



WINTER CHALLENGE
DECEMBER 2024
PSALM ONE NINETEEN

DAY 21

VERSE: **⚡** Sin and Shin

Princes persecute me without cause,
But my heart stands in [reverent] awe of Your words [so I can expect You to help me].

162 I rejoice at Your word,
As one who finds great treasure.

163 I hate and detest falsehood,
But I love Your law.

164 [e]Seven times a day I praise You,
Because of Your righteous ordinances.

165 Those who love Your law have great peace;
Nothing makes them stumble.

166 I hope *and* wait [with complete confidence] for Your salvation, O Lord,
And I do Your commandments.

167 My soul keeps Your testimonies [hearing and accepting and obeying them];
I love them greatly.

168 I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,
For all my ways are [fully known] before You.





The Peace of God; Jesus Prince of Peace

“The Gift of Peace”

Judges 6/ Philippians 4:4-9/

John 14:27; 16:32-33/

Colossians 1:19-20; 3:15-17

THEME

INSIGHTS

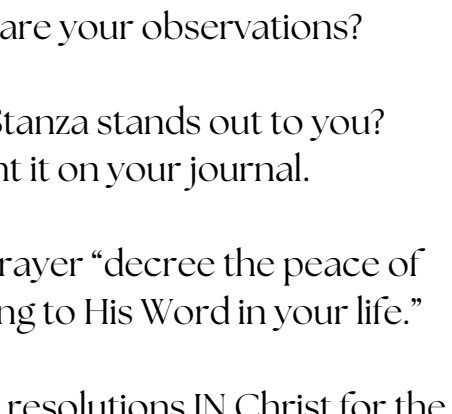
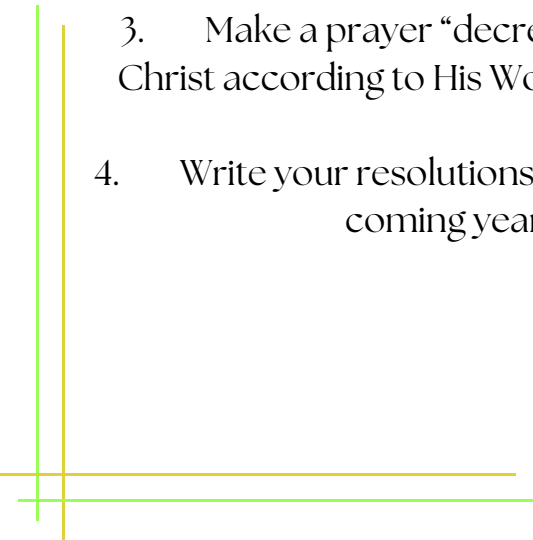
In this stanza (Sin and Shin), the Poet gives an insight to part of his affliction. People in authority, with power and influence are oppressing him without reason. It appears they hold personal vendetta against him that is unjust.

Yet his heart has a place of rest, in the fear and wonder of God’s Word. He expresses his delight in God’s Word in comparison to grand wealth/fortune. The Poet has deep feelings of contempt for deception and acknowledges his love for God’s Word which is Truth. His daily devotions to God are done endlessly ‘regular and constant’ since His Word is righteous. Thus, he asserts that Great peace is the fruit experienced by those who love God’s Word. The result is that this people are stable and secure; do not fall away or become apostate.

He then conveys a greater source of strength and comfort; his complete confidence and expectation of future deliverance for he executes God’s Word. The Poet’s exceedingly love for God’s Word motivates him to walk in obedience.

Finally, he declares the culmination of his obedience to God’s Word. For he knows that God is watching all his actions and motives ‘*For all my ways are [fully known] before You.*’ He is keeping a keen eye so that he can be rewarded in the end [Revelation 22:12].

The Poet is secure in God’s Word with God’s presence. Consequently, he is experiencing Great Peace despite the dangers faced from those who are persecuting him [Psalm 4:8].

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1. What are your observations?
 2. What Stanza stands out to you?
Highlight it on your journal.
 3. Make a prayer “decree the peace of Christ according to His Word in your life.”
 4. Write your resolutions IN Christ for the coming year
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CHALLENGE

INSPIRATION QUOTE

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So long as we are occupied with any other object than God Himself, there will be neither rest for the heart nor peace for the mind. But when we receive all that enters our lives as from His hand, then, no matter what may be our circumstances or surroundings--whether in a hovel or prison-dungeon, or at a martyr's stake--we shall be enabled to say, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places" (Psalm 16:6). But that is the language of faith, not of sight nor of sense.

A.W. Pink

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