I hate those who are double-minded,  
But I love Your law.

You are my hiding place and my shield;  
I wait for Your word.

Depart from me, evildoers,  
That I may observe the commandments of my God.

Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live;  
And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

Uphold me that I may be safe,  
That I may have regard for Your statutes continually.

You have rejected all those who wander from Your statutes,  
For their deceitfulness is useless.

You have removed all the wicked of the earth like dross;  
Therefore I love Your testimonies.

My flesh trembles for fear of You,  
And I am afraid of Your judgments.

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

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.

2. The Psalmist hates false ways (ψ119104) and the double-minded (divided, half-hearted) adversaries who pursue those ways (ψ119113 cf. 1st Kgs. 18:21; Jer. 23:25-32; Jas. 1:8).

3. The Psalmist depends on the Lord for his protection (ψ119114 cf. Ps. 32:7; 84:11; 91:1-2).

4. Evildoers are commanded to depart (ψ119115 cf. Ps. 6:8-10; 139:19-22; Mt. 7:23).


7. God rejects (ψ119118) and removes (ψ119119) the wicked wanderers (cf. Ezek. 22:18-22; Mal. 3:2-3; 2nd Pet. 3:7,10,12). Abishag (my father is a wanderer) provides our proper name word study for this strophe.

8. Victory in the angelic conflict should not prompt us to depart from the fear of the Lord (ψ119120 cf. 2nd Chr. 26:15-16; Prov. 28:13-14; Ecc. 12:13-14; 1st Cor. 10:12).

a. This is the fifth and final reference to the fear of the Lord in this Psalm (ψ11938,63,74,79,120).

b. Godly fear (יִרְאָה yir’ah #3374) turns to godly dread (פַּחַד pachad #6343) when the mature believer rightly esteems the consuming fire of our God (Heb. 12:28-29).