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Psalm 119:121-128 *Ayin*

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It is fitting that the greatest tribute to the Word of God is IN the Word of God, itself, and is in the longest chapter of the Word of God! This Psalm has no author's name, historical incident, or other distraction from its theme. It is divided into 22 sections (one for every letter in the Hebrew alphabet), each consisting of 8 lines, each line beginning with the alphabet letter of that section (*aleph* is the first letter of each line under the *aleph* section, for instance). The chapter uses some eight to ten different words to describe the Word of God, each bringing something extra to the total picture of the Word of Truth. In order to savor the depth and richness of teaching in this Psalm, we will examine each portion as if it were its own chapter.



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Justice In The Word

Verses 121-123 describe a righteous person before God;
Verses 124-125 make a request of God;
Verse 126 asks God to help with the godless;
Verses 127-128 mention good things God's Word does for the obedient.

Verses 121-123: (**Verse 121**) Keeping covenant with God, man's part is not a statement from pride ([Luke 18:9-14](#)), but from a clear conscience ([1 John 3:21](#)), and asks God to keep His part: not to abandon the obedient among "oppressors;" (**Verse 122**) guarantee His "servant's" goodness; relief from the oppression of the "proud." (**Verse 123**) Mention is made of a servant's diligence with tired eyes searching God's "righteous word" (statements which make clear what God expects).

Verse 124-125: (**Verse 124**) Obedience to God justly brings the hope of "mercy" in one willing to be taught God's "statutes" (words that trace around to make clear). (**Verse 125**) A "servant" of God will be given "understanding" (insight, comprehension) "to know" God's "testimonies" (proof of His good character). "Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things" ([2 Timothy 2:7](#)). "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life" ([1 John 5:20](#)).

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Verse 126: (Verse 126) The “proud” are those who think God’s “law” (words that make a straight path) is empty of force. Maybe God will choose to do something promptly that turns the godless back to the Bible.

Verses 127-128: (Verse 127) Because of the straight path, clear law, hopeful promises, and God’s character, His “commandments” (words authorizing or forbidding conduct) deserve: our greatest bond (“love”), our highest esteem (“more than fine gold”), and **(Verse 128)** our purest judgment (“all *Your* precepts *concerning* all *things* I consider *to be* right”). We, therefore, accept God’s justice and “hate every false way.” God’s command to “Hate evil, love good” (**Amos 5:15**) is repeated for Christians in **Romans 12:9**: “Let love *be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.” Thanks to God and His Word, there is no confusion, as to which is which!

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