

# Psalm 119:81-88 - *Kaph*

## Praying at the Breaking Point

### 1. The Psalmist and His God: (81-84)

- a. His total \_\_\_\_\_:
  - i. His soul is at its \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for God's salvation. –v. 77
  - ii. Yet he \_\_\_\_\_ to hope in God's Word.
  - iii. His eyes are at an \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for God's promise. –v. 76
  - iv. His question: '*When will you comfort me?*' –v. 76
- b. His battered \_\_\_\_\_:
  - i. He has become \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by this trial.
  - ii. Yet he has been \_\_\_\_\_ to keep God's Word. –v. 87
- c. His perplexed \_\_\_\_\_:
  - i. Of his own \_\_\_\_\_: '*How many are the days of your servant?*'
  - ii. In longing for \_\_\_\_\_. '*When will you judge...?*' –Rev 6:9-10

### 2. The Psalmist, His Enemies, and His God: (85-88)

- a. His desperate \_\_\_\_\_:
  - i. The insolent seek to \_\_\_\_\_ him. –v. 68
  - ii. His enemies live \_\_\_\_\_. –vs. 53, 78
- b. His determined \_\_\_\_\_:
  - i. He is confident in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's commands. –vs. 89-90
  - ii. He cries out to God for deliverance: '*Help me!*' –Ps 109:26
  - iii. They have almost made an \_\_\_\_\_ of him on the earth. –Ps 35:7
  - iv. Yet he has been \_\_\_\_\_ to keep God's Word. –v. 83
- c. His dependent \_\_\_\_\_:
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ me in your covenant faithfulness.  
–vs. 25, 37, 40, 107, 149, 154, 156, `59
  - ii. 'That I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.' –vs. 34, 115, 134

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- <sup>81</sup> My soul longs for your salvation;  
I hope in your word.
- <sup>82</sup> My eyes long for your promise;  
I ask, "When will you comfort me?"
- <sup>83</sup> For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,  
yet I have not forgotten your statutes.
- <sup>84</sup> How long must your servant endure?  
When will you judge those who persecute me?
- <sup>85</sup> The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;  
they do not live according to your law.
- <sup>86</sup> All your commandments are sure;  
they persecute me with falsehood; help me!
- <sup>87</sup> They have almost made an end of me on earth,  
but I have not forsaken your precepts.
- <sup>88</sup> In your steadfast love give me life,  
that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.