Hello Valley Heights Ladies! Reviewing our March 6th Bible Study!

*A quick look at “Zayin”—Psalm 119:49-56*

**The Word of God produces ZEALOUS WORSHIP that leads to COMFORT and a SONG-FILLED HEART!**

Ladies, our zeal; our eagerness, our devotion, our passion and our focus needs to be on the great “I AM,” Jesus Christ Himself every day of our lives! My prayer for this study has been to ***SEEK CHRIST*** with all of our hearts in this powerful poetical Psalm! It has been a rich and abundant mine of precious jewels casting rays of stunning beauty that have overwhelmed my own soul! In addition to the excitement of looking up cross-references or meanings of words has been the reality of beholding the beauty of our Lord Jesus Christ thus far in this Psalm! We are SEEING clearly: *Aleph*-Christ is Blameless! *Beth*-Christ is Pure! *Gimel*-Christ is Wonderful Counselor! *Daleth*-Christ is Deliverer! *He*-Christ is Righteous! *Vav*-Christ is Victorious! AND in *Zayin* we see that Christ is the------------------------------------------ **GOD OF ALL COMFORT**! (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)

***Ladies, let’s NEVER FORGET when we are IN the midst of difficult circumstances:***

**G** od wants to be in relationship with us, especially when we are struggling. Ps. 91, Matt.11:28, 29

**“ADONAI- My Great Lord”** *who* is my master and my authority, my Saviour and my Friend!

**O** ur goal is to remember His promises and wait expectantly! Ps.119:49, Ps. 28:6, 7

**“YHWH- The great I AM”** *who* never changes and whose promises never fail!

**D** evotion and focus on Him produces passion which causes HOPE. Psalm 119:49, Dan.4:34

**“EL-ELYON- God Most High*”*** *in whom* I can put my trust!

**O** ur comfort in times of trouble, pain and sorrow must come ***FIRST*** from His Word. Ps.119:50,Job 6:10

**“EL-OLAM- The Everlasting God”** *who* gives strength to me when I am weary!

**F** aith in God produces a child-like dependence upon Him when opposed. Ps. 119:51, Ex.15:2

**“EL- The Strong One”** *in whom* I can overcome all obstacles as I depend on Him and His Word!

**A** llegiance to God creates a monument in our minds of His glorious judgments in which we comfort ourselves. Ps. 119:52, Ex.3:15

**“EL-SHADDAI- God Almighty”** *who I remember* is the source of all my blessings!

**L** ove for Christ AND

**L** ove for His Word produces a hatred for sin and a zeal for holiness. 1Peter1:13-25, Ps. 119:53

**“Jehovah- Mekaddishken-The Lord who Sanctifies”** *who* redeemed me by His blood, set me apart and made me Holy! Heb.13:12

**C** omplete surrender AND

**O** ffering over to God complete control of our circumstances is the pathway to a song-filled heart. Lk.1:16-55, Ps.119:54

**“IMMANUEL- God With Us”** *who* **IS** with me in the midst of my troubles!

**M** idnight tumultuous thoughts and

**F** ear MUST be directed to remembering God’s NAME to ensure His presence and provision. Ps. 119:55

**“JEHOVAH-ROHI-The Lord My Shepherd”** *who* tenderly leads and feeds me as I look to Him!

**O** bedience develops divine joy in the midst of misery ALONG WITH

**R** ight thinking; Word-Saturated thinking, which defines my God and dictates my responses. Ps.119:55

**“EL-ROI- The God Who Sees”** *who* knows my thoughts and feelings, my strengths and weaknesses, and is mindful that we are but dust!

**T** his has become mine, that I observe Your Precepts. Ps. 119:56,

Thank God! The LORD our HELPER is HERE! **“JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH-The Lord is My Companion.”** Through Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit of God intercedes for us, motivates us, supports us, relieves us, assists us, assures us, calms us… as He dwells IN us! John 14:26, 27; 1 Cor. 3:16

***Proverbs 18:10 says, “The NAME of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run to it and are safe.”***

Ladies, what do you take comfort in? What are you facing right now? *Who* do you go to first? *What* do you turn to, to alleviate your stress? What calms you and reassures you in the midst of the unknown? Do you realize, ladies, that our LORD and HIS WORDS must be your comfort? Everything else is idolatry!

As the psalmist was in the midst of affliction and great distress, he shows us that if we approach God with a righteous, thankful and surrendered heart, HE WILL provide great comfort and peace— **“Jehovah-Shalom-The Lord is Peace.”** Jesus is our Prince of Peace who brings comfort to the depth of our soul, and will bring a song on our lips to magnify HIM even in the middle of the night!

Having a high view of God in the midst of afflictions is the ONLY WAY we truly can be joyful!!

Listen to the psalmist’s unwavering resolve and commitment in a horrible situation in Psalm 69:

*Vs29-32 says, “But I am afflicted and in pain; May YOUR salvation, O God, set me securely high.*

***I WILL PRAISE the NAME of GOD with SONG and MAGNIGY HIM with THANKSGIVING.***

(in vs.31 the psalmist is saying that this kind of response, ‘sacrifice of praise’, when in pain and distress pleases the Lord more than an animal sacrifice!)

*“…You who* ***SEEK GOD****, let your heart REVIVE.”*

Ladies, as we SEEK CHRIST, may His GOSPEL be adorned and beautified when we are daily CONSISTENT, and CONFIDENT, and CONTINUALLY COMFORTED by HIS WORD!!

Blessings, Christyn

\*\*\*Our next study will be **TUESDAY, MARCH 27** @ 9:15a.m @ Brad and Lisa Roseboom’s house. Enjoy the next couple of weeks mining out some magnificent jewels from “Heth- Psalm 119:57-64!”