

# Psalm 119

## A Verse-by-Verse Study

### SAMECH: (To Lean Upon-To Uphold-To Support)

SAMECH at its root is what would happen with a sacrifice was brought to the Temple. The priest would SAMECH or place his hand upon the sacrifice as the sins were placed upon the sacrifice

**113** I hate *vain* thoughts: but thy law do I love.

- If ever we will have success in our walk with Christ...
  - We must have a disdain for sin and self
  - We must understand that we cannot live in that disdain or condemnation
  - As that our sins and our self has been placed on the Lamb of Sacrifice
  - He is the fulfilment of the Law
  - He is the object of our love
- Christ said, "If you love me, keep my commandments"
  - This means we love Him and we love others

**114** Thou *art* my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

- Oh that we would see the **refuge, shield, & hope** that is Christ Jesus
  - **He is our Safe Place**
  - **Psalm 32:7** Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

- **Psalm 91:1** He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
**2** I will say of the LORD, *He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*
- **He is our Shield (Protection)**
  - **Psalm 3:3** But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
  - **Psalm 84:11** For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.
- **He is our Hope**
  - **Psalm 130:5** I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.  
**6** My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: *I say, more than* they that watch for the morning.

**115** Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

- Who we associate with will have a direct effect on who we are
  - **1Corinthians 15:33** Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.
  - **1Corinthians 5:6** Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?
  - **Proverbs 13:20** He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.
- We would be wise to understand who our closest enemy is
  - **1John 3:1** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the

sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

**2** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

**3** And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

**4** Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

**5** And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

**6** Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

**7** Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

**8** He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

**9** Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

**10** In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

- With that knowledge we MUST yield to the Perfect side of ourselves given us by God our Father

- **John 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments.

- **John 15:9** As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.  
**10** If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

**116** Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

**117** Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

- We have called this chapter of Psalm “The Book about the Book” ...there is a reason!
  - We need God’s Word and the Psalmist points this out MANY times
  - I believe many Christians suffer from a feeling of defeat or are in some form of depression because they have forsaken God’s Word
- Christ’s desire is that we are free from ALL forms of Bondage!
  - **John 8:31** Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*  
**32** *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*
  - Our response to this is usually, “I am not in bondage”
    - **John 8:33** They answered him, “We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?”
    - To which Christ's reply is...

**34** Jesus answered them, “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.*”

**35** *And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.*

**36** *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”*

- Our Desire must be to allow God’s Word to give us strength and Power!
  - **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.  
**17** For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

**118** Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit *is* falsehood.

**119** Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross: therefore I love thy testimonies.

- **God is not letting anything go unnoticed**
  - **Galatians 6:7** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.  
**8** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
  - It is our love for Him that produces our obedience

**120** My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments.

- The Fear of the Lord is a very important thing to understand
  - **Psalms 19:9** The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
  - **Psalms 111:10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth forever.
  - **Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.
  - **Proverbs 8:13** The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.
  - **Proverbs 10:27** The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
  - **Proverbs 14:26** In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.
  - **Proverbs 14:27** The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
  - **Proverbs 16:6** By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.
- It is our fear of the Lord that should make us more like Christ
- We must know that when we don't fear Him...
  - **Hebrews 10:26** For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,  
**27** But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

**28** He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

**29** Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

**30** For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

**31** *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.