

Psalm 119 • Ayin, Pe & Tsadhe (#16-18)

1. (v.121-128) Ayin (א): ***I Am Your Servant***. When a believer is actively **opposed** by others, the right response is to run back to God's Word. Even when completely justified by one's personal obedience so as to be the total **innocent victim** of oppression, it is not only left up to God to act according to His **will**, but seen as yet another opportunity to gain greater personal **insight** into His Word and ways.
2. (v.129-136) Pe (פ): ***The Power of the Name***. A personal relationship characterized by biblical **love** with Christ is not just defined by our deep emotional and spiritual **attachment** to Christ personally, but it results in our deep **concern** for others who are not experiencing the same. We understand that it is not just the eternal **consequences** they will experience in the next life, but the **benefits** and **blessings** they are foregoing in this one.
3. (v.137-144) Tsadhe (צ): ***The True Working of Righteousness***. No situation abrogates not just the **requirements**, but the greater personal **need**, for obedience to God's Word and ways. This is the working of **righteousness** where the believer is concerned.

For Small Group Leaders to summarize these three lessons:

Overall Application

Q: In whom is the Word working in these three examples?

A: The primary conduit is the believer, but if applied correctly, it works through them in others, in this case both the unsaved and even outright personal enemies.

Q: So what is the visible evidence of the working of righteousness in the individual believer?

A: The world—that is, others—will be treated in accordance with God's Word and ways.

Application: The proof that we are obedient to God's Word **internally** is clearly revealed by our treatment of others **externally**.