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25 My soul cleaves to the dust;
Revive me according to Your word.
26 I have told of my ways, and You have answered me;
Teach me Your statutes.
27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts,
So I will meditate on Your wonders.
28 My soul weeps because of grief;
Strengthen me according to Your word.
29 Remove the false way from me,
And graciously grant me Your law.
30 I have chosen the faithful way;
I have placed Your ordinances before me.
31 I cling to Your testimonies;
O Lord, do not put me to shame!
32 I shall run the way of Your commandments,
For You will enlarge my heart.

25 דַּבְקָה לְעָפָר נַפְשִׁי חֲלִנִי כְּדַבְרְךָ :
26 דַּרְכֵי סִפְרֹתַי וְתַעֲזֹנֵנִי לְמַדְנִי חֻקֶיךָ :
27 דַּרְדָּר־פְּקוּדֶיךָ הִבִּינֵנִי וְאַשְׁיַחֲהָ בְּנַפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ :
28 דָּלְפָה נַפְשִׁי מִתּוֹנָה קְיַמְנִי כְּדַבְרְךָ :
29 דַּרְדָּ-שֶׁקֶר הָסֵר מִמֶּנִּי וְתוֹרַתְךָ חַנּוּנִי :
30 דַּרְדָּ-אַמוּנָה בַּחֲרַתִּי מִשִּׁפְטֶיךָ שְׁוִיתִי :
31 דַּבְקָתִי בְּעֲדוֹתֶיךָ יְהוָה אֶל־תִּבְשִׁנֵּנִי :
32 דַּרְדָּ-מִצְוֹתֶיךָ אֲרוּץ כִּי תִרְחִיב לִבִּי :

ד: God’s Word is the believer’s provision for the revival of an aggrieved soul.

1. The command for revival is the causative provision of life (ψ¹¹⁹25). Eve gives us the word study for this strophe (Gen. 3:20).
 - a. Cleaving to the dust recognizes the imminence of physical death (Gen. 3:19; Ps. 44:25).
 - b. As with the Gimel strophe, the purpose for temporal life is to live the Word (ψ¹¹⁹17,25).
 - c. This is the first of ten commands for revival. See Appendix B for the Prayer Imperatives of this psalm.
2. A brutally honest prayer life finds immediate answers and prepares the heart for instruction (ψ¹¹⁹26 cf. Ps. 32:5; 143:1,7; Prov. 28:13).
3. Teaching must produce understanding so the believer can develop the capacity for true worship (ψ¹¹⁹27 cf. Prov. 4:7; Col. 1:9–10).
 - a. Meditation on God’s wonders continues the thought in the Gimel strophe (ψ¹¹⁹18).
 - b. This is the first of six commands for God to make the ψ¹¹⁹ Psalmist understand.
4. An aggrieved soul weeps and needs God’s strength to make him stand (ψ¹¹⁹28).
 - a. This condition is far more dangerous than physical danger (Ps. 22:14).
 - b. Only God can provide such strength to the soul (Isa. 40:29,31).
5. The Daleth is a door and the ψ¹¹⁹ Psalmist has chosen the faithful and rejected the false “door” to the proper course of the Christian Way of Life (ψ¹¹⁹29–30). This contrast is the fundamental contrast of the angelic conflict (Isa. 28:14–22).
6. The final verse couplet features a better cleaving than the first verse couplet of this strophe (ψ¹¹⁹31 cf. Ps. 63:8). There is no proper name to assist us with the דַּבַּק ^{#1692}dabaq emphasis for this strophe but the marital nature of cleaving should be well-known (Gen. 2:24 cf. Deut. 10:20; 13:4; 30:20).
7. Greater heart-capacity motivates the swifter race (ψ¹¹⁹32 cp. Ecc. 9:11; Isa. 40:31; 1st Cor. 9:24–26; Heb. 12:1).