Look upon my affliction and rescue me, For I do not forget Your law.
Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word.
Salvation is far from the wicked, For they do not seek Your statutes.
Great are Your mercies, O Lord; Revive me according to Your ordinances.
Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, Yet I do not turn aside from Your testimonies.
I behold the treacherous and loathe them, Because they do not keep Your word.
Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O Lord, according to Your lovingkindness.
The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

God’s Word provides us with the proper perspective of our Advocate.

1. The Resh is a head (the front of the head) and this strophe-couplet sees both back (ך) and front (ר, ש) of the head. The prayerful follower is suited to become the intimate confidant.
2. “Rescue,” “redeem,” and a triple “revive” grab “ר” attention in the ר Resh strophe.
3. “Look upon” is the first of three הָעָה ra’ah #7200 verbs (פּ119153,158,159). Reuben supplies our proper-name word association for this strophe (Gen. 29:32).
4. Believers are not left to plead their own cause before the Father’s throne of justice (Job 5:8). We have a faithful redeeming, life-providing Advocate (פּ119154 cf. Mic. 7:9; 1st Jn. 2:1).
5. The nearness from Qoph is contrasted with the farness of salvation for the wicked in Resh (פּ119155). Salvation ought to be near, but to the wicked it is far (Ps. 73:27,28; Eph. 2:13,17).
6. The Psalmist anticipates abundant-life revival as an application of God’s tender mercy compassion (פּ119156). יִרְחָאֵים #7356 is so often || to חֶ֫סֶד #2617 that a survey of those passages is remarkably edifying (Ps. 25:6; 40:12; 51:3; 69:17; 103:4; 145:9; Jer. 16:5; Lam. 3:22; Hos. 2:21).
7. Persecutors and adversaries may be plentiful, but they are not the objects for our struggle (פּ119157 cf. Ps. 23:5; Eph. 6:12).
8. Fear and Loathing is a Biblical practice (פּ119158 cf. Lev. 20:23; Ps. 95:10; 139:21-22; Ezek. 6:9; 20:43; 36:31).
9. A faithful believer is worthy of heavenly consideration (פּ119159 cf. Job 1:8; 2:3).
10. God’s absolute eternal Word is absolute Truth (פּ119160 cf. v.89; Prov. 22:21; 30:5; Isa. 40:8; Jn. 17:17).