

***Psalm 119:153-160***

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***Look on my affliction and deliver me,  
for I do not forget your law.***

***Plead my cause and redeem me;  
give me life according to your promise!***

***Salvation is far from the wicked,  
for they do not seek your statutes.***

***Great is your mercy, O LORD;  
give me life according to your rules.***

***Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,  
but I do not swerve from your testimonies.***

***I look at the faithless with disgust,  
because they do not keep your commands.***

***Consider how I love your precepts!***

***Give me life according to your steadfast love.***

***The sum of your word is truth,***

***and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.***

The closer we cleave to the word of God, both as our rule and as our stay, the more assurance we have of deliverance. Christ is the Advocate of his people, their Redeemer. Those who were quickened by his Spirit and grace, when they were dead in trespasses and sins, often need to have the work of grace revived in them, according to the word of promise. The wicked not only do not God's statutes, but they do not even seek them. They flatter themselves that they are going to heaven; but the longer they persist in sin, the further it is from them. God's mercies are tender; they are a fountain that can never be exhausted. The psalmist begs for God's reviving, quickening grace. A man, steady in the way of his duty, though he may have many enemies, needs to fear none. Those that hate sin truly, hate it as sin, as a transgression of the law of God, and a breaking of his word. Our obedience is only pleasing to God, and pleasant to ourselves, when it comes from a principle of love. All, in every age, who receive God's word in faith and love, find every saying in it faithful. - *Matthew Henry, MHCC*