

Psalm 119

A Verse-by-Verse Study SCHIN (Fire and Transformation)

- **Shin, the 21st Hebrew letter is the letter of fire and transformation. Shin literally means tooth and its shape is 3 branches of flame. These are the 3 pillars of the tree of life, reaching high like flames, purifying and changing the condition of our lives, teaching us to become aligned with the Creator.**

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

- What resolve do you possess when it comes to walking after the Spirit and the Word?
 - Does what people say make you pause your walk?
 - What level of dignitary would be able to convince you that your faith is irrelevant?
- What gives our Psalmist such resolve?
 - They have experienced a lot on and from both sides
 - They have found something to hold onto
 - They have an AWE of the Word of God
- Do we have an awe of the Word?
 - Do we feel inadequate to hear it yet long to?
 - Do we feel the need for it to maintain life?
 - Have we witnessed the transformational power of the Word in our own life?
 - What does it take for us to stop being in awe and become apathetic?

162 I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

- Have you ever treasured something in this life?
 - Do you know what spoil is?
 - To plunder; to strip by violence; to rob; with of; as, to spoil one of his goods or possessions.
 - To seize by violence; to take by force; as, to spoil ones goods.
 - What we treasure in life is not really in our grasp
 - Yet we hold onto it, protect it, even fight for it
 - If we ever enjoy real treasure in life, we will have to fight for it
 - If we are in Awe of God's Word, we should desire to have it
 - This means the enemy, our flesh, must be beaten, defeated, destroyed
 - Then we can rejoice in the victory thru God's Word
 - Then we can rejoice in the spoils
 - Now the things we treasure are blessings from God that no man can take away
 - We sadly can give them away when we lose our awe and become apathetic once again

163 I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy law do I love.

- Do you really see yourself as your own worst enemy?
 - If we do not have a disdain for sin it is because we have no awe of God
 - **Jeremiah 17:9** The heart is deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
 - **Romans 12:9** Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

- **Ephesians 4:25** Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.
- **Proverbs 6:16** These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him:
 - 17** A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
 - 18** An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
 - 19** A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.
- Want to know a good way to keep lies out of your lips?

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.

- Has God been good to you?
 - Then praise Him...all day...many times in the day...throughout the day
 - Lips of praise no lies will raise!

165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

- First, let's define offend
 - To displease; to make angry; to affront.
 - To shock; to wound; as, to offend the conscience.
 - To pain; to annoy; to injure; as, a strong light offends weak eyes.
 - To transgress; to violate; as, to offend the laws.
 - To disturb, annoy, or cause to fall or stumble.
- Now let's define peace as it pertains to the fruit of the Spirit

- A great calm in the midst of life's storm, tribulation, or trial, knowing that God is the God of Peace
- Now let's define God's Law
 - The Word of God
 - What is Right and Just
- Now let's define love also as pertains to the fruit of the Spirit
 - The willing sacrificial giving of oneself for the benefit of another without thought of return
 - We are commanded to love God and others...right?
- Now let's re-write this verse
 - People who are sacrificially giving themselves over the Word of God because they want to love God with their obedience will have a great calm in any circumstance, hard time, or situation where someone is trying to harm them or do emotional or physical damage and they don't allow this moment to keep them from showing the love of God as that would cause them to be in contradiction to God's Commands therefor make them to be in sin.

166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

- These three versus are to me a cry of mercy
 - Our Psalmist is trying to let God's Word transform their lives in the fires of the hard times
 - When we do this the fire can seem hot and long

- We then might cry out as if to say, “God, I am really trying here, You know more than anyone, could I get another dose of love, joy, and peace?”
- It is important that we understand that...
 - We are in a battle
 - We are not to give our awe up for apathy
 - Spoils can only be rejoiced in when we join the fight
 - Victory is in God’s hands and has been promised to us
 - So take great comfort in God’ Presence and Power though His Word
 - Not allowing anyone or anything to make us stop
 - That is the great offense
 - The fires of transformation are hot but the spoils are something worth the fight