PSALM 119: DEVELOPING AN APPETITE FOR GOD'S WORD



[57] The LORD is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
[58] I entreat your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
[59] When I think on my ways,
I turn my feet to your testimonies;
[60] I hasten and do not delay
to keep your commandments.
[61] Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.
[62] At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your righteous rules.
[63] I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.
[64] The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;

teach me your statutes!

PSALM 119:57-80

O LORD, according to your word.

[66] Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.

[67] Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

[68] You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

[69] The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts; [70] their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law.

[71] It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

[72] The law of your mouth is better to me

than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

[65] You have dealt well with your servant,

PSALM 119:57-80 [73] Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments. [74] Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word. [75] I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. [76] Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant. [77] Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight. [78] Let the insolent be put to shame,

[78] Let the insolent be put to shame, because they have wronged me with falsehood; as for me, I will meditate on your precepts.
[79] Let those who fear you turn to me, that they may know your testimonies.

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[80] May my heart be blameless in your statutes,
that I may not be put to shame!

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IT IS GOOD THAT I WAS AFFLICTED...

- 1. He learned to treasure God ("good" 6x in vv.65-72)
- 2. He learned obedience (v.67)
- 3. He learned to value God's word (vv.71-72)
- 4. He became a public encouragement to those who fear God (vv.74, 79)
- 5. He learned to trust God's faithfulness (vv.75-78)