

**Treated Well, Comforted and Sustained—
According to Your Word**

“Let me rest on the smoothed bed of grace. Let others who will know that I am suffering know also that I am being sustained by You and Your mighty hand.” (Larry McWhorter)

Introduction: Psalm 119:65, “You have dealt well with Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word.” Psalm 119:76, “Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your word to Your servant.” Psalm 119:116, “Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live; and do not let me be ashamed of my hope.”

1) He wants us to understand that:

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1) Working the Affliction for Our Good

Psalm 119:65, “You have dealt well with Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word.”

Another way of saying “dealt well with” is:

We demonstrate great trust and faith when we can say in the midst of the hard:

a. Verse 67, “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word.”

God works through affliction to:

b. Verse 71, “It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn Your statutes.”

God works through affliction to:

c. Verse 92, “If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.”

God works through the affliction to:

Being able to rest in the knowledge that God has treated us well in our afflictions will:

Acts 26:14, “It is hard for you to kick against the goads.”

2. Comforted During the Affliction

Psalm 119:76, “Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to Your word to Your servant.”

He is the Good Shepherd who comforts us by:

- a. Making me lie:
- b. Leading me beside:
- c. Restoring my soul. He restores His image in me by:
- d. Leading me in the paths of righteousness. He only takes me on:
- e. Protecting me from evil. The enemy of my soul may be able to sift me:
- f. Feeding me from His table. His word provides:
- g. Anointing my head with oil. He gives me the oil of joy:
- h. Pursuing me with goodness and mercy. He is relentless in His desire to:
- i. Letting me dwell in His house. I am comforted with the truth that I will live:

Psalm 119:116, “Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live; and do not let me be ashamed of my hope.”

We experience sustaining grace by:

- a. The ministry:
Psalm 51:12, “...and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.”
- b. Receiving comfort:

Psalm 54:4, "Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is with those who uphold my life."

c. Having humility to:

Proverbs 29:23, "A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit."

d. By trusting completely:

Isaiah 41:10, "...I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

e. By being God's:

Isaiah 42:1, "Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights."

f. God's own powerful arm of salvation doing for us:

Isaiah 63:5, "I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation..."

Conclusion:

He placed me in a little cage,
Away from gardens fair;
But I must sing the sweetest songs
Because He placed me there.
Not beat my wings against the cage,
If it's my Master's will,
But raise my voice to heaven's gate
And—sing the louder still!"