

# A Tale of Two Clingings



**Psalm 119: 25-32**





# Psalm 119 Observations

- ✧ It is an acrostic poem
- ✧ It extols the word of God
- ✧ It centers on the deity of the almighty God
- ✧ It depicts duress and oppression faced by the psalmist





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- ❧ A progression from desperation to restoration
- ❧ A contrast between two “ways”
- ❧ A marked difference between the clings of the psalmist



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## 1. What is his condition?

*25 My soul cleaves to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.*

**Contrast:** His **depleted vitality** compared to a **revived** soul

## 2. What is his confession?

*26 “I have told of my ways, and You have answered me;  
Teach me Your statutes.”*



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## 3. What is his concern?

*27 “Make me understand the way of Your precepts,  
So I will meditate on Your wonders.”*

**Contrast: My ways vs. God's ways**



# Proverbs 2

## “If”—(verbs)

- ☞ *Receive*
- ☞ *Treasure*
- ☞ *Attentive*
- ☞ *Incline*
- ☞ *Cry*
- ☞ *Lift your voice*
- ☞ *Seek*
- ☞ *Search*

## “Then”—(nouns)

- ☞ *Fear of the LORD*
- ☞ *Knowledge of God*
- ☞ *Wisdom*
- ☞ *Understanding*
- ☞ *Shield*
- ☞ *Discern righteousness*
- ☞ *Justice*
- ☞ *Equity*
- ☞ *Every good course*



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*28 “My soul weeps because of grief; Strengthen me according to Your word.”*

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*29 “Remove the false way from me, And graciously grant me Your law.”*

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### 7. What is his clutch?

*31 "I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame!."*

**Contrast:** Clinging to dust vs. clinging to His **testimonies**

### 8. What is his commitment?

*32 "I shall run the way of Your commandments, For You will enlarge my heart."*



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## Conclusion

Every person falls into one of three scenarios in relation to this section of Psalm 119

- ❧ 1. **Blinded in the dust**
- ❧ 2. **Stuck in the dust**
- ❧ 3. **Free from the dust**



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