

The Choice of the Blessed

This 8th stanza of the 119th Psalm is headed by the Hebrew letter *Cheth*. This Hebrew letter has a guttural pronunciation. It corresponds to the _____ letter *eta*. Often, the tendency is to soften or drop the guttural sound. Much like some English words: “hour,” “heir,” and “honest.”

It should be noted that this section is the first of _____ sections that use each of the primary synonyms for the Word of God. The other sections are *Jod* (v. 73-80), *Caph* (v. 81-88), and *Pe* (v. 129-136).

The essence of this section is the _____ that the Psalmist is making. David had _____ the Lord as his _____ (v.57). This is a familiar phrase to any consistent reader of the Psalms.

The Lord is the _____ of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. (Psa. 16.5)

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my _____ for ever. (Psa. 73.26)

I cried unto thee, O Lord: I said, Thou art my refuge and my _____ in the land of the living. (Psa. 142.5)

Think of the circumstances of the _____. They were _____ to possess land, but had to _____ on the Lord. (Num. 18.20). Their _____ existence was centered around the goodness of God. God has a legacy of giving to His people (Jam. 1.17). As such the believer (as did the Psalmist) finds great _____ to choose His Word (even at midnight) with thanksgiving and praise. Indeed, the Lord is _____ of mercy (v. 64)!

Seven _____ of the Blessed

1) **The Blessed** _____ (v. 58) - *I intreated thy favour...* The blessed Psalmist _____ (pray, cry out for help) God for mercy. He is _____ out by the _____ of others. Only his Divine Portion will aide him. God had promised His favor to David (II Sam. 7.12-16). Surely, He would fulfill it .

2) **The Blessed** _____ (v. 59) - *I thought on my ways...* The Psalmist chooses to _____. This is not simply to allow his _____ to wander aimlessly regarding a topic. Rather, he placed _____ (counted) to each

action of his life. He scrutinized the _____ of his life with discernment (I Cor. 11.31-32).

3) **The Blessed** _____ (v. 60) - *I made haste...* With great vengeance, the Psalmist sought to _____ obediently. Often, David is seeking immediate aide from God (Psa. 70.1, 141.1). He now seeks to respond to His holiness with the same sense of _____.

4) **The Blessed** _____ (v. 61) - *I have not forgotten ...* Truly, there are many that are pleased when the righteous _____. David speaks of _____ (*dragnet—II Sam. 17.13*) of the wicked. Though the wicked would _____ him of every earthly treasure, David would _____ God’s truth in his memory. It would direct his actions.

5) **The Blessed** _____ (v. 62) - *At midnight I will arise...* Many things happen at in the _____: the _____ Plague (Ex. 11.5, 12.29), God communicated with _____ (I Sam. 3.3-6), _____ at Endor (I Sam. 28.8), _____ triumphed over Midian (Jud. 7.19), _____ betrayed Christ (Luke 22.45-48), _____ _____ to temptation (II Sam. 11.2). Here the sole purpose of arising late was to give _____ to God. The Psalmist’s testimony of perpetual thanks is fulfilled even to his last _____ (II Sam. 22.50-23.1).

6) **The Blessed** _____ (v. 63) - *I am a companion...* David would not be a _____ to the _____ of God nor those that _____ against Him. David’s companions would be those that _____ to those that feared God and _____ His commandments (I John 5.1-2). He would not be enticed by the _____ of sinners (Prov. 1.10).

7) **The Blessed** _____ (v. 64) - *teach me thy statutes...* The _____ of the Lord is extended to _____ (II Pet. 3.8) and _____ (Psa. 100.5, 136). He blesses _____ (Matt. 6.33) and _____ (Matt. 5.8). The more the Psalmist recognized the blessed mercies of God (Titus 3.5), the greater his need to _____ in the knowledge of His statues.

Acknowledging the _____ and faithfulness of God, produces a profound _____ to know more. Spiritual growth will never produce _____; but it can produce _____.