

# Psalms 119:95

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

## Analysis

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**The wicked have waited for me to destroy me** (לִי קִיּוּ רְשָׁעִים לְאַבְדֵנִי li kivvu resha'im le'abbedeni)—Kavah (wait, lie in wait) suggests patient, predatory malice. The resha'im (wicked, guilty) plot the psalmist's abad (destruction, ruin). **But I will consider thy testimonies** (עֲדֹתֶיךָ אֶתְבֹּנֵן edotekha etbonen)—Calm resolve. Bin (understand, consider, meditate) indicates focused contemplation amid chaos.

This contrasts two "waitings": enemies wait to destroy, the psalmist waits on God by meditating on edot (testimonies, witnesses). David faced such plots (1 Samuel 23:25-26); Jesus endured scribes and Pharisees laying snares (Matthew 22:15). The godly response isn't retaliation but recalibration—refocusing on God's faithfulness when surrounded by hostility. Psalm 56:3 captures this: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee."

## Historical Context

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Persecution of the righteous is a biblical constant: Joseph's brothers, David fleeing Saul, Jeremiah in the cistern, Daniel's accusers, early church martyrs. This verse became a liturgy for suffering saints, teaching that meditation on Scripture provides stability when enemies surround.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. When facing opposition or spiritual attack, what typically captures your attention—the threat or God's Word?
2. How can "considering God's testimonies" function as spiritual warfare against fear and discouragement?

## Interlinear Text

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לִּי	קָוָו	רָשָׁעִים	לְאַבֵּד נִי	עֵדוּתְךָ יְיָ
H0	have waited	The wicked	for me to destroy	thy testimonies
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 119:31** (Parallel theme): I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.

**Psalms 119:167** (Parallel theme): My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.