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* **Praise God for the Word: Psalm 119:7, “At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules”.**
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