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Interpreting God-Given Afflictions

Psalm 119:65-80 – The only way you can say that God does all things well is if you can accept that He does rightfully bring discipline in our lives. God can even use afflictions for our instruction.

Teth

Our <u>good</u> God keeps His <u>good</u> Word even in difficult circumstances (119:65-68) We are responsible for how we <u>respond</u> to <u>pain</u> (119:69). There is <u>purpose</u> in pain when we <u>learn</u> God's Word (119:70-72).

Yodh

Pain pushes us to <u>depend</u> on our creator more and tell of his <u>good</u> works (119:73-75;79). God's <u>love</u>, <u>mercy</u>, and <u>truth</u> are desirable at all times (119:76-78). Even in affliction, the Psalmist desires a <u>pure heart</u> (119:79-80).

Application

The greatest <u>pain</u> produced the greatest <u>good</u>. Find the <u>purpose</u> for your <u>pain</u>. <u>Thank</u> God for His faithfulness in your <u>affliction</u>.

Memory Verse

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