Psalm 119: 17-24: Wonder, Arrogance and Princess

Directions: Answer the questions based on Psalm 119:17-24.

Optional Going Deeper: [Click on this link](https://enduringword.com/media/psalm-119-gimel-word-of-god-trials-of-life/) for David Guzik’s Sermon on Gimel. (15 minutes long). Write down three things you learned.

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1. What position does the psalmist claim before God? Is this important to the rest of the psalm? How does this position reflect what we learned in Alef and Bet? V17
2. How do we see the psalmist’s humility in this verse? V17
3. Why does the psalmist need God’s bounty? V17
4. Why is God’s bountiful grace a requirement for the psalmist to live? V17
5. Verse Search: Find at least two verses about God’s bountiful grace or gifts that he gives. Be ready to share.
6. What does the psalmist mean by his request to “open my eyes”? V18. Why does he want his eyes open?
7. What does he mean by “wonderful things”? V18
8. How can a “Law” be wonderful? V18
9. In order to behold wonderful things from His Law, what does the psalmist have to be doing? V18
10. Without God’s enabling, His Word would remain a mystery to me. Verse Search: Find a verse or verse to support the prior statement.
11. How is V18 similar to V10? V18
12. Why are we strangers on this earth? V19
13. What are some characteristics of strangers? V19
14. Why would being a stranger have anything to do with the request for Him not to hide His commandments from me? V19
15. Who DOES He hide His commandments from? V19
16. How is V19 similar to V11? V19
17. What does it mean that his soul was crushed with longing? V20
18. What does this desire show about the psalmist’s heart? In general, what do our desires show about us? V20
19. Who does God rebuke? V21
20. Why is it that those who wander from His commandments are arrogant? V21
21. Why are those who wander from His commandments cursed? V21
22. Can you think of any examples in the Bible of where disobedience to God led to His rebuking or cursing them? Be prepared to share the chapter and verse.
23. Why would we be reproached or treated with contempt? V22
24. If others reproach us or have contempt for us, why would observing His Word take it away? V22
25. If we are observing His Word, what are we NOT “observing”? V22
26. Why is it worse for princes to talk against us than “normal” people? V23
27. What should our reaction be to this kind of talk? How will that reaction help? V23
28. What is the heart attitude necessary to keep us from being fearful or upset by this kind of talk? V23
29. What does it mean that His testimonies are our “counselors”? V24
30. Verse search: Find a verse or verse about how God word is a counselor.

31: Personal Application. God’s word is full of wonderful things V18. Share some wonderful verse that you like to proclaim to others.