

# Psalms 119:166

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

## Analysis

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**LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation** (לִישׁוּעָתְךָ יְהוָה, lishu'atekha sivarti YHWH)—Savar means 'hope, wait, expect with confidence.' Yeshu'ah ('salvation, deliverance') appears—the root of Yeshua/Jesus. The conjunction: **and done thy commandments** (וּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ עָשִׂיתִי, umitzvotekha asiti). Hope and obedience form one seamless response. Asah ('do, make, accomplish') indicates active, tangible obedience to mitzvot (commandments).

This anticipates James 2:14-26: faith without works is dead. Jacob echoes this verse precisely in Genesis 49:18: 'I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.' Biblical hope always works while it waits.

## Historical Context

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The verse reflects the already/not-yet tension of redemptive history. Israel hoped for ultimate deliverance while obeying present commandments. Christians await Christ's return (Titus 2:13) while keeping His commands (John 14:15). Hope isn't passive wishing but active, obedient expectation.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does true hope for God's salvation express itself in present obedience to His commandments?
2. What would change in your life if you truly 'hoped' (<em>sivarti</em>—waited with confident expectation) for God's <em>yeshe'ah</em> (salvation/Jesus)?
3. How does the connection between waiting for salvation and doing commandments challenge both legalism and antinomianism?

## Interlinear Text

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שָׁבָה רָחֵם	לְיִשׁוּעָתְךָ	יְהוָה ה	וּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ	עָשִׂיתִי:
I have hoped	for thy salvation	LORD	thy commandments	and done
H7663	H3444	H3068	H4687	H6213

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 49:18** (Salvation): I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD.

**Psalms 119:174** (Salvation): I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law is my delight.

**Psalms 4:5** (References Lord): Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

**Psalms 50:23** (Salvation): Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

**Psalms 119:81** (Salvation): My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

**John 7:17** (Parallel theme): If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.