

**These 8 verses deals with the comfort of the word. It begins by seeking the comfort, primarily, the Lord's fulfillment of his promise, and then it shows how the word sustains us under affliction, and makes us so immovable to ridicule that we are moved by the harsh conduct of the wicked rather to horror of their sin than to any submission to their temptations.**

**49 ¶ ZAYIN. Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to hope.**

**He asks for no new promise, but to have the old word fulfilled.**

**Luke 23:42-43** Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

**We cannot demand that God remember His word if we do not remember to seek his promise**

**God promises salvation before he gives it, to excite our desire of it, to exercise our faith, to prove our sincerity, to perfect our patience- George Horne**

**Ro 15:13** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**50 ¶ This *is* my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.**

**Hope in the Father**

**1Pe 1:3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**Comforted by The Spirit**

**Ps 94:19** In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul.

**Life from the Son**

**Joh 6:63\*** “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

**Consoled by quickening**

**51 ¶ The proud have me in great derision, Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.**

**Proud men never love gracious men, and as they fear them they veil their fear under a pretended contempt**

**Scoffing always has its root in pride**

**Pr 3:34** Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.

**It is the nature of the son of the bondwoman to mock the child of the promise**

**Heb 12:3\*** For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

**52 ¶ I remembered Your judgments of old, O LORD, And have comforted myself.**

**Comforted by facts not feelings**

**Ps 77:11** I will remember the works of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.

**When the divine is not felt we cling to the truth**

**53 ¶ Indignation has taken hold of me Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.**

**To Love God is to hate evil**

**Proverbs 8:13** The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

**Love does not rejoice in iniquity**

**Love loves what is Lovable but all that is against love must be consumed for love to be true it must hate evil**

**Ps 97:10** You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

**Look at Jesus**

**Lu 19:41-42** Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,

saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

**54 ¶ Your statutes have been my songs In the house of my pilgrimage.**

### **Dissonance in Disobedience Harmony in Holiness**

**Ps 89:1** <<A Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite.>> I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

**Travellers sing to deceive the tediousness of the way; so did David; and hereby he solaced himself under that horror which he speaks of in verse Ps 119:53. Great is the comfort that cometh in by singing of Psalms with grace in our hearts. --John Trapp.**

**Heb 11:13\*** These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

**55 ¶ I remember Your name in the night, O LORD, And I keep Your law.**

**Ps 42:8** The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song *shall be* with me-- A prayer to the God of my life.

**He found sanctification through meditation; by the thoughts of the night he ruled the actions of the day. As the actions of the day often create the dreams of the night, so do the thoughts of the night produce the deeds of the day. If we do not keep the name of God in our memory we shall not keep the law of God in our conduct. Forgetfulness of mind leads up to forgetfulness of life**

**56 This has become mine, Because I kept Your precepts.**

**I own your promise because you own me**