

SCC MEN'S SATURDAY AM BIBLE STUDY
April 19, 2025 7:30 AM – Psalm 119:145-168

Psalm 119:145-168 reflects the psalmist's fervent devotion and reliance on God's Word amidst trials. These verses emphasize heartfelt prayer, with the psalmist crying out to God for deliverance and understanding of His statutes. The psalmist's commitment to rising early and meditating on God's promises highlights the importance of constant communion with God. Trust in God's unfailing love and eternal truth is a recurring theme, as the psalmist finds solace and strength in His commandments. This section also underscores the psalmist's awareness of the threats posed by the wicked, yet it reaffirms unwavering faith in God's protection and guidance through His righteous laws.

What's There? - Searching the Scriptures

Qoph v. 145-152

- A. The first phrase of this section is "I cry out" (qarati). What does it mean for the psalmist to "cry out" with all his heart (v.145)?

- B. How do the expressions of early-morning prayer and tearful longing (v.147-148) inform our understanding of seeking God in times of distress?

- C. In what manner does the cry for help transition into an affirmation of hope and commitment to God's promises (v.149-152)?

Resh v. 153-160

- D. The first word of this section is "consider" (reh). How does the psalmist's plea in verse 153 invite us to consider the relationship between God's promises and our own moments of vulnerability?

- E. In verses 154-155, the psalmist speaks of feeling small and despised while questioning the persistence of the wicked. How do these verses encourage you to consider your personal struggles in light of God's sustaining truth?
- F. Based on verses 156-160 what does the psalmist hope that obeying God's law will bring him?

Shin v. 161-168

- G. The first word of this section is "rulers" (sar). In what ways does the experience of persecution by rulers in this passage prompt you to search for lessons on integrity and resistance against corruption within society?
- H. How does the tension between human rulers who act unjustly and the steadfast reliability of God's word in these verses encourage you to consider where your ultimate source of hope should lie?

So What & What Now? - Applying the Scriptures

- A. When life's challenges leave you feeling overwhelmed, how can you, like the psalmist who "cries out with all [his] heart" (v.145-146), learn to bring your raw, honest emotions before God instead of bottling them up?
- B. The psalmist's journey—from earnest crying for deliverance to finding refuge in the steadfast promises of God—demonstrates the power of persistent seeking. In what practical, everyday ways are you seeking his presence and wisdom?