



Outline – Sunday School April 29, 2018

Sermon Title: “The Fight of Faith in the Battle for God’s Honor”

Text: Psalm 119:113-120, Samech

The good fight of faith constitutes the 3 following realities: 1 Tim 6:12/Heb 4:14; 10:23

1. **Allegiance to God**, vv113-115

- a) **v113, A declaration of allegiance:** “I hate [vain] thoughts” = Literal translation:” I hate the *double-minded*” James 1:8; 4:8/1 Kings 18:21/Ps 119:118/2 Kings 17:15. The mind is the “front line” of the battle! Rom 7:18-25/Gal 5:17/Rom 12:1-2
- b) **v114, A loyalty preserved and protected by God:** For him, God is a shelter or fortress (preserving) and a shield (protecting) from dangers. The soul finds rest and security as the mind lays ahold of the Name of the Lord, relative to the battle we are fighting. Prov 18:10-11.
- c) **v115, This requires a severance from “intimate enemies.”** Those who are half-hearted, make themselves enemies of God, and become our enemies in close proximity. 2 Cor 6:14-18

2. **Reliance upon God**, vv116-117

- a) **v116, A desperate need for God’s faithfulness:** Ps 37:17, 24; 41:12; 63:8
- b) **v117, A request for the sake of obedience:** We cannot fight in the flesh. We must depend upon rely upon Grace to stand Ps 17:5; 94:18/Is 41:13

3. **Reverence for God**, vv118-120

- a) **v118, Our hope, Our King will rid the kingdom of all unrighteousness:** Prov 25:4-5
- b) **v119, God’s judgment is His faithfulness:** Jer 6:30/Ezek 22:20-22/Mal 3:3/Ps 119:128
- c) **v120, God’s judgment is cause for sobriety and humility:** 1 Peter 1:13-20/Phil 2:12/Heb 12:28-29