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113 I hate those who are double-minded,  
But I love Your law.  
114 You are my hiding place and my shield;  
I wait for Your word.  
115 Depart from me, evildoers,  
That I may observe the commandments of my God.  
116 Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live;  
And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.  
117 Uphold me that I may be safe,  
That I may have regard for Your statutes continually.  
118 You have rejected all those who wander from Your statutes,  
For their deceitfulness is useless.  
119 You have removed all the wicked of the earth like dross;  
Therefore I love Your testimonies.  
120 My flesh trembles for fear of You,  
And I am afraid of Your judgments.

113 סַעֲפִים שִׁנְאַתִּי וְתוֹרַתְךָ אֶהְבֵּתִי :  
114 סִתְרִי וּמִגְנִי אֶתָּה לְדַבְרֶךָ יִחְלַתִּי :  
115 סוּרוּ-מִמֶּנִּי מְרַעִים וְאַצְרֶה מִצְוֹת אֱלֹהֵי :  
116 סִמְכְנִי כְּאִמְרַתְךָ וְאַחִיּה וְאַל-תְּבִישְׁנִי מִשְׁבָּרֵי :  
117 סַעֲדֵנִי וְאוֹשָׁעָה וְאַשְׁעָה בְּחַקֶּיךָ תָּמִיד :  
118 סְלִית כָּל-שׁוֹגִים מַחֲפִיךָ כִּי-שָׁקַר תִּרְמִיתָם :  
119 סִגִּים הַשֶּׁבֶת כָּל-רְשָׁעֵי-אָרֶץ לְכֵן אֶהְבֵּתִי עֲדוֹתֶיךָ :  
120 סִמְר מִפְּחָדְךָ בְּשָׂרִי וּמִמְשַׁפְּטֶיךָ יִרְאַתִּי :

ס: Believers who pursue God’s Word will come into conflict with those who reject God’s Word.

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| <p>1. The samekh is a fulcrum or a support. The Lord truly provides a sustaining and upholding empowerment for those who occupy with God’s Word.</p> <p>2. The Psalmist hates false ways (ψ<sup>119</sup>104) and the double-minded (divided, half-hearted) adversaries who pursue those ways (ψ<sup>119</sup>113 cf. 1<sup>st</sup> Kgs. 18:21; Jer. 23:25-32; Jas. 1:8).</p> <p>3. The Psalmist depends on the Lord for his protection (ψ<sup>119</sup>114 cf. Ps. 32:7; 84:11; 91:1-2).</p> | <p>4. Evildoers are commanded to depart (ψ<sup>119</sup>115 cf. Ps. 6:8-10; 139:19-22; Mt. 7:23).</p> <p>5. The sustaining empowerment of God’s Word provides for a life without shame (ψ<sup>119</sup>116 cf. Ps. 37:16ff.; 51:12). The Lord’s sustaining ministry is fundamentally His interceding salvation ministry (Isa. 59:16; 63:5).</p> <p>6. The upholding empowerment of God’s Word produces a life of security (ψ<sup>119</sup>117 cf. Ps. 18:28-36).</p> | <p>7. God rejects (ψ<sup>119</sup>118) and removes (ψ<sup>119</sup>119) the wicked wanderers (cf. Ezek. 22:18-22; Mal. 3:2-3; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pet. 3:7,10,12). Abishag (my father is a wanderer) provides our proper name word study for this strophe.</p> <p>8. Victory in the angelic conflict should not prompt us to depart from the fear of the Lord (ψ<sup>119</sup>120 cf. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chr. 26:15-16; Prov. 28:13-14; Ecc. 12:13-14; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 10:12).</p> | <p>a. This is the fifth and final reference to the fear of the Lord in this Psalm (ψ<sup>119</sup>38,63,74,79,120).</p> <p>b. Godly fear (יִרְאָה yir’ah #3374) turns to godly dread (פָּחַד #6343) when the mature believer rightly esteems the consuming fire of our God (Heb. 12:28-29).</p> |
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