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Psalm 119 (NKJV) – *Life According to Your Word - Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God.*
Read vv.113-128 (Samekh and Ayin)

Introduction: Psalm 119 is an example of an “alphabetic acrostic psalm.” Each stanza—made up of 8 verses—begins each line with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet. For verses 1–8, every line begins with the letter “aleph,” the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet. For verses 9–16, every line begins with the letter “Beth,” the second letter in the Hebrew alphabet. The psalm follows this structure for all twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet. This style of poetry was often utilized to help with effective memorization. Psalm 119 is a shadow of what has come in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Re-read, Review and Reflect:

1. List the words and verse found for God’s Law in this text that we discussed in our opening introduction. (i.e., statutes, law)
2. What does it mean to be “double-minded”? Can you think of a time when you have been doubled minded?
3. How is God your refuge (hiding place) and shield?
4. What is spiritual discernment?
5. Rewrite Samekh and/or Ayin in your own words.

Live it out:

- **Pray:** Set aside time this week to pray and ask God to teach you how to delight in God’s Word. Incorporate verses **Ps 119:113-128** into your prayers this week.
- **Memorize:** Select 2–3 verses from the text we studied this week that encourage you to delight in God’s word.
- **Journal:** Sometime this week, sit down and write about what it means to have a relationship and fellowship with God.

▮ **SAMEK:** ¹¹³ I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law. ¹¹⁴ You *are* my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word. ¹¹⁵ Depart from me, you evildoers, For I will keep the commandments of my God! ¹¹⁶ Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope. ¹¹⁷ Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually. ¹¹⁸ You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, For their deceit *is* falsehood. ¹¹⁹ You put away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross; Therefore I love Your testimonies. ¹²⁰ My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments.

▮ **AYIN:** ¹²¹ I have done justice and righteousness; Do not leave me to my oppressors. ¹²² Be surety for Your servant for good; Do not let the proud oppress me. ¹²³ My eyes fail *from seeking* Your salvation And Your righteous word. ¹²⁴ Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, And teach me Your statutes. ¹²⁵ I *am* Your servant; Give me understanding, That I may know Your testimonies. ¹²⁶ *It is* time for *You* to act, O LORD, *For* they have regarded Your law as void. ¹²⁷ Therefore I love Your commandments More than gold, yes, than fine gold! ¹²⁸ Therefore all *Your* precepts *concerning* all *things* I consider *to be* right; I hate every false way.