



## SAMECH

- 113** I **hate** double-minded **people**,  
but I **love** your law.
- 114** **You are** my refuge and my shield;  
I have put my hope in your **word**.
- 115** **Away from me**, you evildoers,  
**that** I may keep the commands of **my God!**
- 116** Sustain me, **my God**, according to your **promise**  
and I will live,  
do not let my **hopes** be dashed.
- 117** Uphold me, and I **will be** delivered;  
I **will always** have regard for your decrees.
- 118** You **reject** all who **stray** from your decrees,  
for their delusions come to **nothing**.
- 119** **All** the wicked of the **earth** you discard like **dross**;  
**therefore** I love your statutes.
- 120** My flesh **trembles** in **fear** of you;  
I stand in **awe** of your **laws**.



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I stand in \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_.

### ACTIVITIES:

1. Read verse 1 in at 3-4 different versions (e.g., ESV, KJV, NASB, The Message).
2. According to Samech, what is a double-minded person? an evildoer? a "deluded" person? the "wicked of the earth"?
3. What is the prayer of the psalmist? For what does he/she ask and why? How does "I will" certify his faith?
4. In the NIV, this is an *alliterative* psalm on the sound /d/. Circle all the words that contain a "d". What is "dross"?
5. In v120, the writer trembles and is in awe of God's laws (judgments, ESV). How can we both love and fear God?  
(Hint: at least one clue is in v119, "therefore")
6. The writer's prayer is expressed in strong, descriptive language. What can we draw from this about our own prayer?

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