

## Psalm 119:73-80 - *Yodh*

### How to Pray in the Midst of Affliction

#### 1. For Personal \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: (73, 80)

- a. He asks for greater understanding of God's commandments: (73)
  - i. Basis: God made and \_\_\_\_\_ him. –*Job 10:8; Ps 95:6*
  - ii. Rationale: God alone can teach him how to \_\_\_\_\_. –*Ps 95:7*
- b. He asks for a pure and obedient heart: (80)
  - i. Basis: he does not want to experience \_\_\_\_\_. –*Ps 25:3*
  - ii. Rationale: a blameless heart is an \_\_\_\_\_ heart. –*Prov 28:1*

#### 2. For the \_\_\_\_\_ of Other Believers: (74, 79)

- a. He wants to be a \_\_\_\_\_ testimony to other believers: (74)
  - i. Basis: We ought to rejoice in the \_\_\_\_\_ of others. –*2 Jn 1:4*
  - ii. Rational: Our personal faithfulness has \_\_\_\_\_ results. –*Ps 73:15*
- b. He want to be a \_\_\_\_\_ testimony to other believers: (79)
  - i. Basis: he wants to encourage them to be \_\_\_\_\_ also. –*Heb 12:1-3*
  - ii. Rationale: believers should \_\_\_\_\_ to the faithful. –*Ps 40:1-3*

#### 3. For the \_\_\_\_\_ Themselves: (75, 78)

- a. He confesses God's \_\_\_\_\_ in afflicting him: (75)
  - i. Basis: The LORD thus \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. –*v.67, 71*
  - ii. Rational: Growth in Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ than temporal comfort. –*Heb 12:11*
- b. He prays against the human \_\_\_\_\_ of his affliction. (78)
  - i. Basis: they have acted \_\_\_\_\_ in slandering of him. –*v. 69*
  - ii. Rationale: God is \_\_\_\_\_ and will judge rightly. –*1 Pet 2:23*

#### 4. For Divine \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: (76-77)

- a. He deeply needs God's divine \_\_\_\_\_: (76)
  - i. Basis: God's covenant keeping love is our great \_\_\_\_\_. –*vs. 41, 64*
  - ii. Rationale: \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ can trust His \_\_\_\_\_. –*1 Jn 1:9*
- b. He deeply needs God's divine \_\_\_\_\_: (77)
  - i. Basis: facing imminent \_\_\_\_\_ he needs God's grace to live. –*v. 87*
  - ii. Rational: God does not owe us temporal \_\_\_\_\_. –*Rom 8:35-39*

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- <sup>73</sup> Your hands have made and fashioned me;  
give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.
- <sup>74</sup> Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,  
because I have hoped in your word.
- <sup>75</sup> I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous,  
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- <sup>76</sup> Let your steadfast love comfort me  
according to your promise to your servant.
- <sup>77</sup> Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;  
for your law is my delight.
- <sup>78</sup> Let the insolent be put to shame,  
because they have wronged me with falsehood;  
as for me, I will meditate on your precepts.
- <sup>79</sup> Let those who fear you turn to me,  
that they may know your testimonies.
- <sup>80</sup> May my heart be blameless in your statutes,  
that I may not be put to shame!