSIGHTS

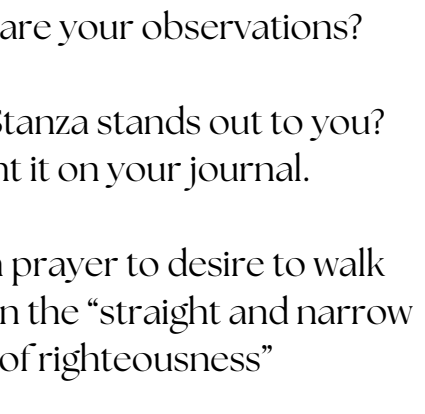
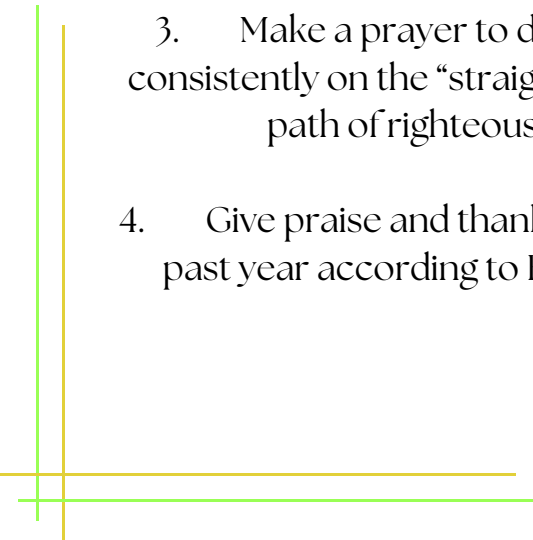
The Poet is concluding his meditation and prayer, all through we have witnessed the evidence of his great passion for God and His Word. Nonetheless, he begins this stanza (Taw) with a grief-stricken/desolate mood '*a downtrodden spirit*'. He is weeping for the ability to comprehend God's Word; to come to the full Knowledge of Truth. Thus, he submits a prayer request to God so that he can be saved. The Poet's deposition can be interpreted as contending for transformation which comes from understanding God's Word so that His Will (plans and purposes) can be revealed to him. His sombre state is sign of a repentant heart in pursuit for growth [Psalms 147:6 Psalm 51:10].

As we already know, he delights in God and His Word which has led to grateful heart. For this reason, he desires to continue learning the Word. And with persistent sacrifices of admiration to God, he finds satisfaction in the righteous of His Word. He also anticipates God's helping hand, his petition rests in the fact that he has chosen to abide by His Word.

Consequently, the Poet expresses his expectancy for God's deliverance for he finds joy in God's Word. He then seeks regeneration that way he may continue to honour God and pleads for God's Word to assist him.

Finally, He confesses that he has wandered away from the path of righteousness, *without direction and protection, vulnerable to dangers*. Therefore, he appeals for God's compassion to be pursued for God's Word is still preserved in him; *his consciousness, convicting him of sin and directing him back to the path of righteousness* [Matthew 18:10-14, 2 Corinthians 7:10, 1 John 3:9].

The Poet admits that he needs God's Word to mature spiritually, he is grateful yet helpless which leads to a broken and contrite spirit, God and His Word are His purpose for living.

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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 desire to walk consistently on the “straight and narrow path of righteousness”
 4. Give praise and thanksgiving for the past year according to Romans 8:28
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CHALLENGE

INSPIRATION QUOTE

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So long as we are occupied with any other object than God Himself, there will be neither rest for the heart nor peace for the mind. But when we receive all that enters our lives as from His hand, then, no matter what may be our circumstances or surroundings--whether in a hovel or prison-dungeon, or at a martyr's stake--we shall be enabled to say, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places" (Psalm 16:6). But that is the language of faith, not of sight nor of sense.

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