

Psalm 119 • Zayin, Heth & Teth (#7-9)

1. (v.49-56) Zayin (ז): **Through It All**. Note that neither was a **miracle** sought to rescue the author personally, nor was God's **imprecatory judgment** called down to eliminate the source of the affliction. What he seeks is to maintain personal **faithfulness** to God's Word regardless.
2. (v.57-64) Heth (ח): **My Portion**. Believers devoted to God's Word understand that their "portion" or **inheritance** is not the things of **this** life, but the **next**, and always act accordingly in both their heavenly and earthly **relationships**.
3. (v.65-72) Teth (ט): **The Right Result from Discipline**. **Faithfulness** is the only cure for **unfaithfulness**, and **obedience** for **disobedience** to God's Word and ways.

For Small Group Leaders to summarize these three lessons:

Overall Application

Q: How are the first and third lessons ("Zayin" & "Teth") related?

A: The first deals with issues outside our control, the second with issues which result from within ourselves. It's the difference between a trial and discipline.

Q: How might the second teaching regarding our true inheritance relate?

A: Regardless of what takes place in this life, whether from outside or within, we are never working for the temporal benefits of the world but the eternal of the next life.

Application: Personal faithfulness to God's Word guides from this **life** to the **next** even through the trials the **world** brings or those we bring on **ourselves**.