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- 153 Look upon my affliction and rescue me,
For I do not forget Your law.
- 154 Plead my cause and redeem me;
Revive me according to Your word.
- 155 Salvation is far from the wicked,
For they do not seek Your statutes.
- 156 Great are Your mercies, O Lord;
Revive me according to Your ordinances.
- 157 Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your testimonies.
- 158 I behold the treacherous and loathe them,
Because they do not keep Your word.
- 159 Consider how I love Your precepts;
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your lovingkindness.
- 160 The sum of Your word is truth,
And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

- 153 רָאֵה-עֲנֵנִי וְחַלְצֵנִי כִּי-תוֹרַתְךָ לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי:
- 154 רִיבָה רִיבֵי וּגְאֹלֵנִי לְאִמְרַתְךָ חֲיֵנִי:
- 155 רְחוֹק מִרְשָׁעִים יִשׁוּעָה כִּי-חָפְקָה לֹא דָרְשׁוּ:
- 156 רַחֲמֶיךָ רַבִּים יְהוָה כְּמִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ חֲיֵנִי:
- 157 רַבִּים רֹדְפֵי וְצָרִי מֵעֲדוּתֶיךָ לֹא נִטִּיתִי:
- 158 רְאִיתִי בַגְדִים וְאֶתְקוּטָה אֲשֶׁר אִמְרַתְךָ לֹא שָׁמְרוּ:
- 159 רָאֵה כִּי-כִפְרוּדֶיךָ אֶהְבַּתִּי יְהוָה כְּחֹסְדֶךָ חֲיֵנִי:
- 160 רֹאשֵׁי-בִרְךָ אֱמֶת וְלַעוֹלָם כָּל-מִשְׁפַּט צְדָקָה:

ר: God’s Word provides us with the proper perspective of our Advocate.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Resh is a head (the front of the head) and this strophe-couplet sees both back (ק) and front (ר, א) of the head. The prayerful follower is suited to become the intimate confidant. 2. “Rescue,” “redeem,” and a triple “revive” grab “R” attention in the ר Resh strophe. 3. “Look upon” is the first of three רָאֵה ra’ah #7200 verbs (ψ¹¹⁹153,158,159). Reuben supplies our proper-name word association for this strophe (Gen. 29:32). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ordering the God Who sees everything (Gen. 16:13, Prov. 5:21; Heb. 4:13) to “look upon” His servants is to call all creation as witness to the faithfulness of God (Ps. 25:18,19; Lam. 5:1). b. The Psalmist understood the rescue of the Lord in a manner similar to David (Ps. 18:19) and Jesus (Ps. 22:8). 4. Believers are not left to plead their own cause before the Father’s throne of justice (Job 5:8). We have a faithful redeeming, life-providing Advocate (ψ¹¹⁹154 cf. Mic. 7:9; 1st Jn. 2:1). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. The nearness from Qoph is contrasted with the farness of salvation for the wicked in Resh (ψ¹¹⁹155). Salvation ought to be near, but to the wicked it is far (Ps. 73:27,28; Eph. 2:13,17). 6. The Psalmist anticipates abundant-life revival as an application of God’s tender mercy compassion (ψ¹¹⁹156). רַחֲמִים rach^amiym #7356 is so often to חֶסֶד chesed #2617 that a survey of those passages is remarkably edifying (Ps. 25:6; 40:12; 51:3; 69:17; 103:4; 145:9; Jer. 16:5; Lam. 3:22; Hos. 2:21). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Persecutors and adversaries may be plentiful, but they are not the objects for our struggle (ψ¹¹⁹157 cf. Ps. 23:5; Eph. 6:12). 8. Fear and Loathing is a Biblical practice (ψ¹¹⁹158 cf. Lev. 20:23; Ps. 95:10; 139:21–22; Ezek. 6:9; 20:43; 36:31). 9. A faithful believer is worthy of heavenly consideration (ψ¹¹⁹159 cf. Job 1:8; 2:3). 10. God’s absolute eternal Word is absolute Truth (ψ¹¹⁹160 cf. v.89; Prov. 22:21; 30:5; Isa. 40:8; Jn. 17:17). |
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