

## "Start Seeing It Differently"

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**Part 1:** STOP! Read That Verse Again

**Scripture:** Psalm 119:153-160; *The Living Bible (TLB)*

**Supporting Scripture:** Psalm 34:17-19

**Context and Background:** Psalm 119:153-160 is part of the longest chapter in the Bible, Psalm 119, an acrostic poem structured around the Hebrew alphabet. This particular section corresponds to the Hebrew letter "Resh" (ר). The letter **Resh**, the 20<sup>th</sup> letter of the Hebrew alphabet, possesses rich symbolic and numerical significance, offering insights into biblical themes of leadership, authority, and new beginnings.<sup>1</sup>

The overall context of Psalm 119 is a deep exploration of the value, power, and nature of God's Word and its influence on a believer's life.

The Psalmist teaches by his own example that those who are devoted to the service and fear of God must not be discouraged, though they are not rewarded for it in this world. Their condition upon earth is one of warfare. Therefore, they should not be dismayed by diversity but rather rest satisfied with the consolatory consideration that the gate of prayer is open to them.<sup>2</sup>

**Beloved**, like the Psalmist, our devotion to God does not mean we will not have our problems (vv. 156-157). The writer faced great suffering, but he did not let his pain become an excuse to turn away from God. All of God's Word, not just certain parts, is true and reliable, so continue to trust in God. **TGBTG!**

### Key Points—Content

- **A radical reshaping**
- **The genesis of unlocking**

### The Word--Psalm 119:153-160 (TLB)

<sup>153</sup> Look down upon my sorrows and rescue me, for I am obeying your commands. <sup>154</sup> Yes, rescue me and give me back my life again just as you have promised. <sup>155</sup> The wicked are far from salvation, for they do not care for your laws.

### A Radical Reshaping

<sup>156</sup> **Lord, how great is your mercy; oh, give me back my life again.**

### The Genesis of Unlocking

<sup>157</sup> **My enemies are so many. They try to make me disobey, but I have not swerved from your will.**

<sup>158</sup> I loathed these traitors because they care nothing for your laws. <sup>159</sup> Lord, see how much I really love your demands. Now give me back my life and health because you are so kind. <sup>160</sup> There is utter truth in all your laws; your decrees are eternal.

### Words of Hope

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

~~**Thomas O. Chisholm**~~

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"The Hallmark of Hope"

<sup>1</sup> <https://biblehub.com/topical/r/resh.htm>

<sup>2</sup> [https://biblehub.com/library/calvin/commentary\\_on\\_psalms\\_volume\\_5/psalm\\_119\\_153-160.htm](https://biblehub.com/library/calvin/commentary_on_psalms_volume_5/psalm_119_153-160.htm)