

**113 ¶ SAMEK. I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law.**

### **Our Love**

**Divided interests**

**No man can serve two masters**

**Jas 1:8** *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**Jas 4:8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

**A godly man may have roving thoughts in duty. Sad experience proves this; the thoughts will be dancing up and down in prayer. The saints are called stars; but many times in duty they are wandering stars. --Thomas Watson.**

**2Co 10:5\*** casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

**114 ¶ You *are* my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.**

### **Our Covering**

**Ps 32:7** You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

**To his God he ran for shelter from vain thoughts; there he hid himself away from their tormenting intrusions, and in solemn silence of the soul he found God to be his hiding place**

**Ps 130:5** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope.

**115 ¶ Depart from me, you evildoers, For I will keep the commandments of my God!**

### **Our protection**

**Mt 7:23\*** “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

**1Co 15:33\*** Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”  
**Holiness alone clears the path of iniquity**

**116 ¶ Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.**

### **Our Support**

**Uphold means to lean upon**

**Ps 63:8** My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

**Our leaning upon Christ is necessary for life**

**The life of God's children is the death of sin; for where sin is alive, there that part is dead unto God.**

**117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually.**

### **Our Safety**

**Ps 71:6** By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise *shall be* continually of You.

**The only place we are safe is in the hands of God**

**Joh 10:28\*** “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

**Christ alone saves so he alone is our safety**

**118 ¶ You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, For their deceit is falsehood.**

**Da 5:27** “TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;

**He corrects His children but he will trample the wicked**

**2Th 2:10\*** and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

To stray is salt that loses flavor

**119 You put away all the wicked of the earth *like* dross; Therefore I love Your testimonies.**

**Cleansing by fire**

**Joh 15:6\*** “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned

**Mt 13:49-50** “So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

**120 My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments.**

**Instead of exulting over those who fell under God's displeasure he humbleth himself. What we read and hear of the judgments of God upon wicked people should make us (1) To reverence his terrible majesty, and to stand in awe of him. Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? (2) To fear lest we offend him, and become obnoxious to his wrath. Good men have need to be restrained from sin by the terrors of the Lord; especially when judgment begins at the house of God, and hypocrites are discovered, and put away as dross. --*Matthew Henry*.**