

Psalm 119:107

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

Analysis

I am afflicted very much (נִעֲנִיתִי, na'anéiti ad-me'od)—the verb anah means to be bowed down, humbled, or oppressed. Despite this crushing affliction, the psalmist's plea is not for relief but for spiritual vitality: **quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word** (חַיֵּי יְהוָה קְדוּשָׁה, chayyeni YHWH kidvarekha). The verb chayah means to make alive, revive, preserve life—occurring ten times in Psalm 119.

This petition reveals profound theology: affliction drives us to seek life-giving power from God's word, not merely escape from suffering. The psalmist prays for resurrection life in the midst of death-like circumstances. Paul echoes this in 2 Corinthians 4:8-10, where affliction produces spiritual life. True revival comes not from changed circumstances but from God's quickening according to His promises.

Historical Context

Affliction was common in Israel's history—persecution, exile, opposition. The psalmist's focus on being 'quickened' rather than merely rescued reflects the theology of the exile, where physical deliverance seemed impossible but spiritual vitality remained accessible through God's word.

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Study Questions

1. When afflicted, do you primarily seek relief from suffering or spiritual quickening through God's word?
2. How has severe affliction in your life driven you deeper into Scripture rather than away from God?
3. What does it mean practically to ask God to 'quicken' you according to His word today?

Interlinear Text

קָרְבָּנִים : כִּי כִּי ! הִנֵּה מְאֹד עַד גָּמְנִי יְתִי
I am afflicted H5704 very much H3966 me O LORD H3068 quicken H2421 according unto thy word H1697

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 143:11 (References Lord): Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

Psalms 34:19 (References Lord): Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Psalms 119:25 (Word): My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

Psalms 119:88 (Parallel theme): Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.