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.

א: 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)
   לָוָֽלְמָּ֨ם׃ לְ֝֜תַעֲמֹֽד׃
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 (פִּקּוּדֶ֣נִי כִּ֖נִי הוֹשִׁיעֵָ֑לְֽך־אֲ֭)
5. Every generation of mankind is a testimony to God on the earth (גִּחָּבָץ רְיתִי קֵ֑כְלָה רָאִ֣לְֽכָל תִ֭)
6. Every generation of mankind stands this day as a testimony to God’s faithfulness according to God’s ordinances (כִּ֖נִי הוֹשִׁיעֵָ֑לְֽך־אֲ֭)
   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).
   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).
7. The ψ פִּקּוּדֶ֣נִי כִּ֖נִי הוֹשִׁיעֵָ֑לְֽך־אֲ֭
8. The doctrine of our salvation from the penalty of sin becomes the doctrine of our salvation from the power of sin (פִּקּוּדֶ֣נִי כִּ֖נִי הוֹשִׁיעֵָ֑לְֽך־אֲ֭)
9. The Psalmist’s extensive combat versus the arrogant has equipped him to deal with the wicked (פִּקּוּדֶ֣נִי כִּ֖נִי הוֹשִׁיעֵָ֑לְֽך־אֲ֭)
   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 (כּ) by keeping his eyes fixed on the completion of completion (ל) (פִּקּוּדֶ֣נִי כִּ֖נִי הוֹשִׁיעֵָ֑לְֽך־אֲ֭).