

Psalm 119:73-80: A Word-Shaped Life

A WORD-SHAPED LIFE DRAWS COMFORT FROM GOD AS REVEALED IN HIS WORD-
Psalm 119:76

“The sufficiency of Scripture is the sole-ability to meet all of mankind’s needs, provide answers to all his questions, and to demonstrate the way to live a life that honors God.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q: What is the chief end of man?

A: Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

I. THE PSALMIST _____ A _____

A. We can ignore the discomfort in _____ fashion,
_____ the lessons that God is teaching us.

B. We can focus exclusively on the discomfort in an _____ way,
_____ others in our lives.

C. We can endure the discomfort while _____ our sovereign,
good Father in Heaven to use it for His _____ and our
_____.

II. THE PSALMIST _____ TO HIS _____ WITH
_____ FOR COMFORT

Lovingkindness means “kindness, lovingkindness in condescending to the needs of his creatures.”

*Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade*

*To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole*

“To know Him and to make Him known”

Though stretched from sky to sky
--The Love of God, Frederick Martin Lehman

III. THE PSALMIST _____ FROM _____ AND

A. Comfort often comes in ways that we do not understand at the present-
Genesis 50:20

“Had Joseph kept his thoughts fixed on the treachery of his brethren, he never could have resumed fraternal affection for them. But turning toward the Lord, he forgot the injury, and was so inclined to mildness and mercy, that he even voluntarily comforts his brethren, telling them, “Be not grieved nor angry with yourselves that ye sold me hither; for God did send me before you to preserve life.” “As for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good,” (Gen. 45:5; 50:20.)” — John Calvin

B. Comfort often comes in spite of discomfort- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

C. Comfort often comes in incredible displays of God’s unrivaled power-
Daniel 3:16-30

D. Comfort often comes through our brothers and sisters in Christ- Acts
15:36, 41

E. Comfort always comes through the Word of God- 119:76

IV. THE PSALMIST _____ THE _____

“Indeed, as several theologians have observed, the prospect of Christ’s future sufferings was a perpetual Gethsemane for him” —
Mark Jones, *Knowing Christ*, 88

“As the Psalms highlight the various traumas he would experience, they equally emphasize his ultimate victory over his enemies.... As the God-man, he knew that he would reign comprehensively, judiciously, and eternally.” —Mark Jones, *Knowing Christ*, 89

CONCLUSION

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