

## Learning from Affliction – Part 1

### Introduction

- Psalm 119 reveals that the word of God is to be central in life
- Psalm 119 reveals that the word of God is relevant in life
- Psalm 119 reveals that the word of God is valuable in life
- Psalm 119 reveals that the word of God is authoritative in life
- Psalm 119 reveals that teaching & learning the word of God is essential for life

### I. Principles of godly learning

#### A. Goals & objectives

*The goal of godly learning is to live according to the will/word of God (Ps. 86:11; 119:1, 9). Godly change is the objective of learning & the word of God is essential (2Tim. 3:16; Rom. 12:1-2; Mt. 22:37-40).*

#### B. Obstacles

*Knowledge is truth or factual information from God (Pr. 2:6). Seeking knowledge without God is vanity & sin (Gen. 3:1-5; Eccl. 1:16-18; 2Tim. 3:7). Increased learning is no guarantee of understanding truth (2Tim. 3:7). Stubborn people & rebels do not learn (Pr. 1:20-31).*

### II. Essentials of godly learning

#### A. Beginning

*One who learns from God must 1<sup>st</sup> become a learner or disciple (Jn. 3:3; 8:31-32; 13:35; 15:8). Understanding & wisdom must be humbly desired, sought & prayed for (Pr. 3:13-14; 4:5,7; Jas. 1:5).*

#### B. Progress

*Learning is the process of understanding & acting on knowledge gained through experience (Phil. 4:11-12). A good disciple reveals understanding by imitating what was taught (1Co. 11:1; Ps. 119:9). Growth & progress is expected from all disciples (2Pe 3:18).*