

Psalm 119 • Aleph, Beth & Gimel (#1-3)

1. Aleph (א): **My Way is His Way** (v.1-8) The way by which to walk “**blameless**” in Christ is to put into practice His ways as specified by His **Word**. This will not only be evident in our personal relationship with **Him**, but reflected in our visible behavior and witness to **others**.
2. Beth (ב): **Staying & Not Straying** (v.9-16) **Obedience** to God’s Word is the remedy for both wandering from God’s **path** and preventing the allowance of the inevitable pollution of **sin**.
3. Gimel (ג): **The Earthly vs. the Heavenly** (v.17-24) We should not be living as an **earthly** resident following its ways and listening to its **messengers**, but as “a **stranger** in the earth” who in all things regards God’s Word as “my **counselors**”.

For Small Group Leaders to summarize these three lessons:

Overall Application

Q: What do these three teachings have in common?

A: We not only no longer live for our self, but neither do we live by the world’s standards.

Q: How do we know what standards to pursue?

A: God’s Word.

Application: *How well do you realize that your personal struggles in your Christian walk may be related to how you handle God’s Word? How might the Word be able to deal with such issues? Discuss how this works for...*

- We go to the Word to maintain a “**blameless**” walk both with Christ and others.
- We go to the Word to prevent our **wandering** and allowance of **sin**.
- We go to the Word as our personal guidance **counselor**.