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- 169 Let my cry come before You, O Lord;
Give me understanding according to Your word.
- 170 Let my supplication come before You;
Deliver me according to Your word.
- 171 Let my lips utter praise,
For You teach me Your statutes.
- 172 Let my tongue sing of Your word,
For all Your commandments are righteousness.
- 173 Let Your hand be ready to help me,
For I have chosen Your precepts.
- 174 I long for Your salvation, O Lord,
And Your law is my delight.
- 175 Let my soul live that it may praise You,
And let Your ordinances help me.
- 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant,
For I do not forget Your commandments.

- 169 תִּקְרַב רִנָּתִי לְפָנֶיךָ יְהוָה כְּדַבְרֶךָ הַבִּינֵנִי:
- 170 תָּבוֹא תַחֲנֹנֵתִי לְפָנֶיךָ כְּאִמְרֹתֶיךָ הַצִּילֵנִי:
- 171 תִּבְעֶנָה שִׁפְתַי תִּהְלֶנָּה כִּי תִלְמַדְנִי חֻקֶיךָ:
- 172 תֵּעַן לְשׁוֹנֵי אִמְרֹתֶיךָ כִּי כָל־מִצְוֹתֶיךָ צֶדֶק:
- 173 תְּהִי־יָדְךָ לְעֶזְרִי כִּי בִקְוֵיךָ בָחַרְתִּי:
- 174 תֵּאֲבֹתִי לִישׁוּעָתֶךָ יְהוָה וְתוֹרֹתֶיךָ שַׁעֲשְׂעִי:
- 175 תַּחֲיֵ־נַפְשִׁי וְתִהְלֶלְךָ וּמִשְׁפָּטֶךָ יַעֲזָרְנִי:
- 176 תִּלְעִיתִי כְּשֶׂה אֲבִד בִּפְקֹשׁ עֲבָדֶךָ כִּי מִצְוֹתֶיךָ לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי:

ת: Believers live one day at a time as a lost sheep in daily need of God’s Word.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Tav is a mark, sign, or signature. The Psalmist humbly recognizes himself as a lost sheep, but he’s a lost sheep who bears the mark of his shepherd, and nothing else matters. 2. Tav contains 10 of the 83 prayer imperatives for ψ^{119}. Six of the eight verses begin with the English word “let.” These are clearly prayer-commands that acknowledge the sovereignty of God. 3. The praise of Shin is doubled in Tav (ψ^{119}164,171,175). The Psalmist concludes his Torah Todah with a twin t^chillah. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. A primary focus for a mature prayer life is for a deeper understanding of Bible doctrine (ψ^{119}169 cf. Prov. 2:1-6; 1st Kgs. 2:6,9 & 3:9,12). 5. The secondary focus for a mature prayer life is for that deeper doctrine to produce a daily deliverance (ψ^{119}170 cf. Jer. 1:8,19; 15:20,21; 39:17; 42:11). 6. Additional prayer items include seeking God’s permission for a communication ministry (ψ^{119}171 cf. Ps. 51:15; Isa. 50:4-5; Eph. 6:19). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. That communication ministry may be a music ministry (ψ^{119}172 cf. 1st Chr. 15:22; 25:6-7; Ps. 33:1-3; 96:1-2; 105:1-2; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Jas. 5:13). 8. The Psalmist is ready for his new ministry and he knows that the Lord is ready to keep on helping him (ψ^{119}173 cf. 1st Sam. 17:47; 1st Chr. 4:9-10; 2nd Chr. 32:7-8; Isa. 41:10). 9. Obedience to the Lord and fulfilling His plan for your life supplies all the delight that we could ask for in time (ψ^{119}174). See \aleph_7 for principles of “delight.” | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Why do we live? Why do we even breathe? Is it not to praise YHWH? (ψ^{119}175 cf. Ps. 148:1-14; 150:6). Hillel (or Heylel) gives us our proper name word association for this stophe. 11. “Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.” The volitional battle for obedience is a constant struggle with repeated confession and restoration (ψ^{119}176 cf. Ps. 51:7-12; Rom. 7:14-25). |
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