



## SHIN/SIN

- 161** Rulers persecute me **without cause**,  
but my heart **trembles** at your **word**.
- 162** I rejoice in **your promise**  
like **one** who **finds great spoil**.
- 163** I hate and detest **falsehood**  
but I love **your law**.
- 164** **Seven times a day** I praise you  
for your **righteous laws**.
- 165** Great peace have **those** who **love your law**,  
and nothing can make them **stumble**.
- 166** I wait **for your salvation**, LORD,  
and I follow **your commands**.
- 167** I obey **your statutes**,  
for I love them **greatly**.
- 168** I obey **your precepts** and **your statutes**,  
for all **my ways** are **known to you**.



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<sup>161</sup>Rulers persecute me \_\_\_\_\_,  
but my heart \_\_\_\_\_ at your \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>162</sup>I rejoice in \_\_\_\_\_  
like \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>163</sup>I hate and detest \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I love \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>164</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ I praise you  
for your \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>165</sup>Great peace have \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_,  
and nothing can make them \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>166</sup>I wait \_\_\_\_\_, LORD,  
and I follow \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>167</sup>I obey \_\_\_\_\_,  
for I love them \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>168</sup>I obey \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
for all \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.

### ACTIVITIES:

1. A ruler has a position of authority. What sets the writer's rulers apart from wise rulers? What is the proper role of authority? What is our role toward authority? (Rom. 13:1-7; Matt 28:18; Acts 5:9; Heb 13:17; 1 Peter 2:13-25)
2. A second description of an oppressor is found in v163. Using your answers to #1 and #2, describe a righteous ruler.
3. What is the writer's fear? (Hint: implied in v165.) Do you share this fear? If you've experienced it, describe it fully.
4. Much hinges on the words "but" and "yet" and "therefore" in Psalm 119. How does the writer shift his mental focus from fear and oppression? (Hint: implied or stated outright in all verses)
5. Describe or draw the metaphors in v162 and 165. How do these metaphors bring hope, replacing fear?
6. How does it make you feel to know that "all my ways are known to [God]" (v168). Does it bring fear or comfort?