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The Blessing Nobody Wants

Psalm 119:65-75

The Blessing Nobody Wants in 2019

The blessing nobody wants but everybody needs is AFFLICTIONS (troubles and trials).

*Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.
Psalm 34:19*

Whatever Afflictions You Face in 2019, Know This

It's not what HAPPENS to you that matters most; it's how you RESPOND that makes the difference.

God's Work through My Afflictions

1. Before My Afflictions: STRAYING

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word. Psalm 119:67

One of the Outcomes of Afflictions

We are compelled to OBEY God's Word.

2. During My Afflictions: LEARNING

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes. Psalm 119:71

One of the Purposes of Afflictions

To TEACH us things we would not otherwise learn.

3. After My Afflictions: KNOWING

I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me. Psalm 119:75

One of the Lessons of Afflictions

God is FAITHFUL even in our troubles and trials.

How should we respond to afflictions—troubles and trials?

- ❖ Look for God's FINGERPRINTS in your life.

- ❖ Immerse yourself in GOD'S WORD.

- ❖ Determine to TRUST God no matter what.

When Facing Troubles and Trials in 2019

Sometimes we need to put up a sign that reads, "Quiet—God at work!" to remind us that our afflictions really are a BLESSING from God.