

Calling

1. The Psalmist called to God with his whole heart ([Ps. 119:145](#))
 - a. To call to God to summon His aid
 - i. The request was urgent
 - ii. Aligns with supplication (cf. [Ps. 119:169-170](#))
 - b. Not a single part of his inner being (heart) was left out of this prayer
 - i. God wants my whole heart ([Dt. 6:4-5](#))
 - ii. Prayer is sometimes called pouring out our heart or soul ([Ps. 62:8](#); [1 Sam. 1:10-15](#))
2. Answer me, O Jehovah ([Ps. 119:145](#))
 - a. We must pray such that our prayers are answered ([1 Jn. 3:22](#), [5:14-15](#); [Jm. 1:5-7](#); [Mk. 11:24](#))
 - i. God's "ears" are open to the prayers of the righteous ([Ps. 34:17](#); [Pr. 15:29](#); [1 Pt. 3:12](#))
 - ii. How do I become righteous? Keep God's statutes and testimonies ([Ps. 119:145-146](#))
 - b. What seems difficult to us is not for God (cf. [Jer. 32:27](#); [Gen. 18:14](#))
3. The call of the Psalmist was to be saved ([Ps. 119:146](#))
 - a. Saved from what?
 - i. Those that follow wickedness ([Ps. 119:150](#); cf. [Ps. 119:94-95](#))
 - ii. Only wickedness can come from being far from God's Law
 - b. We must pray for our enemies such that they might become our brother or sister in Christ! ([Mt. 5:44-45](#))
 - c. Evening, morning, and noon, will I pray ([Ps. 55:16-17](#))

Crying

1. Calling escalates to crying ([Ps. 119:147](#))
 - a. The situation is urgent!
 - b. The Psalmist rose before the dawn of the morning to cry to God
 - i. Reminds one of Christ ([Mt. 26:36-44](#))
 - c. In his trial, the Psalmist did not move away from God but grew closer
 - i. That is the purpose of trials
 - d. Hope was present and serves as an anchor of the soul ([Heb. 6:17-20](#); cf. [1 Tim. 1:1](#); [2 Tim. 1:1](#); [Titus 1:1-2](#))
2. The Psalmist also anticipated the night watches in which he might meditate on God's Word ([Ps. 119:148](#))
 - a. What better way to evaluate the day and prepare for sleep?
3. The Psalmist wanted God to hear him ([Ps. 119:149](#))
 - a. It was to be in accordance with the lovingkindness of God

- i. "In general, one may identify three basic meanings of the word, which always interact: "strength," "steadfastness," and "love." Any understanding of the word that fails to suggest all three inevitably loses some of its richness. "Love" by itself easily becomes sentimentalized or universalized apart from the covenant. Yet "strength" or "steadfastness" suggests only the fulfillment of a legal or other obligation." (Vine 142)
- b. The Psalmist wished to be made alive (quicken) according to God's ordinances (cf. [Heb. 4:12](#))

Contending

1. The Psalmist was ready to contend with the wicked ([Ps. 119:150](#))
 - a. We all must be ready and able to contend for the faith ([Jude 3](#))
 - b. This is made possible by God's love and law ([Ps. 119:149](#))
2. The root cause of the wickedness of those that pursued the Psalmist was their distance from God's Law
 - a. They are not just a little removed they are distant from it
 - b. Wickedness is what happens to those that are far from God's Word ([Hos. 4:1-9](#))

Comforted

1. The Psalmist acknowledged the nearness of Jehovah ([Ps. 119:151](#))
 - a. He also acknowledged the truth of all of God's commandments (cf. [Ps. 119:160](#); [Jn. 17:17](#))
 - i. **Critical point!** All of God's commandments are truth
2. We should desire the ancient Words ([Ps. 119:152](#))
 - a. The world is infatuated with that which is new
 - b. There is nothing new under the sun ([Ecc. 1:9](#))
 - c. Let us seek for the old paths ([Jer. 6:16](#))
 - d. God's Word endures forever (cf. [Ps. 119:142, 144](#); [Mt. 24:35](#))
 - i. The Psalmist knew from old age the eternity of God's Word
 - e. What a comfort to know if we follow God's Word all will be well in the end ([Rm. 8:28](#))

Conclusion

1. Let us call and cry to God and contend for the faith more this week and throughout our lives!
 - a. God will hear and answer the prayers of His children striving to do His will
 - b. God will comfort us in our trials and afflictions for He is the God of all comfort ([2 Cor. 1:3](#))
2. One of the greatest privileges of being a Christian is prayer
 - a. Let us grow in our use of that great privilege