

The Confidence of the Blessed

This 10th stanza of the 119th Psalm is headed by the Hebrew letter *Jod*. This letter is the smallest consonant in the Hebrew alphabet. It looks similar to the _____ apostrophe ('). It is the first letter of the tetragrammaton name of Jehovah or Yahweh “יְהוָה” (remember to read the Hebrew right to left). The letters that produce the name are YHWH. Technically speaking, the *jod* can often be _____ into a “j” or “y.” Therefore, the spelling of “Jehovah” could be “Yehovah,” and the word “hallelujah” could be “halleluyah.”

Perhaps, this Hebrew letter is best known for the reference that Christ made: ...Till _____ and _____ pass, one jot or one tittle shall in now wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled (Matt. 5.18).

This section of Psalm 119 records the Psalmist's _____ in the Lord and in His _____.

1) **The _____ of Confidence** (v. 73) - He proclaims “*Thy _____ have made me...*” This reminds us of His proclamation in Psalm 139, “*My substance was not _____ from thee*” (Psa. 139.15). His confidence is placed in the God that _____ him and the judgment (_____) that only He can provide. It was this j_____ that David sought for so _____. No less than _____ times did David ask God for _____ (v. 27, 34, 73, 95, 100, 104, 125, 130, 144, 169).

2) **The _____ of Confidence** (v.74) - David states, *They...will be glad when they see me*. His holy _____ was a great source of _____ to others. This is in keeping with several passages of Scripture:

- Acts 27.22— *...I exhort you to be of good cheer...no loss of any man's life...*
- I Tim. 4.16—... *thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.*
- Heb. 13.7— *Remember them... whose faith follow considering the [their] end...*
- II Cor. 1.4—...we might comfort them which are in any trouble...

3) **The _____ of Confidence** (v. 75) - One's confidence is only as _____ as the thing that forged it. David's confidence was _____ as he endured the afflictions that God _____ for him. God often used _____ in David's life (v. 67, 71, 107) to produce sanctification. This is equally the case for believers today. *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also:*

knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (4) And patience, experience; and experience, hope: (5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us (Rom. 5.3-5).

4) **The _____ of Confidence** (v. 76-80) - This Divinely given _____ produced 5 jussives (_____, _____).

A) **Desire for _____** (v. 76) - God's chastening is meant to bring correction. Jeremiah had this same desire for comfort during a national chastening (Lam. 3.32-33). Though the afflictions of the righteous are many (Psa. 34.19-20), God's word was His source of comfort.

B) **Desire for His _____** (v. 77) - Jeremiah stated, *it is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed* (Lam. 3.22). The words “tender mercies” speak of the mother's _____. As a mother _____ her child (Isa. 66.13), and as a father _____ his child (Ps. 103.13), so God _____ for His children. He desires that they would grow as they delight in His _____.

C) **Desire to _____** (v. 78) - Here are the proud that deal perversely (_____, crooked). The Psalmist prays that they will be _____ (_____, disappointed). He must wait for this to occur, but his confidence will remain steadfast as he _____ on the Word. Similar truths were commanded to Joshua of old (Josh. 1.8).

D) **Desire to _____** (v. 79) - With holy confidence comes holy _____. The godly should look to godly _____. David had a forlorn group that _____ his faithfulness to God (I Sam. 22.2). It is far too common that spiritual leaders face _____ and _____ while following _____. Such was the case in Timothy's _____ (I Tim. 5.19). Peter admonished all believers to _____ the key that will allow us victory in this area (I Pet. 4.8).

E) **Desire to _____** (v. 80) - Rather than be dominated by fear, David sought to have his heart be _____ (entire, whole, perfect) in God's truth. This is the desire that God has for all His children (II Tim. 1.7). If one would seek to master the Scriptures, they must let the Scripture master them. The only confidence that David could have to be victorious was being _____ in His obedience to God's truth.

As a believer _____ with God, God will seek to bring him into conformity to Himself. This affliction ultimately produces an _____. Those blessed saints who walk in _____ have fellowship with God and confidence in His work.