

## Fact Sheet for “ע Ayin”

### Psalm 119:121-128

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Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm, is poetry, is an acrostic of the Hebrew alphabet, and has many synonyms for the Word of God, most of which are used in each section of the Psalm.

<sup>KJV</sup> **Psalm 119:105** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

“word” – (דְּבַר) **davar** - Any word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord – including the Scripture.

<sup>ESV</sup> <sup>121</sup> **I have done what is just and right;  
do not leave me to my oppressors.**

“right” – (מִשְׁפָּט) **mishpat** – Judgment (authoritative legal decision) given by the supreme judge, God Himself.

<sup>122</sup> **Give your servant a pledge of good;  
let not the insolent oppress me.**

<sup>123</sup> **My eyes long for your salvation  
and for the fulfillment of your righteous  
promise.**

“promise” – (אִמְרָה) **imrah** – “utterance, speech, word”  
God said it. His word is His bond.

<sup>124</sup> **Deal with your servant according to your steadfast  
love,  
and teach me your statutes.**

“statutes” – (חֻק) **hoque** – This word has the sense of a boundary or limit. God’s statutes give the proper limits of our behavior.

<sup>125</sup> **I am your servant; give me understanding,  
that I may know your testimonies!**

“testimonies” – (עֵדוּת) **eidot** - This word comes from the word for “witness” or “testify.” It occurs in the phrases “the two tablets of the Testimony” (Exodus 31:18) and “the ark of the Testimony” (Exodus 25:22).

<sup>126</sup> **It is time for the LORD to act,  
for your law has been broken.**

“law” – (תּוֹרָה) *torah* –

Narrow meaning: Torah of Moses, Pentateuch.

Broad meaning: Any instruction flowing from the revelation of God as the basis for life and action.

<sup>127</sup> **Therefore I love your commandments  
above gold, above fine gold.**

“commandments” – (מִצְוָה) *mitzvah* - Anything that the Lord has ordered.

<sup>128</sup> **Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right;  
I hate every false way.**

“precepts” – (פְּקוּדִים) *piqqudim* – Instructions, directions, orders

In every aspect this is a carefully and beautifully written Psalm.

Do you appreciate this Psalm? Do you value this Psalm? Do you believe this Psalm?  
Is this Psalm for us from God Himself?

But there is a problem.

Illustration: \_\_\_\_\_

Here are two passages that have had a huge impact on me... Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1.  
Both of these speak of a very personal commitment to follow what God says.

This is why we need to have daily personal devotions.

This is why church is important.

This is why fellowship is important.

How much do you really value God's Word?