

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
PSALMS-LESSON 25
WEEK OF MARCH 22–MARCH 27
THE SERVANT CALLS THE SHEPHERD TO TEACH AND SEEK
PSALM 119:169-176 “TAV”

Throughout **Psalm 119**, the psalmist affirms his devotion to keep God's law and statutes. In fact, in the last two verses of the previous stanza, **Psalm 119:167-168**, the psalmist states “*my soul keeps your testimonies*” and “*I keep your precepts and your testimonies*”. However, the psalmist concludes **Psalm 119 in verse 176** with “*I have gone astray like a lost sheep*”, which seems to directly contradict the statements from the prior stanza. In this last stanza (**119:169-176**) the psalmist recognizes that he is prone to wander from God's Word. With that confession, he calls on the Lord to seek him.

As the psalmist recognizes his frailty and asks God's provision to pursue him, pray that each of us, with humble hearts, will confess our dependence on the Lord as we also frequently wander from His Word. Cry out to Him to forgive us and give us all that we need to obey His Word.

Read Psalm 119:169-170 Prayer for Deliverance and Understanding

1. What does the psalmist pray in **verse 169**? How does this request reflect his dependence on the Lord?

2. How did the requests in the following verses reflect the psalmist's humble dependence on the Lord to understand His Word and to provide the strength to obey His Word?
 - **Psalm 119:18**

 - **Psalm 119:27**

 - **Psalm 119:34**

3. From the verses above, what change do you need to make in your approach to and study of God's Word?

4. In **verse 170** the psalmist asks for deliverance. Deliverance from what? See **Ps 37:40** and **Ps. 59:1-2**. How is deliverance related to His word?

Read Psalm 119:171-172 Prayer of Praise of His Perfect Word

5. What assistance does the psalmist request in **verses 171 and 172**?

How do these passages provide additional instruction?

- **Psalm 119:46**

- **Psalm 119:54**

Read Psalm 119:173-175 Prayer for Power and Perseverance to Obey His Word

6. From **vs 173** how does the psalmist express his commitment to obey and also his need for God's provision to obey His Word?

7. How will **verse 173** help shape your prayer when you are wrestling with instruction from His Word that is difficult for you to follow?

"If grace has given us the heart with which to will, it will also give us the hand with which to perform. Whenever, under the constraints of a divine call, we are engaged in any high and lofty enterprise and feel it to be too much for our strength, we can always invoke the right hand of God in words like these."

The Golden Alphabet, C.H. Spurgeon, pg 264

8. What does the psalmist long for and how does the psalmist express his commitment and devotion to the Word in **verse 174**?

9. For what does the psalmist pray in **verse 175** and how does that prayer express his dependence upon Yahweh?

Read Psalm 119:176 Prayer for Rescue From Wandering

10. From **verse 176**, what phrases express:
 - The confession of the psalmist?

 - The petition of the psalmist?

 - The psalmist's expression of devotion to Yahweh and commitment to the Word?

11. In making the request in **verse 176**, what did the psalmist understand the faithful shepherd would do for the lost sheep?

12. How does **Ps.119:11** supply the instruction necessary to apply the last phrase of **verse 176**?

13. When you wander or turn from the clear instruction of God's Word, how will you apply the truths of this final stanza (**169-176**) of **Psalm 119**?

"When those who love God's Word and seek to obey it do wander away from Him, they must acknowledge their sin as they pray for Him to rescue and restore them." The Psalms, Vol.3, Allen P. Ross, pg 595.

"Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love, here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above." Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing