

## A Pastor's Thoughts

*Psalm 119:81-88*

*Kaph*

*My soul longs for your salvation;*

*I hope in your word.*

*My eyes long for your promise;*

*I ask, "When will you comfort me?"*

*For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,*

*yet I have not forgotten your statutes.*

*How long must your servant endure?*

*When will you judge those who persecute me?*

*The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;*

*they do not live according to your law.*

*All your commandments are sure;*

*they persecute me with falsehood; help me!*

*They have almost made an end of me on earth,*

*but I have not forsaken your precepts.*

*In your steadfast love give me life,*

*that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.*

Our hope is in His word! As we travel many miles in a lifetime, there are those who work to cause us harm and failure. As the Lord has blessed us with the truth of saving grace through the promise of His word, many will hate this truth and initiate persecution for those who are His. They will make up lies, and set traps. The miles we journey on this earth wear on us as the days pass by, but the word of God gives us life beyond this short time here on earth. When we think we have come to our end, rely upon Him. We long for the day of fulfilled redemption with the hope that is promised in His word, knowing full well that the day is coming when we will have rest in Him, and our enemies will be no more.