



WINTER CHALLENGE
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PSALM ONE NINETEEN

DAY 15

VERSE: **ו** Samekh

I hate those who are double-minded,
But I love *and* treasure Your law.

114 You are my hiding place and my shield;
I wait for Your word.

115 Leave me, you evildoers,
That I may keep the commandments of my God [honoring and obeying them].

116 Uphold me according to Your word [of promise], so that I may live;
And do not let me be ashamed of my hope [in Your great goodness].

117 Uphold me that I may be safe,
That I may have regard for Your statutes continually.

118 You have turned Your back on all those who wander from Your statutes,
For their deceitfulness is useless.

119 You have removed all the wicked of the earth like dross [for they have no value];
Therefore I love Your testimonies.

120 My flesh trembles in [reverent] fear of You,
And I am afraid *and* in awe of Your judgments



THEME

Children of Light

- 1 Thessalonians 5,
Ephesians 5:1-21



INSIGHTS

The Poet begins this stanza (Samekh) by stating his extreme dislike for *double-minded people*, he loathes them. And as James 1:6-8 describes them: double-minded people are those who doubt God, *like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind* they tend to be unstable in all they do. He despises the double-minded because his second phrase indicates that their hearts are not entirely with God. They lack a passion for the Word of God thereby easily swayed by the ways of the World. He on the other hand loves and treasure God's law and as observed through other Stanzas his life is centred on it.

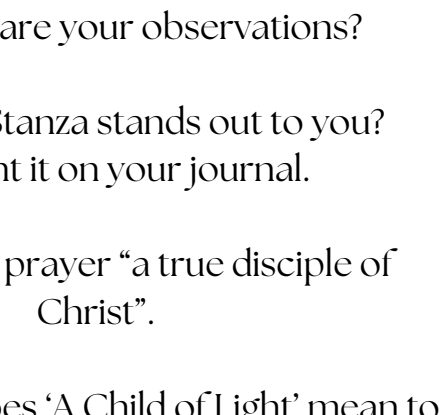
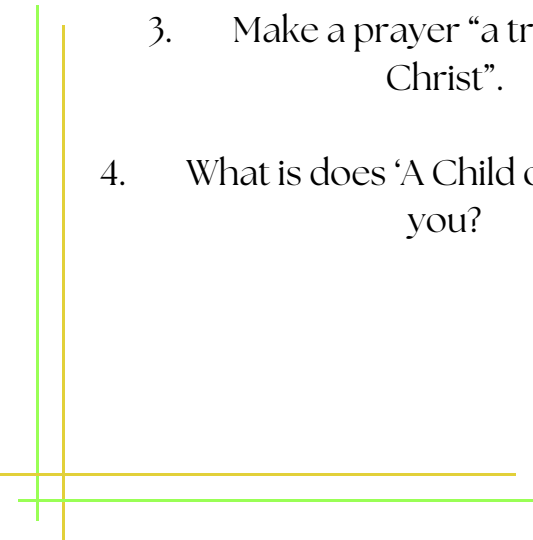
He continues to voice his trust in the the support and protection God gives; safekeeping (secret safe place and free from conflict, in difficult times and the peace of His presence) and safeguarding (defence in face of a battle or attacks of the enemy) [Ephesians 6:16, Psalm 32:7]. His hope is still in the promises God gives through His Word [Isaiah 40:31]. Consequently, as one who trusts in God, he conveys an indignation (righteous) against those who would influence him away from his commitment to God; he has taken a bold stand [Psalm 1].

Once again, The Poet trusts in God's faithfulness and goodness; he conveys a safe and steadfast hope in his promises through his Word [Hebrews 6:19]. He then makes a plea for empowerment that God to strengthen him to live a consistent life of faith [Zechariah 4:6]. He acknowledges that God's power to uphold him brings security and the opportunity to witness to God through his obedience, his dependence upon God. Additionally, he also expresses his understanding that his life and its value as a witness to God rests entirely upon the sustaining power of God [John 15:5].

Nonetheless, emphasizes God's judgement against those who turn away from his Word and exposes their faithless character. They expect God's blessing, yet they reside their lives in perpetual disobedience. God has rejected them for deceit marks their life choices and decisions.

For this reason, he regards God's perfect judgment; complete righteousness and justice will eliminate the wicked (the unrepentant) [Matthew 3:11-12]. In contrast to him who loves God's testimonies and promises, his present and future blessings.

As he concludes, he states a vivid sense of the Omnipotence and holiness of God. He has righteous fear towards God's judgment and exercises reverence towards God's Word [Proverbs 9:10-12].

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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 “a true disciple of Christ”.
 4. What is does ‘A Child of Light’ mean to you?
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CHALLENGE

INSPIRATION QUOTE

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Our spiritual reality is already determined. We are alive, risen, and seated with Christ in the heavenly places. We are children of light. Do not be deceived into looking lightly upon these truths. Embrace them. Claim them. Live them. Teach them to your children. Proclaim them on the rooftops. Endeavor to pursue godliness and being a child of God with a full heart. ...The blood of Christ purchased our right to be called a child of light.

-Allen Burns

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