

Treasure Hunt

- How does the second cycle in Psalm 119 (vv. 49-80) go beyond the first (17-48)?
- How is “those that fear the Lord” different from other names for God’s people?
- What does it mean to fear the Lord?
- Does the Lord’s sacrifice on the cross do away with our need to fear the Lord?
- How does the complaint in the second cycle (49-56) differ from the first (17-24)?
- In what two ways does the second cycle (49-80) point back to Exodus 34?
- What is significant about combining these two ideas?
- How does the Lord teach us to keep his word?
- What distinctive theme marks the third cycle (81-120)?
- How does the structure of the cycle reflect the theme?
- Characterize the Psalmist’s complaint, his solution, and the wicked with this theme.

Structure of Psalm 119

Psalm 119, Living in God's Word

1-16, The Foundation

1-8, The Goal: Obedience (Ps 1:1)

9-16, The Means: Meditation (Ps 1:2)

17-176, The Fruit (Ps 1:3-6)

17-48, Victory in a Hostile World

49-80, Encouragement to Others

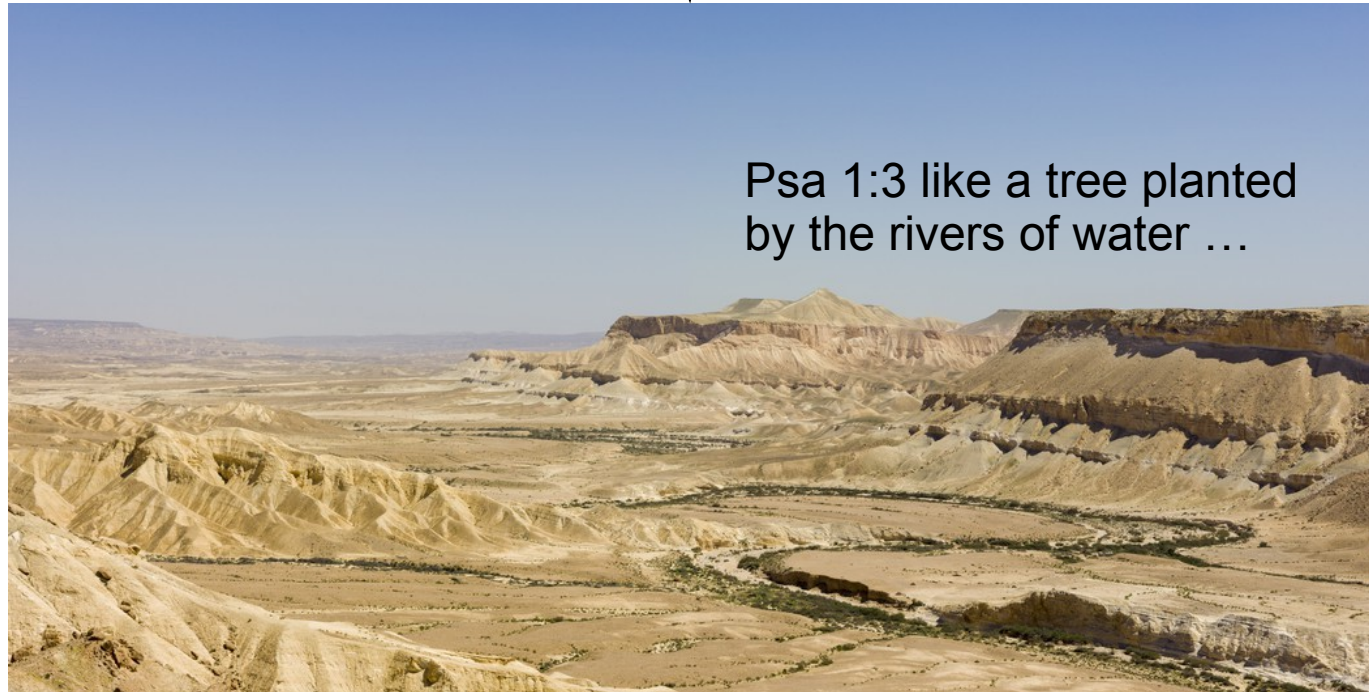
81-120, Inhabiting Eternity

121-144, Attaining Righteousness

145-176, From Death to Life

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

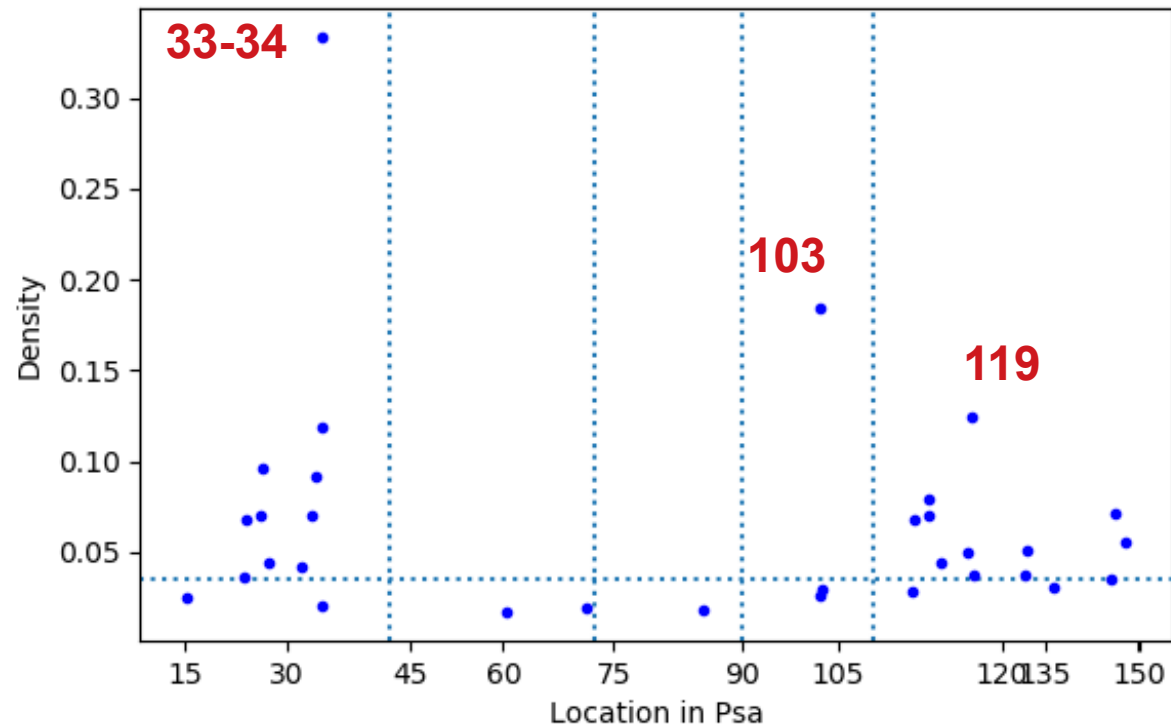
Psa 1:3 like a tree planted by the rivers of water ...



Fear of the Lord in Psalms

Psa 33:8 Let all the earth **fear the LORD**: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. ... 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon **them that fear him**, upon them that hope in his mercy;

Psa 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about **them that fear him**, and delivereth them. ... 9 O **fear the LORD**, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.



Psa 103:11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward **them that fear him**. ... 13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth **them that fear him**. ... 17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting **upon them that fear him**, and his righteousness unto children's children; ← **Exod 34:6**

Gen 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?
10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and **I was afraid**, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

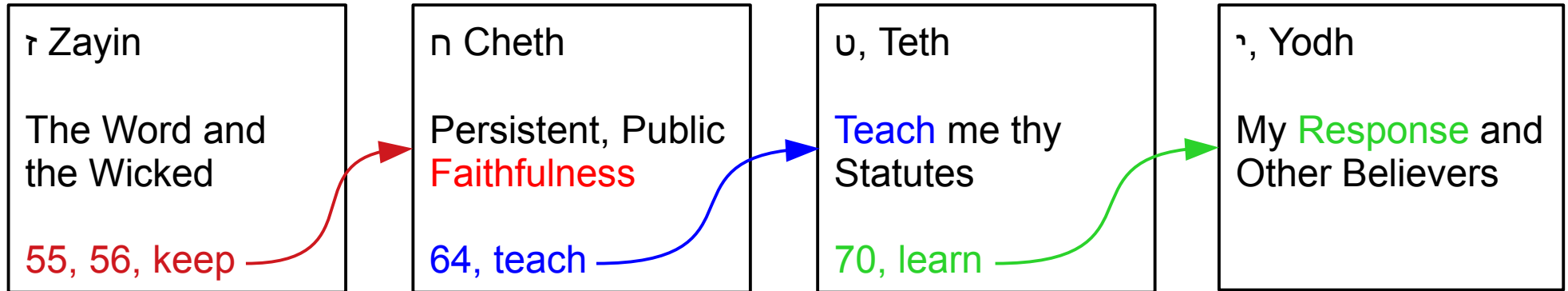
Exo 14:10 the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and **they were sore afraid**: ... 13 And Moses said unto the people, **Fear ye not**, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, ... 31 And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people **feared the LORD**, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

Acts 9:31 walking in the **fear of the Lord**

2 Cor 7:1 perfect holiness in the **fear of God**

Eph 5:21 submit yourselves one to another in the **fear of God**

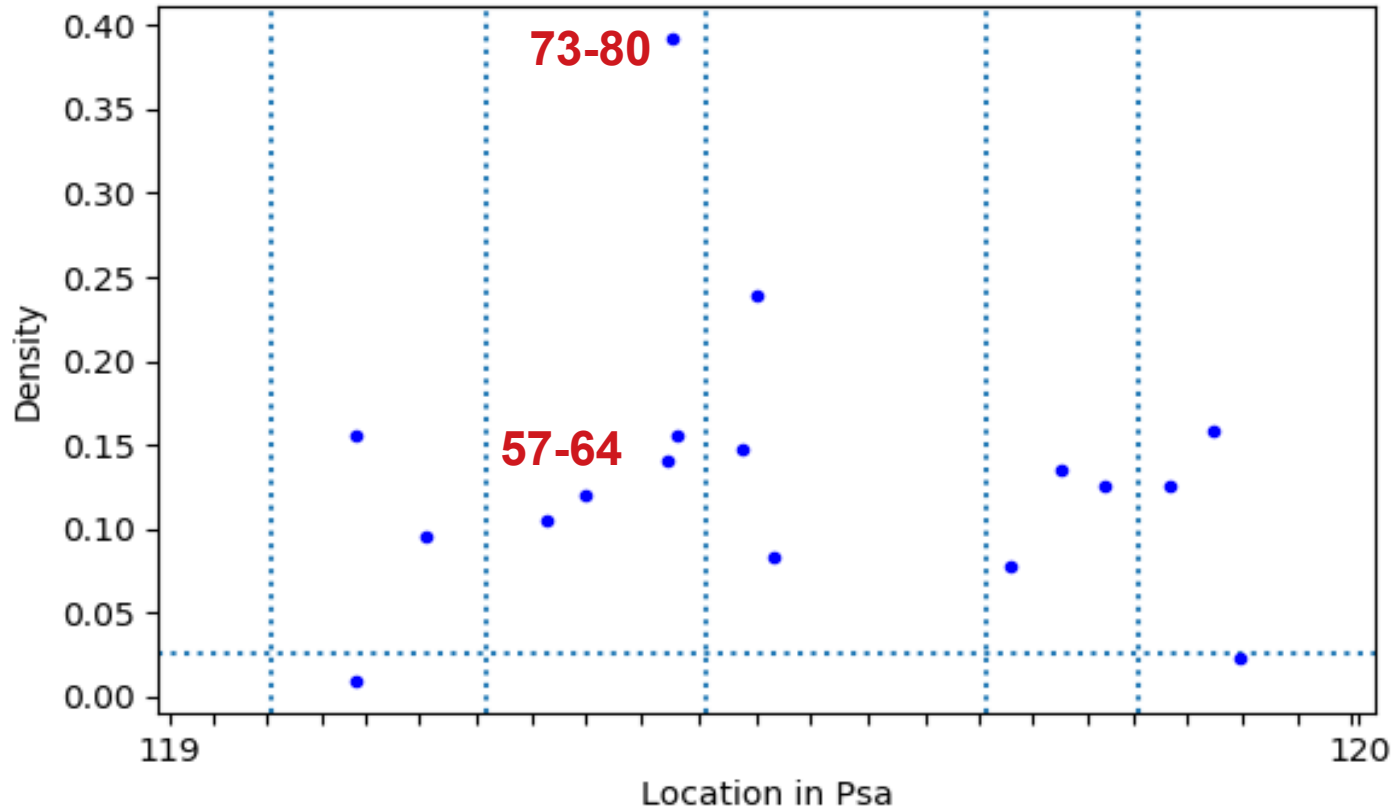
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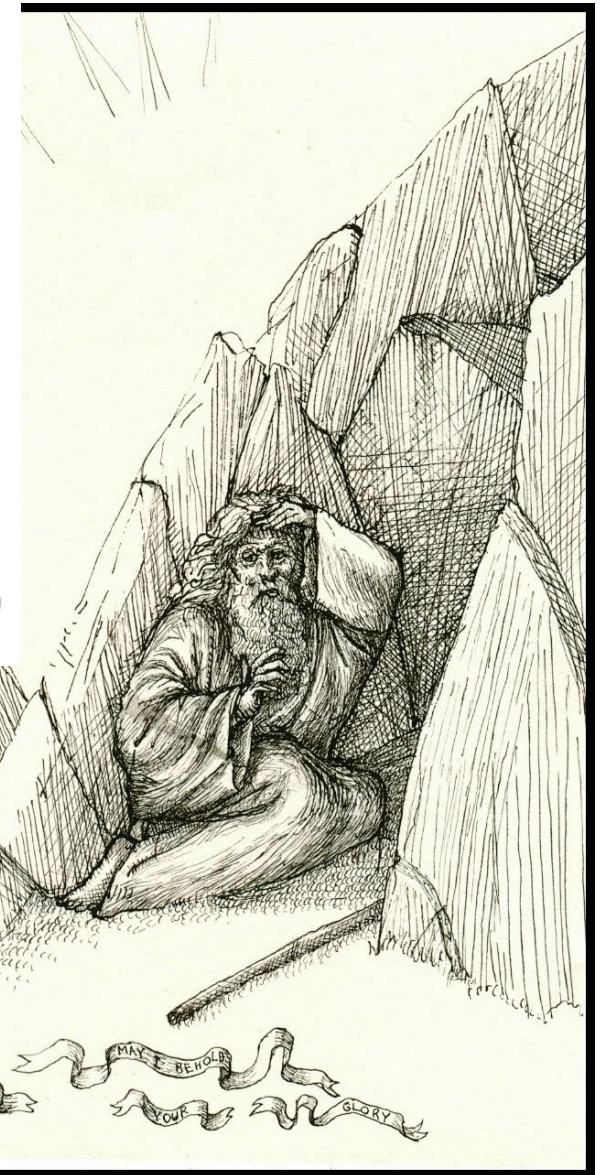
Zayin (49-56): The Word and the Wicked

Encouragement	Discouragement
49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. 50 This is my comfort	in my affliction:
for thy word hath quickened me.	51 The proud טר have had me greatly in derision:
yet have I not declined from thy law. 52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.	53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked רשע that forsake thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs	in the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept שמר thy law. 56 This I had, because I kept נצר thy precepts.	

Exodus 34:6 in Psalm 119



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Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, **merciful** and **gracious**, longsuffering, and abundant in **goodness** and **truth**, (Compare “those that fear the Lord” here and in Psalm 103)

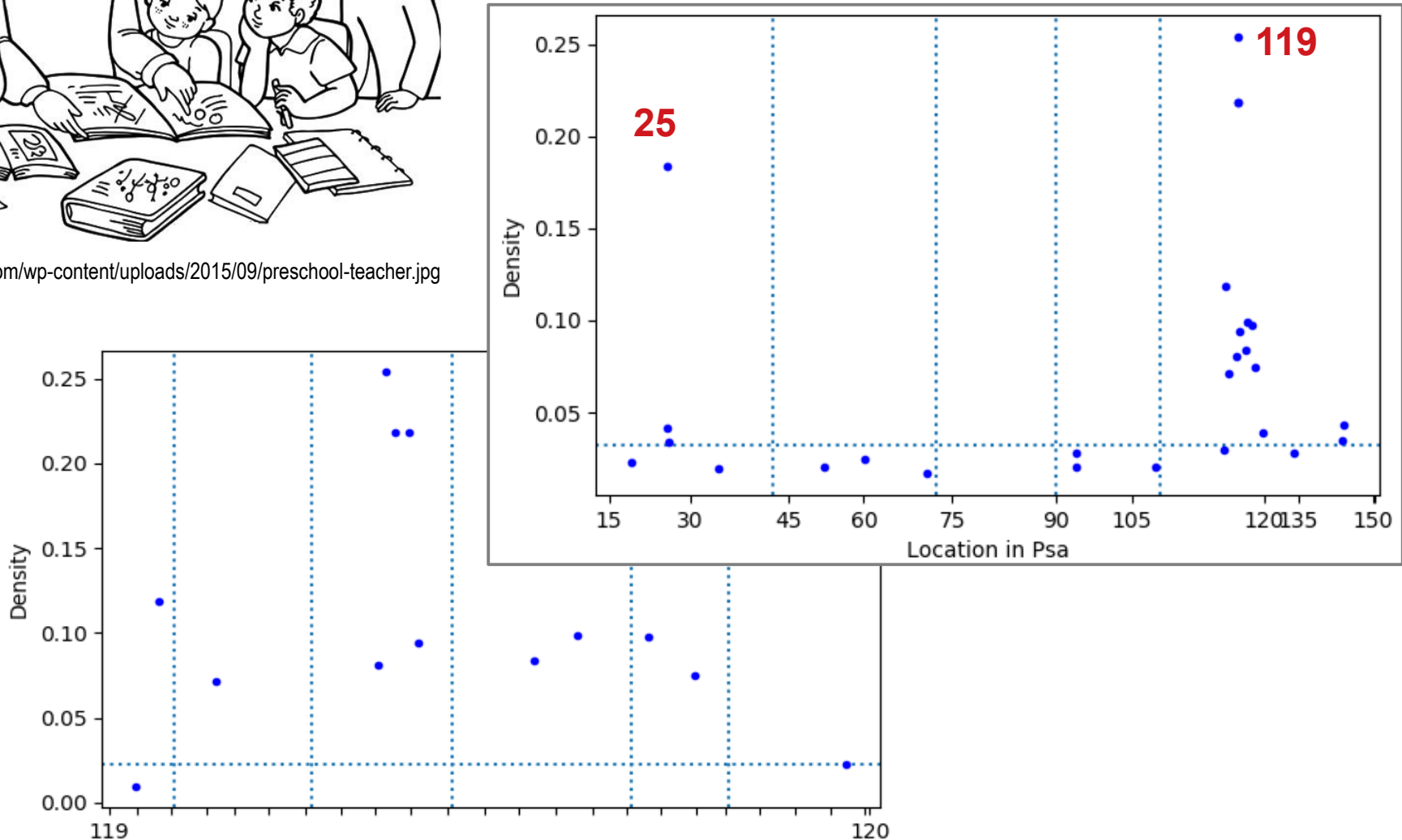
למד “Learn, Teach” (Strong 3925)



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67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.





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