

Psalm 119:121-128 || Ep. 936 – Eyes that Long for God

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As you listen to this episode, follow along in your Bible and use this cloze activity to help you focus and retain the concepts. **Instructions:** Fill in the blanks using the first letter provided. Reflect on the meaning of each phrase as you complete the activity.

1. Psalm 119:121-128 is focused on the Hebrew letter "a_____."
2. The letter "ayin" means "e_____" and by extension, it also means to "s__" and "o_____."
3. The psalmist expresses confidence in saying, "I have done what is j_____ and r_____."
4. In Psalm 119:123, the psalmist's "e_____" long for God's salvation and the fulfillment of His righteous promise.
5. The psalmist asks God to "d___ with your servant according to your steadfast l_____."
6. The concept of "t_____" in this Psalm refers to something already proven to be true by God's actions.
7. The psalmist approaches God with an expectation that God will a___ according to His promises.
8. The psalmist considers all of God's precepts to be r_____ and hates every false way.
9. As we study the Bible, we are encouraged to approach it with b_____ and confidence in God's promises.
10. The psalmist longs for God's salvation and says, "It is t___ for the Lord to act."

1. ayin
2. eyes, see, obey
3. just, right
4. eyes
5. deal, love
6. testimonies
7. act
8. right
9. boldness
10. time

Answer Key:

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Study Guide: Dwelling Richly in Psalm 119:121-128

Day 1: Understanding "Ayin" and Its Significance

| *Focus: Psalm 119:121-123*

Read:

- Psalm 119:121-123: "I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors. Give your servant a pledge of good; let not the insolent oppress me. My eyes long for your salvation and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise."

Meditate:

- Reflect on the Hebrew letter "ayin," which means "eyes" and extends to seeing, understanding, and obeying. How does this deepen your understanding of these verses?

Questions for Reflection:

1. How does the concept of "ayin" change the way you view your relationship with God and His Word?
2. In what ways can you relate to the psalmist's longing for God's salvation and His righteous promises?

Application:

- Today, commit to seeing your circumstances through the lens of God's promises. Write down one area of your life where you need to trust God's righteous promise and pray for His guidance.

Prayer:

- Ask God to help you see His will clearly and to give you the strength to obey His Word, trusting that He will act on your behalf.

Day 2: Approaching God with Confidence and Expectation

| *Focus: Psalm 119:124-126*

Read:

- Psalm 119:124-126: "Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes. I am your servant; give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies. It is time for the Lord to act, for your law has been broken."

Meditate:

- Consider the psalmist's confidence in approaching God. Reflect on the idea of coming to God with boldness and expectation, knowing that He will act according to His steadfast love.

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Questions for Reflection:

1. How can you cultivate a heart that expects God to act in your life?

2. What does it mean to you that God's "steadfast love" is the basis for His actions?

Application:

- Identify an area of your life where you need to approach God with more confidence. Write a prayer expressing your trust in His steadfast love and your expectation for Him to act.

Prayer:

- Thank God for His steadfast love and ask Him to give you the boldness to come to Him with your needs and expectations, trusting fully in His character.

Day 3: Loving God's Precepts and Hating False Ways

| *Focus: Psalm 119:127-128*

Read:

- Psalm 119:127-128: "Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold. Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way."

Meditate:

- Reflect on the psalmist's deep love for God's commandments and his rejection of anything that contradicts them. How can you develop a similar love for God's Word?

Questions for Reflection:

1. What are the "false ways" in your life that you need to reject in order to love God's commandments more fully?

2. How does valuing God's Word above all else change your perspective and priorities?

Application:

- Choose a specific commandment or principle from God's Word that you want to focus on loving and living out more fully. Make a plan to implement this in your life today.

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Prayer:

- Ask God to help you develop a deeper love for His Word, and the strength to reject anything that stands against His truth. Pray for discernment to recognize and avoid false ways.

Final Reflection:

- Over the past three days, how has your understanding of Psalm 119:121-128 deepened? What steps will you continue to take to dwell richly in God's Word and apply these principles to your life?