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Lamedh

89 Forever, O Lord,
Your word is settled in heaven.
90 Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations;
You established the earth, and it stands.
91 They stand this day according to Your ordinances,
For all things are Your servants.
92 If Your law had not been my delight,
Then I would have perished in my affliction.
93 I will never forget Your precepts,
For by them You have revived me.
94 I am Yours, save me;
For I have sought Your precepts.
95 The wicked wait for me to destroy me;
I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.
96 I have seen a limit to all perfection;
Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

89 לְעוֹלָם יִהְיֶה דְבַרְךָ נֶצֶב בַּשָּׁמַיִם :
90 לְדֹר וָדֹר אֱמוּנָתְךָ כּוֹנֵנֶת אֶרֶץ וְתַעֲמֹד :
91 לְמִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ עֲמָדוֹ הַיּוֹם כִּי הַכֹּל עֲבָדֶיךָ :
92 לוֹלֵי תוֹרָתְךָ שֶׁעֲשִׂי אֲזִ אֲבָדְתִּי בְּעֲנִי :
93 לְעוֹלָם לֹא-אֲשַׁכַּח פְּקוּדֶיךָ כִּי בָם חִיִּיתִנִּי :
94 לֵךְ-אֲנִי הוֹשִׁיעֵנִי כִּי פְקוּדֶיךָ דָּרְשָׁתִי :
95 לִי קוֹנוֹ רְשָׁעִים לְאֲבֹדְנִי עֲדֹתֶיךָ אֲתַבּוֹנֵן :
96 לְכֹל תִּכְלָה רְאִיתִי קֶץ רַחֲבָה מִצְוֹתֶיךָ מְאֹד :

ל: God’s Word provides us with the proper perspective on God’s faithfulness.

1. The Lamedh is an ox-goad. God’s faithfulness goads us forward in the Christian Way of Life.
2. Both halves of this strophe begin with “forever” (never) לְעוֹלָם (ψ¹¹⁹89,93).
3. When meditating upon God’s faithfulness, Amnon becomes our proper name word study.
4. The Word of God is eternally stationed in His presence (ψ¹¹⁹89).
5. Every generation of mankind is a testimony to God on the earth (ψ¹¹⁹90).
6. Every generation of mankind stands this day as a testimony to God’s faithfulness according to God’s ordinances (ψ¹¹⁹91).
 - a. All souls belong to God the Father (Ezek. 18:4).
 - b. The righteous stand in heaven (Heb. 12:22-23; Rev. 4:4; 14:1-3) and the unrighteous stand in hell (Isa. 14:9-11; Ezek. 32:17-32).
7. The ψ¹¹⁹ Psalmist knows that his own salvation is a testimony of grace (ψ¹¹⁹92).
8. The doctrine of our salvation from the penalty of sin becomes the doctrine of our salvation from the power of sin (ψ¹¹⁹93-94).
 - c. The righteous will stand for approval in judgment (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:29; Rev. 20:4-6).
 - d. The unrighteous will stand at the Great White Throne for their eternal condemnation (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:29; Rev. 20:11-15).
9. The Psalmist’s extensive combat versus the arrogant has equipped him to deal with the wicked (ψ¹¹⁹95). His strategy is to disregard the intent of the wicked and increase his appetite for God’s Word.
10. The Psalmist endures the depths of his lamentation (כ) by keeping his eyes fixed on the completion of completion (ל) (ψ¹¹⁹96; Heb. 12:2).