

Psalm 119:113-128

Open It:

1. Did you have a favorite hiding place as a child? Do you have a favorite hiding place today?

The God the psalmist knew so well through His Word became a refuge in troubled times. The hope he had in the Word of God was not initiated by mere academic or intellectual knowledge; it was founded on a relationship with and security in God Himself. He viewed God as his hiding place and as a shield.

Explore It:

Read Psalm 119:113-120 *Samekh*

2. The psalmist uses the word "hate." Who does he hate? Who are the double-minded people (James 1:6-8, 4:8)? Why does the Psalmist have such a strong feeling towards the double-minded (Joshua 24:15, Luke 11:23)?
3. What attributes of God is the psalmist leaning on? What does he mean?
4. "Away from me, evildoers" doesn't sound very Christian. What is the psalmist saying?
5. What does the Psalmist ask God to do for him?
6. What is hope?

7. There are those who walk with God and those who don't. What does the Psalmist say about those who don't follow God's path? What labels does the psalmist use to describe them?
8. What will happen to them?
9. What does it mean to fear the Lord? To stand in awe of His laws?

Read Psalm 119:121-128 *Ayin*

10. What is the psalmist asking the Lord to do for him?
11. The psalmist uses the word oppress twice. What does oppress mean? Have you ever been oppressed?
12. How does the psalmist ask the Lord to deal with him?
13. What has the Psalmist been seeking and waiting for?
14. What 3 things does the Psalmist know he needs?

15. What does the psalmist ask God to do (almost demand)? Why would he do this? Is it okay to ask God to act?

Apply It:

16. Are you a double-minded person? What areas in your life do you demonstrate double mindedness?

17. Do you turn to God to be your refuge and shield? To whom or what do you turn?

18. Do you truly fear the Lord and stand in awe in His Word?

19. Does your heart break over God's law being broken?

20. Do you love God's Word? Do you value it as a treasure? How can you treasure it more?

Homework:

Commentator David Dickson wrote, *"The godly and the wicked live together in the visible church, as dross and good metal; but God, who is the purger of his church, will not fail by diversity of trials and judgments to put difference between them, and at last will make a perfect separation of them, and cast away the wicked as refuse."* Read Matthew 13:24-52 for further insight.

"God's word is more enriching than gold, more comforting than wealth, and more precious than earthly treasure." Daniel L. Akin