

## **Sermon Notes, Psalm 119:73-96**

### **An Encouraging Word**

Introduction: Today we seek to tackle three more stanzas of Psalm 119. Some of the most beautiful passages of the Hebrew Psalm book reside in our three stanzas today. Today's words are designed to bring you encouragement. Words can help or words can harm. The child of God should know the difference, which is often not found in the truthfulness of the words, but in the right application of them!

**1. The 10<sup>th</sup> י yodh stanza is the most encouraging in Psalm 119. It is a prayer that we would all learn to use the word of God in ways that cause rejoicing and bring life!**

A. God spoke everything into existence, but you alone are the part of His creation that is capable of learning and keeping His commands. 73

B. If the way I am handling God's word and following His ways is bringing strife and division, then I am doing it wrong. 74

Application: Lord, let me use your words and your ways to lift, encourage and guide others, not attack and divide.

**2. The 11<sup>th</sup> כ Kaph) is a plea for help and a cry of hope. The psalmist under intense pressure and in great pain is asking for mercy... then discovering he has found his answer in the word of the Lord.**

A. Even when your strength is failing, there is always one absolutely solid rock upon which you can stand 81

How do I practically hope in God's Word?

1) We must make the word a primary, not secondary life source

2) When it is time to stand, we ultimately choose to stand on God's words (Psalm 20:7)

**3. The 12<sup>th</sup> ל Lamedh 89-96 is a high declaration of God's eternal word. A reminder that while other things fail, and while we fail... God has established an unshakeable truth for us to align ourselves with.**

A. The Lamedh stanza is a reminder of why God's word matters:

1) It endures in ways that serve God's purposes

2) God uses His word to preserve life (Matthew 5:13)