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- 49 Remember the word to Your servant,
In which You have made me hope.
- 50 This is my comfort in my affliction,
That Your word has revived me.
- 51 The arrogant utterly deride me,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.
- 52 I have remembered Your ordinances from of old, O Lord,
And comfort myself.
- 53 Burning indignation has seized me because of the wicked,
Who forsake Your law.
- 54 Your statutes are my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
- 55 O Lord, I remember Your name in the night,
And keep Your law.
- 56 This has become mine,
That I observe Your precepts.

- 49 זְכוֹר־דְּבַר לְעַבְדְּךָ עַל אֲשֶׁר יַחֲלֶתְנִי:
- 50 זֹאת נַחֲמָתִי בְעַנְיִי כִּי אָמַרְתָּךְ חֲתִתְנִי:
- 51 זָדִים הֵלִיצְנִי עַד־מָאֹד מִתּוֹרָתְךָ לֹא נָטִיתִי:
- 52 זָכַרְתִּי מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ מֵעוֹלָם יְהוָה וְאַתְנַחֵם:
- 53 וְלַעֲפָה אֶחְזַתְנִי מִרְשָׁעִים עֲזִבֵי תוֹרָתְךָ:
- 54 זְמֵרוֹת הָיוּ־לִי חֲפִיךָ בְּבַיִת מְגוּרֵי:
- 55 זָכַרְתִּי בְּלִילָה שִׁמְךָ יְהוָה וְאַשְׁמְרָה תוֹרָתְךָ:
- 56 זֹאת הִי־תִהְיֶה־לִּי כִּי פִקְדֶיךָ נִצְרָתִי:

ז: God’s Word is eternally valuable, and the humble believer will pursue it no matter how the world derides him.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This strophe features three remembers and three Torahs and two comforts. Zechariah and Nahum provide our proper name word studies for this strophe. 2. The only imperative in this strophe is the Psalmist’s call upon the Lord to remember His word (ψ¹¹⁹49). The only hope that believers have is that God remembers His promises (Gen. 8:1; 19:29; 30:22; 32:9-12; Ex. 2:24; Josh. 23:14-16; Ps. 105:42; Isa. 62:6). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Believers under affliction can only find comfort as the Word of God revives them (ψ¹¹⁹50 cf. v.25; Jer. 15:16). 4. Humble believers will face derision from the arrogant and wicked, whose sole objective is to forsake God’s Word (ψ¹¹⁹51,53). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. This should prompt our own indignation (ψ¹¹⁹53,158 cf. Ezra 9:3,4). b. This should keep us focused straight ahead (ψ¹¹⁹51,157 cf. Job 23:11; Heb. 12:1-3). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Our own reminders of God’s eternal Word become a means for self-comfort (ψ¹¹⁹52 cf. Rom. 15:4). 6. God’s Word provides our joyous expression of song during our temporal life (ψ¹¹⁹54 cf. Ps. 30:11,12; 33:1; 118:15; Col. 3:16). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Observance of God’s Word has no “close of business” duration (ψ¹¹⁹55,62,148 cf. Ps. 22:2; 63:6). Night-time meditation is when a human being in the sleepless silence of their own soul has to face the objective reality of God and His character. 8. Observance of God’s Word becomes a particular possession (ψ¹¹⁹56). |
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