

# Psalm 119

## A Verse-by-Verse Study **AYIN** (To Understand & Obey)

The word Ayin (pronounced “ah-yeen”) means “eye” or “to see”. And by extension (the deeper concept of its meaning) it means to understand and obey. It is also a silent letter, for it “sees” and doesn’t speak, to which some scholars say this letter reveals an attitude of humility. But it can also represent hidden motives of the heart, such as fostering idolatry or envy within.

**Psalm 119:121 AIN.** I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

- Doing right is difficult enough without the presence of oppression
- There are different types of oppression
  - It could be outside oppression such as...
    - Your spouse
    - Your parents
    - Your neighbor
    - Your colleague
    - Your friends
  - It could be spiritual oppression such as Satan and/or his minions
  - It could be internal oppression such as...
    - Your emotions
    - Your past
    - Your sin nature
- The existence of oppression does not leave us to our own devices nor render us defeated

- **Romans 6:14** For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
- **Romans 8:31** What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?  
**32** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?  
**33** Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.  
**34** Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.  
**35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?  
**36** As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.  
**37** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

**122** Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

- Knowing that Sin, Satan, and Self are defeated...
  - Ask the Lord to be what He has promised to be
    - Surety is a place of safety and certainty, it is secure
    - **God is our Refuge – Psalm 9:9** The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.
    - **God is our Strong Tower - Proverbs 18:10** The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe.

- **God is our Deliverer - Psalm 18:2** The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.
  - 3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.
- We do not ask because He won't be these things until we do
- We ask because it helps us realize His Promises to be our Surety

**123** Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

- AYIN's meaning of "eye" or to "see" and to come to understand & obey is now requested by our Psalmist
  - They are on the struggle bus in the moment of oppression
  - This is a common thing for ALL of God's Children
  - Being on the struggle bus is one thing, staying on there is another
  - When it seems His Word is not speaking
  - When it feels like salvation is too weak
  - Ask God to open your eyes
    - **Psalm 119:18** Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

**124** Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy and teach me thy statutes.

- Praise God for His Mercy and Grace!
  - God Will keep His Word

- God will be the things He has promised to be
- God will not withhold anything that is good from His children
  - **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.
- We simply must choose to be in a place to receive His promises
  - So, we look to His Word regardless of and oppression
  - We trust in His Word regardless of what we see
  - We walk in His Word regardless of how we feel

**125** *I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.*

- This is our Psalmist Realization of what is Real and True
  - He is God's Servant
  - God will give him understanding
  - He will walk in God's Word and Spirit
  - This will show a life that speaks of God

**126** *It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.*

**127** *Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.*

**128** *Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.*

- Our Psalmist eyes are open, his understanding secure
  - He will allow God's Works (grace) to uphold him

- He will not allow other's bad choices or beliefs to sway him
- Riches will not sway him, no matter how enticing
- His life is in service to his God and he will reject whatever would be contradictory to the Word of His God