The LORD Is Our Life Preserver

Psalm 119 is a blessed hymn to God’s Word. There are 22 stanzas with eight verses each. There are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet and every stanza is headed up the same Hebrew letter that is assigned to that stanza. The theme carried throughout Psalm 119 is the power and greatness of the Word of God.

Many terms are repeated constantly referring to the Word of God. Among them are God’s commands, precepts, law, statutes, decrees and promises.

We will be taking a deep look into the 20th octave, vv. 153-160. A good theme for this section would be that the LORD is our life preserver. Three times in this section the psalmist cries out for the miracle of God’s preservation.

v. 154 – Preserve my life according to your promise.

v. 156 – Preserve my life according to your laws.

v. 159 – Preserve my life according to your love.

We all need this very miracle and we have it in Jesus Christ. Praise God that he sent Jesus as our life preserver in accordance with the will of God. This reality is still true today for all who are in Christ.

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Psalm 119:153-160

153 DELIVERANCE & THE LAW

154 REDEMPTION & PROMISE

155 SALVATION & DECREES

156 COMPASSION & LAWS

157 LOYALTY & STATUTES

158 OBEDIENCE & WORD

Matthew 28:18-20

159 LOVE & PRECEPTS

160 RIGHTEOUSNESS & WORKS

Matthew 5:17-18