

The Trust of the Blessed

This 15th stanza of the 119th Psalm is headed by the Hebrew letter *Samech*. This is the second of several distinct “s” letters in the Hebrew alphabet. The others are *zayin* (v. 49-56), *samech* (v. 113-120), *tzaddi* (v. 137-144), and *schin* (v. 161-168). The failure to enunciate these syllables correctly was on at least one occasion a _____ mistake (Jud. 12.1-6).

The letter *samech* is also used as a word *samech*. When used as a verb, it means to _____ up or take _____ of (v. 116).

In this section, there is a contrast between the evil that was pressing sorely upon David, and the _____ of Truth—the Word of God. Truly, David describes the presence of God in terms of great safety: my _____ place (v. 114) and my _____ (v. 114). In this oppressive time, David was trusting the Word of God to _____ him (v.116).

1) **The Whims of Men vs the _____ of Truth** (v. 113-114) - David exclaims his utter _____ for the vain thoughts that permeate the _____. These “vain thoughts” produced _____ that caused men to halt in pursuit of the Truth. Therefore, they had no source of sure hope. Like the d_____ minded man (James 1.8), they had no _____ at all. The blowing winds of false confidence caused them to place their hope in _____ greatness -only to be _____. David would place his hope in “Thy Word” (v. 115). This hope was seen as a _____ place (a place of refuge) and _____ (Eph. 6.16). He would not need to wonder where his _____ would come.

2) **The Waywardness of Men vs the _____ of Truth** (v.115) - A great hindrance in the life of any believer is the _____ with which we _____. David proclaims boldly, DEPART! These _____ (of all sorts), if embraced, will _____ the heart of the child of God. David realized that he would either accept the _____ of man or the commandments of God - BOTH could not be _____. Many warnings are given throughout Scripture about the influence of the evildoer.

- _____ System— I John 2.15
- False _____—Jude 1.4
- _____ Associates— Prov. 1.10, I Cor. 15.33
- Pursuit of _____— I Tim. 6.9

If the child of God would escape, they must _____ the evil one and his helpers steadfastly in the faith (I Pet. 5.9)

3) **The Wantonness of Men vs the _____ of Truth** (v. 116-119) - The Psalmist prays that God would “uphold me” and then declares “hold thou me up.” He recognizes that the only substance of truth is the Word of God. It alone produces _____, _____, and _____. Men in their wickedness embrace the _____ of the human mind. They will be trodden down. Their lying deceit will be made fully manifested. In that day, they will be put away like worthless _____. Then shall the believer have their final rest in Him.

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye are all become _____, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. (20) As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you. (Ezek. 22.19-20)

4) **The Wretchedness of Men vs the _____ of Truth** (v. 120) - Reflecting upon these things, David is gripped by the _____ of God. He trembles in _____ and is _____. At a glimpse of the holy sovereignty of God which _____ sinner shall stand before, David expressed fear because of the _____ of God. Equally, he was afraid because of the _____ in the Word of God. He is not terrified that he will be caught in judgment, but he is horrified that it will fall on ALL the unjust (II Cor. 5.11).

The understanding of man is _____ (Eph. 6.18) and calls _____ things truth. Yet, the believer who possesses the Word of God has the very _____ of Christ (I Cor. 2.7-16). As such, we must _____ trust His Word with _____ our heart, and _____ not unto our own understanding (Prov. 3.5-6).