In this final stanza, the Psalmist is once again seen in earnest prayer, and is focused upon the Word of God, and there is a definite connection between the two.

1. THE PSALMIST IN PRAYER:
He refers to his prayer as a personal cry-”my cry” [verse 169]. A call out to God, an appeal to God. He also refers to his prayer as a personal supplication-”my supplication” [verse 170]. An earnest or humble request. These two words “cry” and “supplication” speaks of the fervency of his praying.

Associated with his prayer was a longing-”For I have longed for thy salvation” [verse 174]. This speaks of a yearning, a hungering, and thirsting for the thing prayed for. The word “longing” is indicative of the burden and desire of his heart in prayer.

Associated with his prayer was confidence in the promises of God’s Word-”deliver me according to thy word” and he had confidence in the faithfulness of God in answering his prayer-”when thou hast taught me thy statutes” [verse 171]. This confidence is indicative of his faith in praying.

Also associated with his prayer was confession-”I have gone astray like a lost sheep” [verse 176]. This is indicative of his humility of heart in praying.

The Psalmist prayed that his prayer would come before God-”Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD” [verse 169], and “Let my supplication come before thee” [verse 170]. He prayed that he would have understanding (insight), from God’s Word-”give me understanding according to thy word” [verse 169]. He prayed for deliverance-”deliver me according to thy word” [verse 170]. He appealed to God for support-”Let thine hand help me” [verse 173], and “let thy judgments help me” [verse 175]. He prayed for revival and preservation-”Let my soul live” (the result being), and it shall praise thee” [verse 175]. He prayed that God would be long-suffering, compassionate, merciful and gracious-”seek thy servant” [verse 176].

2. THE PSALMIST FOCUSED UPON GOD’S WORD:
He desired to be taught God’s Word, and he knew that such teaching would have an affect upon his attitude and perception of things [verse 171]. He had a conviction and persuasion concerning the Word of God-”all thy commandments are righteousness” [verse 172],
and such gave him the courage to speak God’s Word—“My tongue shall speak of thy word” [verse 172]. He chose God’s Word—“I have chosen thy precepts” [verse 173]. He found God’s Word to be a source of great delight, and pleasure—“thy law is my delight” [verse 174]. HE GOT A THRILL FROM THE WORD OF GOD! The Word of God was engraved upon His heart and mind—“I do not forget thy commandments” [verse 176].

The 119th Psalm PROMOTES THE GREATNESS AND IMPORTANCE OF GOD’S WORD! This Psalm declares God’s Word to be of God [verses 1-9], and therefore eternal and settled [verse 89], true [verses 142, 151, 160], pure [verse 140], good [verse 39], faithful [verse 86], right [verses 75, 128]. He declared God’s Word to be as light [verse 105] and as exceeding broad, and exhaustless [verse 96], as sweet [verse 103], and enriching [verses 14, 72, 127, 162], and wonderful [verse 129].

The Psalmist in this Psalm reveals that God uses His Word as a safeguard against sin [verse 11], and as an instrument to give strength [verse 28], and to bring quickening [verses 50, 93], understanding [verses 98-100, 104, 130], light [verse 130], order and direction [verse 133], and peace [verse 165].

The Psalmist also reveals that the Word of God ought to be a priority in the heart and life of the child of God, and God’s help should be sought for such [verses 5, 18, 27, 33-36, 38, 133]. The Word of God is something that every child of God should desire [verses 20, 40, 131], meditate upon [verse 15, 23, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148], respect [verses 15, 161], show an eagerness for [verse 32], delight in [verses 16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 143, 174], proclaim [verses 13, 27, 46, 172], remember [verses 16, 83, 93, 109, 141, 153, 176], learn [verses 12, 33, 64, 68, 108, 124, 135], obey [verses 33, 34], seek [verse 45], trust [verse 42], hope in [verse 49, 81, 114], and to love [verses 97, 113,119, 127, 140, 159, 163, 167]. From this, we see that the Word of God ought to be an object of passion and enthusiasm! MAY WE ALWAYS EXALT THE WORD OF GOD!