

Psalm 119 • Qoph & Resh (#19-20)

1. (v.145-152) Qoph (ק): ***In the Meantime***. What is the correct response to every earthly situation where **God's Word** is concerned? Trust in **God's Word**.
2. (v.153-160) Resh (ר): ***Revive Me***. While we are free to express our **feelings**, it cannot be automatically assumed that God will answer by altering or changing our **emotions**, which are subject to unpredictable **shifts** when His Word is not. As with most things in life, it is not a test of our **feelings** but a test of **faith**, especially when it comes to **trusting** God's already provided Word.

For Small Group Leaders to summarize these lessons:

Overall Application

Q: What do these teachings have in common?

A: They are very personal appeals to address very intense, personal issues.

Q: What is common to each which is diametrically opposite of the world's wisdom in such situations where we are personally concerned?

A: Whereas all worldly approaches advocate some kind of remedy to make us feel good as quick as possible, God's way is to continue in trust and obedience to His Word in spite of our emotions, even if they don't immediately change.

Q: What is common to most false teachings which reveals their design to undermine God's Word in our life?

A: They attempt to get us to fixate on this life at the expense of the next.

Application: Even when we go to Christ in times of the worst emotional **despair**, we still need to do so in **combination** with His Word.