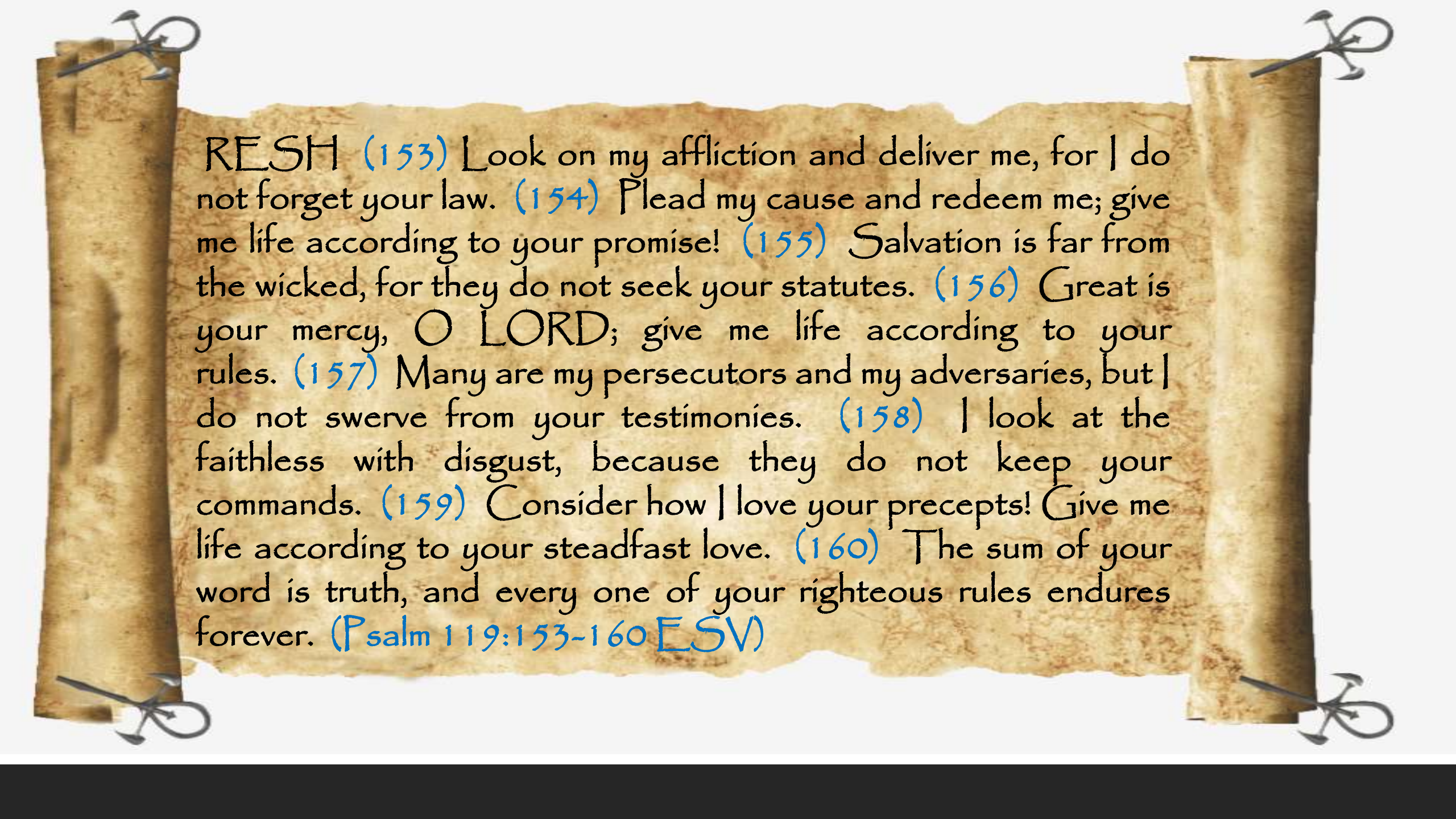


RESH



Look on My Affliction and Deliver Me

RESH - PSALM 119:153-160



RESH (153) Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law. (154) Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise! (155) Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes. (156) Great is your mercy, O LORD; give me life according to your rules. (157) Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies. (158) I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands. (159) Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love. (160) The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. (Psalm 119:153-160 ESV)



The Writer was in Deep Distress

153. Look on my affliction... - H6040 *on-ee* - depression, misery

154. Plead my cause ... - (Psalm 35:1), in need of an advocate

156. Great is your mercy, O LORD... in need of one to empathize with his circumstance

157. Many are my persecutors and my adversaries

➤ Satan's agents are always near (1 Peter 5:8)

We Should *Expect* Persecution

- ❖ Jesus taught this among his first principles: (Mat 5:10-12)
- ❖ He warned his disciples of the cost of following him. (John 15:18-25)
- ❖ Paul told Timothy suffering was inevitable. (2 Tim 3:12)
- ❖ But Jesus assured the persecuted God would give them life! (Revelation 2:8-11)



He Makes His Plea to the LORD

153. ...Deliver me...H2502 – to pull off, to strip for battle

154. Quicken me...

156. Quicken me...H2421 – to live; keep or make alive, give life

159. Quicken me, O LORD

- ❖ He reckoned himself as dead, but for aid from the LORD!
- ❖ He prayed the LORD would fight for him and save his life.



The LORD Will Be With Us

- ❖ He was with Elijah, when he fled from Jezebel
(1 Kings 19:9-18)
- ❖ He was with the Hebrews children - (Daniel 3:21-25)
- ❖ He was with Daniel in the den of lions
(Daniel 6:16-23)
- ❖ He was with Peter in Prison - (Acts 12:6-12)
- ❖ He was with Paul at his first defense
(2 Timothy 4:17)
- ❖ He will not leave us or forsake us.
(Deut 31:6, 8; Joshua 1:5; 1 Kings 8:57; 1 Chron.
28:20) Psalm 27:9; Hebrews 13:5



The Basis for His Plea

153. ... I do not forget your law

154. ... according to your word

156. ... according to your judgements

157. ... I do not decline from your testimonies

159. ... Consider how I love your precepts

160. ... Your word is true from the beginning, and every one of your words are true forever.



The Lord Knows His People

- ❖ The Lord knows those who are his – Numbers 16:5; Psalm 37:28; John 10:14, 27; 1 Timothy 2:19
- ❖ The Lord knows how to deliver them – 2 Peter 2:9
- ❖ The LORD has a special relationship with his people, he will preserve his saints, and he will reward those who follow him, here and hereafter!



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