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Here I Am, Lord: With a Hunger to Learn

Psalm 119:65-72: ⁶⁵“Do good to your servant according to your word, LORD. ⁶⁶Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands. ⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word. ⁶⁸You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees. ⁶⁹Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies, I keep your precepts with all my heart. ⁷⁰Their hearts are callous and unfeeling, but I delight in your law. ⁷¹It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. ⁷²The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.”

Points to Ponder

1. Read Psalm 119:67. What is our natural state of behavior? How does affliction help us keep to God’s Word?
2. Read Psalm 119:68. How does God reveal his goodness to us?
3. According to verse 69, what is one affliction of being a Christian?
4. When the psalmist says, “It was good for me to be afflicted,” what does he mean? What happened through that affliction? Has that happened in your life too?
5. According to verse 72, what should our attitude toward God’s Word be?

God connects with us through his Word and reveals his goodness to us. Through it, he shows us his will for our lives and it gives us hope when we read about his love and the gift of salvation we have through faith in Jesus. Sometimes we have troubles, but those troubles bring us closer to God when we look to him for encouragement. God's Word is our most precious treasure because it contains all we need.

What else does God say?

Psalm 119:105: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalm 119:130: The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.