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- 17 Deal bountifully with Your servant,
That I may live and keep Your word.
- 18 Open my eyes, that I may behold
Wonderful things from Your law.
- 19 I am a stranger in the earth;
Do not hide Your commandments from me.
- 20 My soul is crushed with longing
After Your ordinances at all times.
- 21 You rebuke the arrogant, the cursed,
Who wander from Your commandments.
- 22 Take away reproach and contempt from me,
For I observe Your testimonies.
- 23 Even though princes sit and talk against me,
Your servant meditates on Your statutes.
- 24 Your testimonies also are my delight;
They are my counselors.

- 17 גַּמַּל עַל-עַבְדְּךָ אֲחִיָּה וְאַשְׁמְרָה דְּבַרְךָ :
- 18 גַּל-עֵינַי וְאַבִּיטָה נִפְלְאוֹת מִתּוֹרַתְךָ :
- 19 גֵּר אָנֹכִי בָאָרֶץ אֶל-תַּסְתֵּר מִמֶּנִּי מִצְוֹתֶיךָ :
- 20 גִּרְסָה נִפְשִׁי לְתַאֲבָה אֶל-מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ בְּכָל-עֵת :
- 21 גְּעִרַת זָדִים אֲרוּרִים הַשְּׂגִים מִמִּצְוֹתֶיךָ :
- 22 גַּל מֵעַלִי חֲרָפָה וְבוֹז כִּי עֲדַתֶיךָ נִצְרַתִּי :
- 23 גַּם יִשְׁבוּ שָׂרִים בֵּי נִדְבָרוֹ עַבְדְּךָ יִשִׁיחַ בְּחִקֶיךָ :
- 24 גַּם-עֲדַתֶיךָ שִׁעֲשֻׁעֵי אָנְשֵׁי עֲצָתִי :

ג: The only life of abundance is the life that is dedicated to God’s Word.

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| <p>1. The Lord’s bountiful dealings are applications of recompense (ψ¹¹⁹17). Gamaliel gives us the word study for this strophe. (גַּמְלִיאֵל #1583 = reward of God).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recompense can be positive or negative (1st Sam. 24:17). b. Recompense is blessing for obedience (Ps. 13:6; 18:20). c. Recompense is cursing for disobedience (Ps. 137:8). d. Even God’s recompense is blended with mercy (Ps. 103:10). | <p>2. The purpose for temporal life is to live the Word (ψ¹¹⁹17b; 2nd Cor. 5:14,15; Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20).</p> <p>3. This world cannot offer any sightseeing greater than the wonderful things from God’s Word (ψ¹¹⁹18). Divine viewpoint provides a perspective on our life in very powerful ways (2nd Kgs. 6:15-17; Lk. 24:45; Eph. 1:17-19a). Closed eyes are a true tragedy (Isa. 29:10-12).</p> | <p>4. The believer who is dedicated to the Word of God is an effective sojourner (ψ¹¹⁹19; Gen. 23:4; 2nd Cor. 5:6-10; Phil. 3:20; Heb. 11:13-16).</p> <p>5. The ψ¹¹⁹ Psalmist is crushed by how insufficient his time is for the Word (ψ¹¹⁹20; Ps. 42:1-2; 63:1).</p> <p>6. The ψ¹¹⁹ Psalmist is determined to stay faithful in the face of discouragement (ψ¹¹⁹ 21-23).</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. His adversaries are the arrogant and the cursed, for having wandered from God’s commandments (Deut. 27:15-26). b. It is God’s very nature to humble the proud (Job 40:11-12; Dan. 4:37; 1st Pet. 5:5). <p>7. Believers who are dedicated to the Word of God are provided their own personal delight and counsel (ψ¹¹⁹24). Like a delightful child (Isa. 11:8; 66:12; Jer. 31:20; Prov. 8:30,31), the believer delights in God’s Word (ψ¹¹⁹16, 24, 47, 70, 77, 92, 143, 174).</p> |
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