

## Study Questions on Psa 69:13-19

- v. 13a. What is “an acceptable time”?
- Do other texts talk about “an acceptable time”? (use center references or the Treasury of Scripture Knowledge, available in most Bible programs)
  - What other kind of time could there be? Cf. Isa 61:2.
- v. 13b. Upon what two characteristics of God's deliverance does the author rest his hope? Why are these important?
- v. 14-15. Explain the significance of the metaphors in these verses (“mire,” “deep waters,” “waterflood,” “deep”) from two points of view:
- Structurally (compare verses 1-2)
  - Symbolically (cf. Gen 1:2, 9-10; Rev 21:1; Isa 27:1)
- vv. 1-15. Distinguish three distinct themes that appear in verses
- 1a, 13-15
  - 1b-5, 7-12
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Which of these three themes appear in the next stanza, vv. 16-29? Which do not?

- v. 16. How is this verse similar to v. 1?
- How does the motive for the request go beyond that in v. 1?
  - Where was this motive introduced in vv. 1-15?
  - Use the Strong's Numbers in your Bible program to explore the difference in nuance between “lovingkindness” and “tender mercies”
- vv. 16-18. Meditate on the series of verbs describing what the Psalmist wants God to do.
- Can you distinguish a progression among them?
  - Look at the Strong's number for “redeem” in v.18. What does this word emphasize?
  - Look at the Strong's number and lexicon for “deliver” in v. 18. How is this word usually translated in the AV?
  - What is the difference in emphasis between these two words?
- v. 19. Mediate on the three synonyms.
- Can you detect any differences in their meanings?
  - What verse earlier in the psalm uses two of these words?
  - How does that usage explain the second half of v. 19?

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