



David, once again, is crying to the Lord for help that he knows that he cannot give himself. Before we read and dig today, pray that the Lord reveal things in your life through His word that will draw you closer to Him and help you live a life more pleasing to Him.

Read & Dig: Read Psalm 119:145-152

OUR BROKENNESS, HIS SALVATION (w. 145-149)

We see David crying out to the Lord once again for help. In this section we see him acknowledge his own brokenness as the reason that he needs help or saving. In v.146 the psalmist directly asks the Lord to save him from his brokenness. He knows that the Lord can do this through His statutes (v.145), His testimonies (v.146), His words (v.147) and His promise (v.148). David is meditating on His word and asking for the Lord to reveal things to him through His perfect ways. He knows that God will give him these things because His love for him as His servant is steadfast. That word *steadfast* is back... God never changes!

AS PEOPLE STRAY, GOD DRAWS NEAR (w. 150-152)

Verse 149 is kind of the transition verse here, isn't it? We see David make mention of the steadfast love of God there and then we see an example of how steadfast He is in w.150-152. He says that the people around him are far from His way. Does that mean that God forgets about them and also goes away from them as well? Absolutely not! David follows up that statement with "But you are near, O LORD." (w.151) Even though people desert God, and run far, far away from Him, He continues to pursue His people! We just got past Easter this past Sunday. Let's think back to the cross... People beat Him, spit on Him, shamed Him, and then brutally killed Him on a cross. They were as far from God as possible, yet while Jesus was enduring this He still had love on His mind while crying out to God "Forgive them, for they know not what they are doing." (Luke 23:34) No matter what you have done to God or how far away you have gotten from Him, He is always open and accepting to your running back to Him!

Apply & GO

I think the best way we can apply this to our lives is to know how to pray it. Pray and acknowledge yourself as broken and lost by yourself.

Then if you are a born again follower of Christ, thank Him for your salvation. His gift of salvation is greater than your brokenness and sin, and we should be so, so thankful for that.

Lastly, pray and thank Him for being steadfast in His love for His people. Even when you fall away and dishonor the lord with your words or actions, He still loves you and still draws near to you in pursuit of bringing you back.

If you read this and still feel as if you are bound by your sin and brokenness, you need to know that you can be freed of this. Salvation is full and free! It is big enough to save you from your sin, no matter how bad!