

# Knowing God: Through Afflictions

Psalm 119:65-72

*A God-glorifying response to trial is a faith-filled pursuit of God.*

## **I. Acknowledge God's Purpose (vv. 65, 67, 71)**

“Affliction is not good in itself and does not usually seem good to us when we are enduring it, but it has a good purpose when God sends it, as he frequently does in the case of his cherished children.”<sup>1</sup>

## **II. Call for God's Help (vv. 66, 68)**

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<sup>1</sup> James Montgomery Boice, *Psalms: Volume 3*, p. 1006

### III. Treasure God's Word (vv. 69, 70, 72)

“I never had in all my life so great an inlet into the Word of God as now [in prison]. Those scriptures that I saw nothing in before were made in this place and state to shine upon me. Jesus Christ also was never more real and apparent than now. I have seen him and felt him indeed... I have had sweet sights of the forgiveness of my sins in this place, and of my being with Jesus in another world...”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> John Bunyan, quoted in John Piper, *The Hidden Smile of God*, p. 75