

## The Response of the Blessed

This sixth stanza of the 119th Psalm is outlined by the letter *Vau*. In post-Biblical Hebrew, this letter (along with *aleph and jod*) is treated as a consonant and \_\_\_\_\_. When a dot or dots are present (*niqqud*), the pronunciation will \_\_\_\_\_. One dot produces the English vowel sound “u,” while two dots produces the doubled “u” sound. The theological pronunciation for the *waw/vau* is “wow” as opposed to the Modern Hebrew sound “vav.” Most often in the Scripture, this letter causes a word to function like a \_\_\_\_\_.

It is interesting to see the continued use of the word \_\_\_\_\_. It is used in \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive sections. His enemy was unrelenting in the pursuit and assault of the Psalmist. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.43) was constantly needed, and its \_\_\_\_\_ was the commandments of God that he \_\_\_\_\_ (v.47,48). Very often in the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, we \_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_ for the commands of Scripture and our \_\_\_\_\_ evaporates into \_\_\_\_\_.

Equally, it is worth noting that the Psalmist sought \_\_\_\_\_ from God not man. Yet, it was \_\_\_\_\_ that was reproaching him. The same God that said, “*Let there be light*” (Gen. 1.3) will send his \_\_\_\_\_ mercies. This is the theme of the Psalmist’s prayer, “*Let thy mercy come.*” He is the “*God of my mercy*” (Psa. 59.10). Salvation is “the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of all mercy. His mercy brings deliverance from all evil, both now and forever” (CHS).

When God’s tender mercies are experienced by the despairing saint, there is consequential \_\_\_\_\_.

- **They will** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.42) - Though originally he feared these reproaches (v. 39), David has an \_\_\_\_\_! His answer comes not from the philosophies of man but from the Word of God. Their false-truths are met with the \_\_\_\_\_ light of the Word. Though the world always hates the believer (Jn. 15.18), we should be ready with sanctified \_\_\_\_\_, “*to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of hope*” (1 Pet. 3.15).

It was this Word which David needed ever-present in his heart and on his lips (v. 43) . This was the sole \_\_\_\_\_ of hope!

- **They will** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.44) - As he reflects on the provision of the Word, David pledges to \_\_\_\_\_ (attend to, hedge them about) the Words. \_\_\_\_\_ words are used—\_\_\_\_\_ (ie, to stretch, regular, constant), \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (ie, to the vanishing point, out of mind), and \_\_\_\_\_ (ie, sense of duration and perpetuity). His struggles of life had intensified his determined \_\_\_\_\_ to the Word. He would \_\_\_\_\_ them !
- **They will** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 45) - This is the \_\_\_\_\_ that God’s Word bring to the saint. The world is under \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. The saint continues in the Word and knows the Truth and is \_\_\_\_\_ indeed (Jn. 8.31-32). The broad road may seem to have the promise of freedom, but the end thereof is the way of \_\_\_\_\_. Only the walk of the saint has freedom.
- **They will** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.46) - David learned early to speak \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God (1 Sam. 17.45-46). The Truths of Scriptures had clearly been \_\_\_\_\_. Even to the faces of \_\_\_\_\_ (and princes v. 23), David would pronounce their veracity without any fear of shame and disappointment.
- **They will** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 47) - The \_\_\_\_\_ that is produced in the heart of a believer because of the Word of God is profound. It enraptured his child-like faith with a giant \_\_\_\_\_ because of the Commands of God.
- **They will** \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (v.48) - The lifting up of the hands was much more than an \_\_\_\_\_. It also represented \_\_\_\_\_ and vitality. The Word, which he loved, caused him to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Now, he would with the greatest delight of the heart \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word.

This section outlines David’s \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Yet, it is centered in a dedicated focus of obedience. Even in our lives, while we await the promise of God to be kept, we must keep a focus on our responsibility to Truth. Namely, that of \_\_\_\_\_ Truth (1 Jn. 2.5) and \_\_\_\_\_ Truth (Acts 26.1-2).