

## The Psalm Project

Discovering the Spiritual World through the Psalms

Psalm 119

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## The Goal of this project:

This research project will examine the 150 psalms for the spiritual awareness each Psalm offers. Each Psalm will be examined by its language and the commentary of the Sages. The spiritual awareness analysis will be done in alignment with Ari's definition of the Tree of life, the Book of Creation, and the Zohar. Each verse of the Psalm will be rewritten using the intent of the language and spiritual commentary to convey its spiritual lesson.

#### The Main Resources:

The Zohar

The Book of Creation

Ari's writing on the Tree of Life and the Ten Sefirot

The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament

Samson Hirsch's commentary on the Psalms

Tehillim – Psalms – A new translation with a commentary anthologized from the Talmudic and rabbinic sources

Accordance Bible Software

#### Psalm 119

#### New American Standard 1995

**Psa. 119:1** How blessed are those whose way is <sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup> blameless,

Who <sup>b</sup>walk in the law of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> How blessed are those who <sup>a</sup>observe His testimonies,

Who beek Him with all their heart.

- They also "do no unrighteousness; They walk in His ways.
- <sup>4</sup> You have <sup>1</sup>aordained Your precepts,

<sup>2</sup>That we should keep *them* diligently.

<sup>5</sup> Oh that my <sup>a</sup>ways may be established

To bkeep Your statutes!

Then I ashall not be ashamed

When I look <sup>1</sup>upon all Your commandments.

<sup>7</sup> I shall "give thanks to You with uprightness of heart,

When I learn Your righteous judgments.

I shall keep Your statutes; Do not "forsake me utterly!

**Psa. 119:9** How can a young man keep his way pure?

By "keeping it according to Your word.

With "all my heart I have sought You;

Do not let me <sup>b</sup>wander from Your commandments.

Your word I have "treasured in my heart,

#### Hebrew

Psa. 119:1 אַשָּׁרֵי תָמֵימֵי־דָרַךְ הַהֹּלְכִים בְּתוֹרֵת יִהוָה: 2 אֲשָׁרֵי נֹצְרֵי עֵרֹתַיו בּכָל־לֵב יִדְרְשִׁוּהוּ : 3 אַף לְא־פַעַלִוּ עַוְלֶה בִּדְרָכֵיו הָלֶכוּ : 4 אֲמָה צִוִּיתָה פַקּדִיךּ לְשָׁמָר מָאָר: 5 אַחַלְי יִכְּנוּ לְשָׁלָר תַקִּיך: 6 אַז לא־אַבְוֹשׁ בַּהַבִּישִׂי אֵל־כַּל־מָצִוֹתֵיך: <sup>7</sup> אוֹדְדְּ אֶת־תֻקּיךּ אֶשְׁמָוֹר אַל־תַעַזִבּנִי עַר מאֹר: 9 בַּמַּה יָזַכָּה־נַּעַר אֵת־אָרְחְוֹ לשמר כדברך: 10 בכל-לבי דרשתיף אַל־הַשֹּגִנִי מִמְצוֹתֵיך: 11 בַּלְבִּי צָפַנִתִּי אַמְרָתֶדְ לְמַעַן לְא אֵחֵטָא־לֵדְ: 12 בַּרָוּך אַתָּה יְהוָה לַמְּדֵנִי חֵמֵיך: 13 בּשְׂבָתַי סִבַּרָתִי כֹּל מִשִׁבְּמֵי־בִּיך: 14 בַּרֶרֶךְ עַרְוֹתִיךְ שַּׁשִּׂתִּי כִּעֵל כָּל־הָוֹן: 15 בַּפָקָרֵיך אֲשִׂיחָה וְאַבִּישָה אֹרְחֹתֵיך: 16 בַּחַלְתֵיךַ אֲשָׁתַעַשָּׁע לֹא אָשְׁכַח דְּבַרֶּדְ: ַרָּהְלָּל עַל־עַבִּדְּךָ אֱחְנֶּה וְאֶשְׁמְּרָה 17 ַדְבַרֵדְ : <sup>18</sup> נֵּל־עֵינֵי וָאֲבֵּיטַה נְפַלְאוֹת מָתוֹרַתֶּדְ: <sup>19</sup> גֵּר אַנֹכֵי בַאָּרֶץ אַל תַּסְתֵּר לִזִּמֵּנִי מִצִּוֹתֵיך: 20 נָּרְסָה נַפִּשֵׁי רַבְבֶל־עֵת: 21: בַּבֶל־עֵת: 21: בַּבֶל־עֵת: נַעַרָתָ זַדְים אָרוּרָים הַשֹּׁגִים מִמְּצִוֹתֵיךְ: בַּל בֵעַלַי חַרָפָּה וָבְוּז כֵּי עַרֹתֵיךְ 22 עַבְרָדְ יָשִיתַ בְּתָקִידְ: 24 גַם־עֵרתִידְ אָעַשָּׁעַי אָנְשֵׁי עַצַּחֵי: 25 דַבְקָה לֶעַפַּר

That I may not sin against You.

Blessed are You, O LORD;
"Teach me Your statutes."

With my lips I have "told of

All the bordinances of Your mouth.

I have "rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,

<sup>1</sup>As much as in all riches.

I will "meditate on Your precepts And <sup>1</sup>regard <sup>b</sup>Your ways.

I shall <sup>1a</sup>delight in Your statutes;
 I shall <sup>b</sup>not forget Your word.

**Psa. 119:17** "Deal bountifully with Your servant,

That I may live and keep Your word.

Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.

I am a "stranger in the earth;

Do not hide Your commandments from me.

My soul is crushed <sup>1</sup>awith longing After Your ordinances at all times.

You "rebuke the arrogant, <sup>1</sup>the bcursed,

Who 'wander from Your commandments.

<sup>22</sup> "Take away reproach and contempt from me,

For I bobserve Your testimonies.

Even though <sup>a</sup>princes sit and talk against me,

Your servant <sup>b</sup>meditates on Your statutes.

Your testimonies also are my delight;

They are <sup>1</sup>my counselors.

**Psa. 119:25** My "soul cleaves to the dust;

נפשי חַנִּנִי כִּדְבַרֶּדְ: 26 דְּרַכֵּי סִפּּרְתִּי וַתַּצְנִנִי לַמְּדֵנִי תֻקִּיף: 27 בֵּרֵךְ־פִּקּוּדֵיךְ הַבִּינֻנִי וְאָשִּׁיחָה בִּנִפִּלְאוֹתֵיךּ : 28 ַרַלְפַה וַפִּשִׁי מִתּוּגָה לֻּיָּמֻנִי כִּדְבַרֶּדְ: <sup>29</sup> בַּרָדְ־שֵׁקֵר הַסֵּר מִמֵּנִי וַתוֹרַתִּדְ חַנֵּנִי : מוּנֶה בָחָרִתִּי מִשְׁפְּמֶיךְ 30 בַּרַך־אֵמוּנָה בָחָרַתִּי ַשׁנִיתִי : <sup>31</sup> דָּבָּקתִּי בִּעֵרוֹתֵיךּ יִׁהנָה אַל תִּבִישֵׁנִי : <sup>32</sup> דֵּרֶךְ־מִצְוֹתֵיךְ אָּרְוּץ כָּי תַרְחֵיב לָבֵי: 33 הוֹרֵנִי יְהוָה דֶּרֶךְ חָלֵּיך וָאַצִּרָנָּה עַלֵב: 34 הַבִּינֵנִי וָאַצִּרָה תוֹרָתֵּדְ וִאֵשִׁמִרֶנָּה בִכֶּל-לֵב: <sup>35</sup> הַדְרִיכֵנִי בִּנְתֵיב מָצִוֹתֵיךְ כִּי־בְוֹ חָפָצִתִּי: <sup>36</sup> הַט-לֶבִּי אֵל-עֵרִוֹתִּיךּ וָאַל אָל־בֶּצַע: <sup>37</sup> הַעֲבֶר אֵינֵי מֵרְאִוֹת שָׁוֹא בִּדְרָכֵךְ תַיֵּנִי: 38 הָקָם לְעַבִּדְּדְ אַמְרָתֶּךְ אֲשֶׁר לִיִראָתֵּךְ: 39 הַעַבֵּר חַרפָּתִי אַשֵׁר יַגִּרִתִּי כֵּי מִשְׁפָּטֵיךּ מובים: 40 הנה תאבתי לפקהיד בּצִרְקָתְדָּ תַיֵּנִי: <sup>41</sup> וֵיבֹאֵנִי חֲסָבֶדְּ יְהְנָה תִּשִׁיעַתִּדְּ כִּאָמְרַתֵּדְ: <sup>42</sup> וָאֵעֵנֵה חֹרְפֵי דָבֶר בִּי־בְּטַחְתִּי בִּדְבָרֶדְ: 43 וַאַל־תַּצֵּׁל מָפֶּי דְבַר־אֵמֵת עַד־מָאָר כָּי לְמִשְׁפָּמֵך יָחֶלְתִּי ב<sup>44</sup> וִאֵשִׁמִּרָה תוֹרָתִךְּ תָּמִּיר לְעוֹלֱם וָעֵר: 45 וָאֵתְהַלְּכֶה בָרִחָבָה בָּי פַקָּבֵיךּ דָרָשִׁתִּי: 46 וַאֲדַבִּרָה בְעַרֹתִיךּ נגר מִלַכִּים וְלָא אֵבִוֹשׁ: 47 וָאָשְׁהַעַשַׁע בַּמִצוֹתִּידָ אָשֵׁר אַהַבְתִּי: <sup>48</sup> וָאָשֵּא־כַפַּי אַל־מָצְוֹתֶיךָ אַשֵּׁר אָהָבִתִּי וָאָשֵּׁיחָה בְתָקִיך : 49 זְכֹר־דָבֶר לְעַבְנֵדְ עַׁל אַשֵׁר יַחַלְהָנִי: 50 וְאֹת נֶחָמְתֵי בְעַנְיֵי כָּי -אָמָרַתִּדְּ חָיֵּתִנִי: 51 אֱדִים הֵלְיצֵנִי עַד <sup>b</sup>Revive me <sup>c</sup>according to Your word.

I have told of my ways, and You have answered me;

"Teach me Your statutes.

Make me understand the way of Your precepts,

So I will "meditate on Your wonders.

My "soul <sup>1</sup>weeps because of grief;

Strengthen me according to Your word.

Remove the false way from me, And graciously grant me Your law.

I have chosen the faithful way;

I have <sup>1</sup>placed Your ordinances *before me*.

I acling to Your testimonies;

O LORD, do not put me to shame!

I shall run the way of Your commandments,

For You will <sup>a</sup>enlarge my heart.

**Psa. 119:33** "Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes,

And I shall observe it to the end.

<sup>34</sup> "Give me understanding, that I may bobserve Your law

And keep it 'with all my heart.

Make me walk in the "path of Your commandments,"

For I <sup>b</sup>delight in it.

<sup>36</sup> "Incline my heart to Your testimonies

And not to bdishonest gain.

Turn away my "eyes from looking at vanity,

And brevive me in Your ways.

<sup>38</sup> "Establish Your <sup>1</sup>word to Your servant,

ָמִאָר מִׁתְּוֹרָתִדְּ לְא נָטֵיתִי : <sup>52</sup> זֻ<u>ּכֵרְתִּי</u> כִּזשְׁפָּטֶיךָ מֵעוֹלֶם ויִהנָה וַאֵּתנַחַם: 53 זַלעָבָּה אֲחָזַתִנִי מֵרשָׁעִים עֹזְבֵי תוֹרַתֵּד: 54 זַמָרוֹת הָיוּ־לֵי הֻפֶּׁיִדְ בְּבֵית מְגוּרֶי: ⁵⁵ זָּבַרְתִּי בַלֵּילָה שָׁמִדְּ יִהוָה וַאָשָׁמָרָה תּוֹרַתֵּךְ: 56 וָאׁת הַיִּתַה־לֵּי כִּי פַקַבֵיך נָצַרְתִּי: 57 חֵלְקֵי יִהוָה אָמַּׁרְתִּי לְשָׁמָּוֹר הִבַּרֵיף: 58 חָלֵיתִי פַנֵיף בְכַּל־ בֶב חָנִּנִי פָאָמָרָתָך : <sup>59</sup> חִשְּׁבִתִּי דְרָכֵי וָאָשִׁיבָה רַגְלַי אֶל־עֵרתֶיף: 60 הַשִּׁתִי ולא התמהמהתי לשמר מצותיד: 61 חַבְבֵּי רִשַּׁעִים עוְהַנִי תִּוֹרַתְדְּ לְא שָׁבֶחְתִּי: 62 חֲצְוֹת-לַיְלָה אֲקוּם לְהוֹרָוֹת לֶךְ עַׁל מִשְׁפָּטִי צִרְקֵךְ: 63 חָבֵר אֲנִי לַכָל־אֲשֶׁר יְרַאָּוּף וֹּלְשֹׁמְוֹרֵי פִּקּוּדֵיף: 64 חַסִּרְךְּ יָהנָה מָלְצֶה הָאָבִץ חֵקֵיךְ לַמָּבָנִי: 65 מִוֹב עָשִּׁיתָ עָם־עַבְרָּךְ יְהוָה פָּרָבַרֶךּ : 66 טִוּב טֵעַם וַדֶעַת לַמְּדֵנִי כֵּי בַמִצוֹתֵיךּ הָאָמַנִתִּי: 67 טֵרֶם אָעָנָה אַנִי שֹׁגָג וְעַהָּה אִּמְרָתְךָּ שָׁמֶּרְתִּי: 68 טוֹב־ אַתְּה וּמֵטִיב לַמְּדֵנִי חֵמִיד : 69 טַפּלוּ שַׁקַר זַדָים אַנִי בִּכָל־לַב ואַצֿר פָּקוּדֵיך: 70 טָפַשׁ כַּחֶלֶב לְבַּם אֲנִי תוֹרַתְּדָּ שֵׁעֲשֵׁעָתִי: 71 טִוֹב־לֵי כֵי־עְנֵיתִי -לְמַעַן אָלְמֵר חָהֵיך : <sup>72</sup> טִוֹב־לֵי תִוֹרַת פֶּיד מַאַרְפִּי זָתָב וָכָסֶף: <sup>73</sup> יָדֶיד אֲשׁוּנִי ַןיְכוֹנְנָוּנִי הֲבִינִנִי וִאֵלְמִדֶה מִצִּוֹתֵידִּ : 74 יָרָאָיךְ יִרְאָוּנִי וַיִשְׂטָחוּ כִּי יָחֶלְתִּי ÷ <sup>75</sup> יַרֲעָתִּי יֶהוַה כִּי כִזשְׁפָּטֶיךּ נֻּאֲמוּנָה עִנִּיתָנִי : 76 יִהִי־נֵא חַסִּדְּדָּ לְנַחֲמֵנִי כָּאָמָרַתִּדְּ לְעַבְּדֵּדִּ : 77

<sup>2</sup>As that which produces reverence for You.

Turn away my reproach which I dread,

For Your ordinances are good.

Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me through Your righteousness.

**Psa. 119:41** May Your lovingkindnesses also come to me, O LORD,

Your salvation <sup>b</sup>according to Your <sup>1</sup>word;

So I will have an "answer for him who breproaches me,

For I trust in Your word.

And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,

For I <sup>1</sup>await for Your ordinances.

44 So I will "keep Your law continually,

Forever and ever.

And I will "walk <sup>1</sup>at liberty, For I <sup>b</sup>seek Your precepts.

<sup>46</sup> I will also speak of Your testimonies "before kings

And shall not be ashamed.

<sup>47</sup> I shall <sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup>delight in Your commandments,

Which I blove.

And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments,

Which I alove;

And I will be meditate on Your statutes.

**Psa. 119:49** Remember the word to Your servant,

<sup>1</sup>In which You have made me hope.

יִבֹאִוּנִי רַחַמֵּיךּ וְאֵחִיֵה כִּי־תְּוֹרָתִדּ שַׁצַשִׁנִי : <sup>78</sup> וַבְשׁוּ וֻדִּים כִּי־שֶׁבֶּר עוְּתְוּנִי אָנִי אָשָׁיתַ בְּפָקוּתֵיף: <sup>79</sup> יַשׁוּבוּ לִי יָרַאָּידְ וְיָרְעוּ [וֹ][יֹרְעֵׁי] עֵרֹתֵידְ: 80 יָהֶי־לָבֵּי תַּמָּים בָּחַקּיך לְּמַעַן לְא אָבִוֹשׁ: 81 כַּלְתָה לְתִשׁוּעַתִּדְּ נַפִּשִׁי לְרְבָּרְךָּ יִחֶלְתִּי : 82 כָּלִוּ צִינֵי לְאִמָּרַתִּדְּ ֹלֵאמֹר מָתַי הְּנַחֲמֵנִי: <sup>83</sup> כֵּי־חֲיִיתִי <sup>84</sup>: בְּלִיתְיוֹר חֻקֵּיִדְּ לְאׁ שָׁכַחִתִּי בַּפָּתָה יְמֵי־עַבְדֶּךֶ מְתַׁי תַּעֲשֶׂה בִּרֹדִפֵּי בִּישְׁפֶּט: <sup>85</sup> בָּרוּ־בִי זֵדִים שִׁיחָוֹת אֲשָׂר לא כתורתד: 86 כַּל־מִצוֹתֵיד אֵמוּנַה שָׁקֵר רְדָפִוּנִי עָזְרֵנִי : 87 כַּמִעַט כִּלְוּנִי בַאָרֵץ וַאֲנִי לא־עַזַבִתִּי פִקּורֵידִּ : 88 פַּתַסְרָּךָּ תַיֵּגִי וְאֶשְׁמְנְרָה עֵּרָוּת פֵּיךּ: 89 לעוֹלֶם יִהוָה דִּבָּרדְ נִצְּב בַּשָּׁמָיִם: 90 לְדֹר וַדֹר אֵמִוּנָתֵךְ כּוֹנַנִתָּ אֵׁרֵץ ַוָתַעַמְר: <sup>91</sup> בֻּמִשִּׁפָּטִיךּ עָמִרוּ הַיָּוֹם כָּי הַכָּל עֲבָרֶיף: <sup>92</sup> לּוּלֵי תוֹרָתִּד שַׁצַשִּׁעֵי -אַז אַבַרְתִּי בִעַנָיִי : <sup>93</sup> לֵעוֹלָם לא אָשְׁבַּח פִּקוּדֶיִּךְ בִּי בָׁם חִיִּיתָנִי : <sup>94</sup> לֵדְּ־ אָני הוֹשִׁיעֻנִי כִּי פִּקוּדֶיךּ דְרֶשְׁתִּי: 95 קי קוו רשָעים לאַבּבוני עורמיד אָתִבּוֹנָן: 96 לְכָל תֻּכִלָּה רָאִיתִי קִץ רְחָבֶה מִצְוָתְךָּ מְאָר: <sup>97</sup> מֶה־אָהַבִּתִּי תוֹרָתַךְ כָּל-הַיּוֹם הֵיא שִּׁיחָתֵי: 98 מַאִּיבַי תִּחַכָּמֵנִי מִצִּוֹתֵךְ כִּי לְעוֹלֵם היא־לֵי: 99 מִבֶּל־מִלַמְּדֵי הִשְּׂבֵּלְתִּי בִּי עַרוֹהֶיך שִּׁיתָה לֵּי: 100 מִזְבֵנָים אֶתְבּוֹנָן פֿי פּפּוּבּוּב נָצְרְתִּי: <sup>101</sup> מִפָּל-אָרַח רַע בַּלָאתִי רַגְּלֵי לְמַעון אָשָׁמִר דְבַרֵּדְ: 102 This is my "comfort in my affliction,

That Your word has <sup>1</sup>revived me.

The arrogant <sup>a</sup>utterly deride me, Yet I do not <sup>b</sup>turn aside from Your law.

<sup>52</sup> I have "remembered Your ordinances from <sup>1</sup> of old, O LORD,

And comfort myself.

Burning 'indignation has seized me because of the wicked,

Who bforsake Your law.

Your statutes are my songs
In the house of my "pilgrimage.

O LORD, I "remember Your name in the night,

And keep Your law.

This has become mine,

That I "observe Your precepts."

**Psa. 119:57** The LORD is my <sup>a</sup>portion;

I have <sup>1</sup>promised to <sup>b</sup>keep Your words.

I "sought Your favor bwith all my heart;

Be gracious to me <sup>d</sup>according to Your <sup>1</sup>word.

I "considered my ways

And turned my feet to Your testimonies.

I hastened and did not delay To keep Your commandments.

The acords of the wicked have encircled me,

But I have bnot forgotten Your law.

At "midnight I shall rise to give thanks to You

Because of Your <sup>b</sup>righteous ordinances.

מִמִשְׁפַטִידְ לא־סַרְתִּי כֵּי־אַמַּה הוֹרַתָּנִי : 103 מַה־נִּמִלְצִוּ לֲחָכִּי אִמְרַתֵּדְ מִדְבַשׁ לְפִי: 104 מִפּקוּדֵיךּ אֶּתְבּוֹנָוֻ עַל־בוֹן שָׁגַאָתִי וּכָּל־אֹרַח שֵׁבֵר: 105 נַר־לְרַגְלֵי דְבָרֵדְ וֹאֹוֹר לִנִתִיבַתֵּי: 106 נִשְבַּעָתִי נָאֲקַיָּמָה לִשְׁמֹר מִשְׁפְּמִי צָרָקָדְ: 107 נַעַנִיתִי עַר־מָאָר יְהוַה תַיֵּנִי כִרְבַרֶּךְ: 108 נִרְבוֹת פֵּי רְצֵה־נֵא יְהַנְהַ וְּכִּזִשְׁפָּעָיךְ לַפְּזְבֵנִי : 109 נַפִּשֵׁי בַבַפָּי תָּמֶיד וְׁתְוֹרָתְדֹּ לְאׁ שָׁכֵחִתִּי: 110 נְתְנֹוּ רְשָׁעִים פַּח לֵי וֹמִפּקוּדֶיךּ לְא תַעֵיתִי: 111 נַחַלְתִּי עִרוֹתֵיךָ לְעוֹלֵם בִּי־שְׂשָׂוֹן לִבֵּי הֵכַּוָה: <sup>112</sup> נַמֵּיתִּי לֵבִּי לַעֲשָׂוֹת חָבֶּיך לִעוֹלֵם עֵקֵב: 113 בַעֲבֵּים שָׁנֵאָתִי וְתוֹרָתְךָּ אָהָבִתִּי: 114 סִתְרֵי וּמָגנֵּי אָתָה לִדבָרְךָּ יִחָלִתִּי: 115 סְוּרוּ-מַמֶּונִי מְרַעִים וְאֶצִּרָה מִצִוֹת אֵלהֵי: 116 סָמָכֵנִי כִאָמָרָתְדַּ וְאֵחְיֵה וְאַל־תִּבִּישׁנִי מִשָּׂבְרֵי: 117 סְעַרֵנִי וְאָנְשֵׁעַה וְאֵשְׁעַה בָתַקִּיךְ תַּמִיר : 118 סֵלִיתַ כַּל־שׁוֹנֵים מַחָבֶּקִיךָ כִּי־שָּׁבֶר תַּרִמִיתָם: 119 סִגִּים הָשָׁבַּתַּ כַל־רִשָּׁעִי־אָרֵץ לַכַּן אַהַבְתִּי ערתיד: <sup>120</sup> סָמַר מִפַּחְדְּדֵּ בְשָׂרֵי וְּכִוּמִשְׁפָּטֶידּ יָרֵאתִי : <sup>121</sup> עֲשִׁיתִי כִּזשִׁפָּט וָצֶבֶרק בַּל-חַּנִּיהַנִי לְעִשְׁקִי: 122 עַרְב עַבְרָךְ לְטָוֹב אָל־יַעַשָׁקֵנִי זֵדִים: 123 ביני פָּלָוּ לִישׁוּעָתֻדְּ וּלְאִמִרַת צִּרַבֵּדְ: לביד עם־עַבִּדְדָּ כְחַסְרַּדְּ וְחֵקֵידְ וֹתַקִידְ וֹתַקִידְ ַלַמְּדֵנִי : <sup>125</sup> עַבִּדְּדְּ-אָנִי הֲבִיגֵנִי וְאֵדְעָׁה עַרֹתֵיך : 126 עַת לַעֲשִׂוֹת לַיהוָה הֻבָּרוּ תורתד: 127 על-כן אהבתי מצותיד I am a "companion of all those who fear You,

And of those who keep Your precepts.

<sup>64</sup> "The earth is full of Your lovingkindness, O LORD;

Teach me Your statutes.

**Psa. 119:65** You have dealt well with Your servant,

O LORD, according to Your word.

Teach me good <sup>1</sup>/<sub>u</sub>discernment and knowledge,

For I believe in Your commandments.

<sup>67</sup> "Before I was afflicted I went astray,

But now I keep Your word.

You are "good and "do good; "Teach me Your statutes.

The arrogant <sup>1</sup>have <sup>a</sup>forged a lie against me;

With all *my* heart I will <sup>b</sup>observe Your precepts.

Their heart is <sup>1</sup>acovered with fat, But I bdelight in Your law.

It is "good for me that I was afflicted,

That I may learn Your statutes.

The "law of Your mouth is better to me

Than thousands of gold and silver *pieces*.

**Psa. 119:73** "Your hands made me and <sup>1</sup>fashioned me;

<sup>b</sup>Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

May those who <sup>1</sup>fear You "see me and be glad,

מִזָּהָב וּמָפָּז: 128 עַל־כֵּן וכָּל־פִּקּוּדֵי בַּל יִשָּׁרְתִּי בָּל־אָרַח שֶׁבֶּר שְׂגַאתִי: 129 בּלְאָוֹת עֵרְוֹתֶיִךְ עַל־בֹּן נִצָרַתַם נַפִּשֵׁי: פַּתַח דְּבָרֶיךּ יָאִיר מֵבִין פִּתָיים: 131 פּי־פַעַרָתִּי וַאֶּשָׁאָפַה כִּי לְמִצִוֹתֵיךּ יאבתי: 132 פנה־אַלי וְחַנֵּנִי כְּמִשְׁפַּט 132 לאהבי שמד: 133 פּעמי הכן בּאמרתד וְאַל־תַּשְׁלֶט־בָּי כָל־אָוֵן: 134 פֵּדִנִי מַעְשֵׁק אָדָם וֹאֵשִׁמִּרָה פָּקּוּדֵיךּ: 135 בָּנֶיךּ הָאֵר בְּעַבְנֶדְ וְלַמְּבִנִי אֶת־חֵמֵיךִ: 136 פַּלְגִי־בַּזִים יָרְדוּ עֵינָיְ עַׁל לֹא־שָׁמִּרוּ תוֹרָתֶךּ: 137 צַּרִּיק אַמָּה יִהוָה וִׁיָשָׁר ָלִשְׁפָּטֵיךּ : <sup>138</sup> צַּוִּיתָ צֶּדֶק עֵדֹתָיךּ ַרַבּמוּנַה מָאָר: <sup>139</sup> צִמְתַתִנִי קנָאָתִי כֵּי־ שָׁכִתְוּ דַבָּרֵיךְ צָרֶי: 140 צָרוּפָּת אָמָרָתִךָּ מָאָר וָעַבִּדְּךָּ אֲהַבָּה: 141 יַּצְעֵיר אָנֹכֵי וְנִבְזֶתֻ בְּקּדֵיךּ לְא שָׁכֶחִתִּי: אַרְקָתְרָּ צָּבֶרְק לְעוֹלֶם וַתוֹרָתִרְּ אָמֵת: 143 צַר־וּכָזצָוֹק מִצָּאָוּנִי מִצְוֹמִיךּ שַׁעַשָּׁעָי: 144 צַרֵק עַרְוֹתֵיךְ לְעוֹלָם הַבִינֵנִי וָאָתְיֵה: <sup>145</sup> קַרָאתִי בְכַּל־לֵב עַנֵנִי יִהנָה תֻקִּיךּ אֵצְּרָה: 146 קרָאתִיךּ הושיעני ואשמלה ערתיך: 147 קדמתי בַּנִשִּׁף נָאַשַׁנִּעָה לִרבָרִיך [לְ][רבָרַדְּ] יָחֶלְתִּי : 148 קִּרְמִוּ עֵינֵי אַשִּׁמֻרְוֹת לָשִּׁיחַ בָּאִמְרָתֶךּ : <sup>149</sup> קוֹלִי שִׁמְעָה כְחַסְהֶךּ יְהוָה בְּמִשְׁבָּטֶך חַיֵּנִי : 150 קַרְבוּ רֹרְבֵּי וָמָה מִתּוֹרַתְּךְּ רַחֲקוּ : <sup>151</sup> קרוב אַתַּה יְהַוֹּגֶה וְכָל־מִּצְוֹתֶיךּ אֱמֶת: 152 ֻקְּדֶם יָדַעִתִּי מֵעֵרתִיך כָּי לִעוֹלֶם יִסַרְתָּם: לא בעניי וְחַלְצֵנִי כִּי־תְוֹרֶתְדְּ לְא Because I <sup>2b</sup>wait for Your word.

<sup>75</sup> I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are <sup>a</sup>righteous,

And that <sup>b</sup>in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

<sup>76</sup> O may Your lovingkindness <sup>1</sup>comfort me,

According to Your <sup>2</sup>word to Your servant.

May "Your compassion come to me that I may live,

For Your law is my bdelight.

May "the arrogant be ashamed, for they subvert me bwith a lie;

But I shall meditate on Your precepts.

May those who <sup>1</sup>fear You turn to me,

Even those who know Your testimonies.

May my heart be <sup>1</sup>ablameless in Your statutes,

So that I will not be ashamed.

**Psa. 119:81** My "soul languishes for Your salvation;

I <sup>1</sup>bwait for Your word.

My "eyes fail with longing for Your word,

<sup>2</sup>While I say, "When will You comfort me?"

Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,

I do <sup>b</sup>not forget Your statutes.

How many are the "days of Your servant?

When will You be execute judgment on those who persecute me?

The arrogant have "dug pits for me,"

שָׁכֶחִתִּי: <sup>154</sup> רִיבָּה רֵיבִי וּגִאָּבֻיִנִי לאָמָרָתְדָּ חַיֵּנִי: 155 רָחְוֹק מֵרִשָּׁעִים יְשׁוּעֲה בִּי-חֻקֶּיךְ לְּאֹ דַרַשׁוּ: 156 בַתַמֵּיך בַבִּים וִיהוָה כַּמִשְׁפַטִיך חַיֵּנִי : <sup>157</sup> רַבִּים רֹדְפַי וְצָרֵי מֵעַדְוֹתֵיךּ לְא נַמֵיתִי: 158 רַאֵיתִי בְגִּדִים וָאֵתְקוֹטְטְה אַשֵׁר אָמִרָתִדְּ לָא שָׁמֵרוּ : <sup>159</sup> רָאֵה כִּי־ פָקוּבֵיך אָהַבִּתִּי יְהוַֹה כָּחַסִּדְּךְ חַיֵּנִי : -160 ראש-דּבָרךָ אֵנֵוְת וֹּלִעוֹלֶם כָּל מִשָּׁפַט צִרָקָך: 161 שֶׂרִים רְדְפְוּנִי חָנָּם וּמָדְבָרִידְ [וֹּ][מָ][דְבַרַדְּ] פַּחַר לְבֵּי שַשׁ אַנֹבִי עַל־אָמִרָתָדְ בִּמוֹצֵא שָׁלֵל 162 ָרֶב: <sup>163</sup> שֲׁבֶּר שֻׂנִאתִי וַאֲתַעֻבָּה תּוֹרָתְדְּ אָהֶבְתִּי: 164 שֶׁבַע בַּיּוֹם הִלַּלְתִּיךּ עַׁל מִשְׁפְּטֵי צִּדְרֶקד: <sup>165</sup> שֶׁלְוֹם רֵב לְאֹהֵבִי תוֹרָתֶדְ וְאֵין־לֶמוֹ מִכִשְׁוֹל: 166 שָּבַּרְתִּי לִישׁוּעָתְךּ יְהוָגָה וְּכִזּצְוֹתֵיךּ עַשִּׁיתִי: 167 שַׁמָרֶה נַפִּשִׁי עָרֹתֵיךּ וַאֹהֶבֶם מָאָר: 168 שָׁמַרִתִּי בָּקּוּדֵיךּ וִעֵּדֹתֵיךּ כִּי כָל־דִּרָכֵי נֶגְדֵּד: <sup>169</sup> תִּקְרַב רִנָּתִי לְפָנֶיד יְהוָה פִּרְבָּרְדָּ הַבִּיגֵנִי : <sup>170</sup> מָבִוֹא מִחְנַּתִי לְפָנֶיִדְ בְּאִמְרָתְדֹּ הַצִּילֵנִי : 171 תַּבֵּענַה שְּׁפָתַי תְּהָלֶּה בָּי תְלַמְּוֹבִיי תֵבֵּיף: 172 תַּעַן לְשׁוֹנִי אָמִרָתֵךּ כָּי כָל־מִצִּוֹתֵיךּ ַבֶּרֶק: <sup>173</sup> מְּהִי־יָרְךָּ לְעָזְרֵנִי כָּי פִּקּוּדֶיךְ בָחָרִתִּי: 174 מָאַבְתִּי לִישׁוּעָתְךְּ יְהוָרָה יִּנְבָּשִׁי <del>בַּיּ</del>בִי הָּחִי־נָפִשִּׁי בִּיּרִהְרָּ שַׁצֵּשָׁי בִּיּ וְתְהַלְּלֶּלֶ וְהִשְׁפְּשָׁךְ יַעַוְרֵנִי : 176 הַעִּיתִי כְּשֶׂה אָבֵר בַּקְשׁ עַבְדֶּךְ כָּי לִזְצְוֹהֵיךְ לְא

Men who are not <sup>1</sup>in accord with Your law.

86 All Your commandments are "faithful;

They have <sup>b</sup>persecuted me with a lie; 'help me!

They almost destroyed me ¹on earth,

But as for me, I "did not forsake Your precepts.

Revive me according to Your lovingkindness,

So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

## **Psa. 119:89** "Forever, O LORD,

Your word <sup>1</sup> is settled in heaven.

Your "faithfulness continues throughout all generations;

You <sup>b</sup>established the earth, and it <sup>c</sup>stands.

They stand this day according to Your aordinances,

For <sup>b</sup>all things are Your servants.

<sup>92</sup> If Your law had not been my <sup>a</sup>delight,

Then I would have perished <sup>b</sup>in my affliction.

I will "never forget Your precepts, For by them You have "brevived me.

I am Yours, <sup>a</sup>save me;

For I have <sup>b</sup>sought Your precepts.

The wicked "wait for me to destroy me;

I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.

<sup>96</sup> I have seen <sup>1</sup>a limit to all perfection;

Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

**Psa. 119:97** O how I "love Your law!

It is my be meditation all the day.

Your "commandments make me wiser than my enemies,

For they are ever <sup>1</sup>mine.

<sup>99</sup> I have more insight than all my teachers,

For Your testimonies are my ameditation.

I understand amore than the aged,

Because I have bobserved Your precepts.

I have "restrained my feet from every evil way,

That I may keep Your word.

I have not "turned aside from Your ordinances,"

For You Yourself have taught me.
How "sweet are Your "words to my
taste!

Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

From Your precepts I "get understanding;

Therefore I hate every false way.

**Psa. 119:105** Your word is a "lamp to my feet

And a light to my path.

I have "sworn and I will confirm it, That I will keep Your righteous ordinances.

I am exceedingly <sup>a</sup>afflicted;

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>b</sub>Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.

O accept the "freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,

And bteach me Your ordinances.

My <sup>1</sup> life is continually <sup>2</sup> in my hand,

Yet I do not <sup>b</sup> forget Your law.

The wicked have flaid a snare for me,

Yet I have not <sup>b</sup>gone astray from Your precepts.

I have "inherited Your testimonies forever,

For they are the 'joy of my heart.

I have "inclined my heart to perform Your statutes

Forever, *even* bto the end.

**Psa. 119:113** I hate those who are adouble-minded,

But I love Your <sup>b</sup>law.

You are my hiding place and my shield;

I 16 wait for Your word.

<sup>115</sup> Depart from me, evildoers,

That I may bobserve the commandments of my God.

"Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live;

And <sup>b</sup>do not let me be <sup>2</sup>ashamed of my hope.

Uphold me that I may be "safe,

That I may have regard for Your statutes continually.

You have <sup>1</sup>rejected all those "who wander from Your statutes,"

For their deceitfulness is <sup>2</sup>useless.

You have <sup>1</sup>removed all the wicked of the earth *like* <sup>a</sup>dross;

Therefore I blove Your testimonies.

My flesh <sup>1</sup>atrembles for fear of You,

And I am <sup>b</sup>afraid of Your judgments.

**Psa. 119:121** I have "done justice and righteousness;

Do not leave me to my oppressors.

Be "surety for Your servant for good;

Do not let the arrogant <sup>b</sup>oppress me.

My "eyes fail with longing for Your salvation

And for Your righteous <sup>1</sup>word.

Deal with Your servant "according to Your lovingkindness

And bteach me Your statutes.

<sup>125</sup> "I am Your servant; <sup>b</sup>give me understanding,

That I may know Your testimonies.

126 It is time for the LORD to "act,

For they have broken Your law.

Therefore I love Your commandments

Above gold, yes, above fine gold.

Therefore I esteem right all *Your* precepts concerning everything,

I hate every false way.

**Psa. 119:129** Your testimonies are <sup>a</sup>wonderful;

Therefore my soul <sup>b</sup>observes them.

The "unfolding of Your words gives light;

It gives bunderstanding to the simple.

I "opened my mouth wide and bpanted,

For I longed for Your commandments.

<sup>132</sup> "Turn to me and be gracious to me, After Your manner <sup>1</sup>with those who love Your name. Establish my "footsteps in Your word,

And do not let any iniquity <sup>b</sup>have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup> Redeem me from the oppression of man,

That I may keep Your precepts.

<sup>135</sup> "Make Your face shine upon Your servant,

And beach me Your statutes.

My eyes <sup>1</sup>shed <sup>a</sup>streams of water, Because they <sup>b</sup>do not keep Your law.

# Psa. 119:137 "Righteous are You, O LORD,

And upright are Your judgments.

You have commanded Your testimonies in "righteousness"

And exceeding <sup>b</sup>faithfulness.

My <sup>a</sup>zeal has <sup>1</sup>consumed me,

Because my adversaries have forgotten Your words.

Your <sup>1</sup>aword is very <sup>2</sup>pure,

Therefore Your servant bloves it.

I am small and <sup>a</sup>despised,

Yet I do not bforget Your precepts.

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,

And "Your law is truth.

Trouble and anguish have ¹come upon me,

Yet Your commandments are my "delight.

Your "testimonies are righteous forever;

<sup>b</sup>Give me understanding that I may live.

# **Psa. 119:145** I cried "with all my heart; answer me, O LORD!

I will bobserve Your statutes.

I cried to You; asave me

And I shall keep Your testimonies.

<sup>147</sup> I <sup>1</sup>arise before dawn and cry for help;

I <sup>2</sup>wait for Your words.

My eyes anticipate the anight watches,

That I may be meditate on Your word.

Hear my voice "according to Your lovingkindness;

<sup>b</sup>Revive me, O LORD, according to Your ordinances.

Those who follow after wickedness draw near;

They are far from Your law.

You are anear, O LORD,

And all Your commandments are <sup>b</sup>truth.

Of old I have "known from Your testimonies

That You have founded them bforever.

**Psa. 119:153** "Look upon my baffliction and rescue me,

For I do not 'forget Your law.

<sup>154</sup> Plead my cause and <sup>b</sup>redeem me; Revive me according to Your <sup>1</sup>word.

Salvation is "far from the wicked, For they bdo not seek You

For they bdo not seek Your statutes.

<sup>156</sup> <sup>1a</sup>Great are Your mercies, O LORD;

Revive me according to Your ordinances.

Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,

Yet I do not <sup>b</sup>turn aside from Your testimonies.

I behold the "treacherous and bloathe them,

Because they do not keep Your <sup>1</sup>word.

Consider how I love Your precepts;

<sup>b</sup>Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.

The "sum of Your word is "truth,

And every one of Your righteous ordinances 'is everlasting.

**Psa. 119:161** "Princes persecute me without cause,

But my heart <sup>b</sup>stands in awe of Your words.

I "rejoice at Your ¹word, As one who bfinds great spoil.

I "hate and despise falsehood, But I blove Your law.

Seven times a day I praise You,

Because of Your "righteous ordinances.

Those who love Your law have agreat peace,

And <sup>1</sup>bnothing causes them to stumble.

<sup>166</sup> I "hope for Your salvation, O LORD,

And do Your commandments.

My "soul keeps Your testimonies, And I "love them exceedingly.

<sup>168</sup> I "keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,

For all my bways are before You.

**Psa. 119:169** Let my "cry <sup>1</sup>come before You, O LORD;

<sup>b</sup>Give me understanding 'according to Your word.

Let my "supplication come before You;

<sup>b</sup>Deliver me according to Your <sup>1</sup>word.

Let my <sup>a</sup>lips utter praise,

For You <sup>b</sup>teach me Your statutes.

Let my tongue sing of Your word,

For all Your <sup>b</sup>commandments are righteousness.

Let Your "hand be <sup>1</sup>ready to help me,

For I have <sup>b</sup>chosen Your precepts.

I "long for Your salvation, O LORD,

And Your law is my <sup>b</sup>delight.

Let my asoul live that it may praise You,

And let Your ordinances help me.

I have "gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant,"

For I do <sup>b</sup>not forget Your commandments.

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#### Psalm 119:1

<sup>1</sup>Lit complete; or having integrity <sup>a</sup>Ps 101:2, 6; Prov 11:20; 13:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps 128:1; Ezek 11:20; 18:17; Mic 4:2

#### Psalm 119:2

<sup>a</sup>Ps 25:10; 99:7; 119:22, 168 <sup>b</sup>Deut 4:29; Ps 119:10 Deut 6:5; 10:12; 11:13; 13:3; 30:2

#### Psalm 119:3

<sup>a</sup>1 John 3:9; 5:18

#### Psalm 119:4

<sup>1</sup>Lit commanded
<sup>2</sup>Lit To keep
<sup>a</sup>Deut 4:13; Neh 9:13

#### Psalm 119:5

<sup>a</sup>Ps 40:2; Prov 4:26 <sup>b</sup>Deut 12:1; 2 Chr 7:17

#### Psalm 119:6

<sup>1</sup>Lit *to*<sup>a</sup>Job 22:26; Ps 119:80

#### Psalm 119:7

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:62

#### Psalm 119:8

<sup>a</sup>Ps 38:21; 71:9, 18

#### Psalm 119:9

<sup>a</sup>1 Kin 2:4; 8:25; 2 Chr 6:16

#### Psalm 119:10

<sup>a</sup>2 Chr 15:15; Ps 119:2, 145 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:21, 118

<sup>a</sup>Ps 37:31; 40:8; Luke 2:19, 51

#### Psalm 119:12

<sup>e</sup>Ps 119:26, 64, 108, 124, 135, 171

#### Psalm 119:13

<sup>a</sup>Ps 40:9

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:72

#### Psalm 119:14

<sup>1</sup>Lit As over all

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:111, 162

#### Psalm 119:15

<sup>1</sup>Or look upon

<sup>a</sup>Ps 1:2; 119:23, 48, 78, 97, 148

<sup>b</sup>Ps 25:4; 27:11; Is 58:2

#### Psalm 119:16

<sup>1</sup>Lit delight myself

<sup>e</sup>Ps 1:2; 119:24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 143, 174

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:93

#### Psalm 119:17

<sup>a</sup>Ps 13:6; 116:7

#### Psalm 119:19

"Gen 47:9; Lev 25:23; 1 Chr 29:15; Ps 39:12; 119:54; Heb 11:13

#### Psalm 119:20

<sup>1</sup>Lit for

"Ps 42:1, 2; 63:1; 84:2; 119:40, 131

#### Psalm 119:21

<sup>1</sup>Or Cursed are those who wander...

<sup>a</sup>Ps 68:30

<sup>b</sup>Deut 27:26; Ps 37:22

Ps 119:10, 118

#### Psalm 119:22

<sup>a</sup>Ps 39:8; 119:39

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:2

#### Psalm 119:23

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:161

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:15

#### Psalm 119:24

<sup>1</sup>Lit the men of my counsel

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:16

#### Psalm 119:25

<sup>a</sup>Ps 44:25

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:37, 40, 88, 93, 107, 149, 154, 156, 159; 143:11

Ps 119:65

#### Psalm 119:26

<sup>a</sup>Ps 25:4; 27:11; 86:11; 119:12

#### Psalm 119:27

<sup>a</sup>Ps 105:2; 145:5

#### Psalm 119:28

<sup>1</sup>Lit drops

<sup>a</sup>Ps 22:14; 107:26

<sup>b</sup>Ps 20:2; 1 Pet 5:10

#### Psalm 119:30

<sup>1</sup>Or accounted Your ordinances worthy

#### Psalm 119:31

<sup>a</sup>Deut 11:22

#### Psalm 119:32

<sup>a</sup>1 Kin 4:29; Is 60:5; 2 Cor 6:11, 13

#### Psalm 119:33

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:5, 12

#### Psalm 119:34

<sup>e</sup>Ps 119:27, 73, 125, 144, 169

<sup>b</sup>1 Chr 22:12; Ezek 44:24 'Ps 119:2, 69

#### Psalm 119:35

<sup>a</sup>Ps 25:4; Is 40:14 <sup>b</sup>Ps 112:1; 119:16

#### Psalm 119:36

<sup>a</sup>1 Kin 8:58

<sup>b</sup>Ezek 33:31; Mark 7:21, 22; Luke 12:15; Heb 13:5

#### Psalm 119:37

<sup>a</sup>Is 33:15

<sup>b</sup>Ps 71:20; 119:25

#### Psalm 119:38

<sup>1</sup>Or promise
<sup>2</sup>Lit Which is for the fear of You
<sup>2</sup>2 Sam 7:25

#### Psalm 119:39

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:22

#### Psalm 119:40

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:20

#### Psalm 119:41

<sup>1</sup>Or promise

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:77

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:58, 76, 116, 170

#### Psalm 119:42

<sup>a</sup>Prov 27:11

<sup>b</sup>Ps 102:8; 119:39

#### Psalm 119:43

<sup>1</sup>Or hope in

<sup>e</sup>Ps 119:49, 74, 81, 114, 147

#### Psalm 119:44

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:33

<sup>1</sup>Lit in a wide place <sup>a</sup>Prov 4:12 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:94, 155

#### Psalm 119:46

<sup>a</sup>Matt 10:18; Acts 26:1, 2

#### Psalm 119:47

<sup>1</sup>Lit delight myself "Ps 119:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:97, 127, 159

#### Psalm 119:48

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:97, 127, 159 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:15

#### Psalm 119:49

<sup>1</sup>Lit On

#### Psalm 119:50

<sup>1</sup>Or preserved me alive <sup>a</sup>Job 6:10; Rom 15:4

#### Psalm 119:51

<sup>a</sup>Job 30:1; Jer 20:7 <sup>b</sup>Job 23:11; Ps 44:18; 119:157

#### Psalm 119:52

<sup>1</sup>Or everlasting <sup>a</sup>Ps 103:18

#### Psalm 119:53

<sup>a</sup>Ex 32:19; Ezra 9:3; Neh 13:25; Ps 119:158 <sup>b</sup>Ps 89:30

#### Psalm 119:54

<sup>a</sup>Gen 47:9; Ps 119:19

#### Psalm 119:55

<sup>a</sup>Ps 63:6

<sup>b</sup>Ps 42:8; 92:2; 119:62; Is 26:9; Acts 16:25

#### Psalm 119:56

<sup>1</sup>Or Because

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:22, 69, 100

#### Psalm 119:57

<sup>1</sup>Lit said that I would keep

<sup>a</sup>Ps 16:5; Lam 3:24

<sup>b</sup>Deut 33:9

#### Psalm 119:58

<sup>1</sup>Or promise

<sup>a</sup>1 Kin 13:6

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:2

Ps 41:4; 56:1; 57:1

<sup>d</sup>Ps 119:41

#### Psalm 119:59

<sup>a</sup>Mark 14:72; Luke 15:17

#### Psalm 119:61

<sup>a</sup>Job 36:8; Ps 140:5

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:83, 141, 153, 176

#### Psalm 119:62

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:55

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:7

#### Psalm 119:63

<sup>1</sup>Or revere

<sup>a</sup>Ps 101:6

#### Psalm 119:64

<sup>a</sup>Ps 33:5

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:12

#### Psalm 119:66

<sup>1</sup>Or judgment

<sup>a</sup>Phil 1:9

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:71, 75; Jer 31:18, 19; Heb 12:5-11

#### Psalm 119:68

<sup>a</sup>Ps 86:5; 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; Matt 19:17 <sup>b</sup>Deut 8:16; 28:63; 30:5; Ps 125:4 <sup>c</sup>Ps 119:12

#### Psalm 119:69

<sup>1</sup>Lit besmear me with lies <sup>a</sup>Job 13:4; Ps 109:2 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:56

#### Psalm 119:70

<sup>1</sup>Lit gross like fat <sup>a</sup>Deut 32:15; Job 15:27; Ps 17:10; Is 6:10; Jer 5:28; Acts 28:27 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:16

#### Psalm 119:71

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:67, 75

#### Psalm 119:72

<sup>e</sup>Ps 19:10; 119:127; Prov 8:10, 11, 19

#### Psalm 119:73

<sup>1</sup>Lit established <sup>a</sup>Job 10:8; 31:15; Ps 100:3; 138:8; 139:15, 16 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:34

#### Psalm 119:74

<sup>1</sup>Or revere <sup>2</sup>Or hope in <sup>a</sup>Ps 34:2; 35:27; 107:42 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:43

#### Psalm 119:75

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:138 <sup>b</sup>Heb 12:10

#### Psalm 119:76

<sup>1</sup>Lit be for my comfort <sup>2</sup>Or promise

#### Psalm 119:77

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:41

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:16

#### Psalm 119:78

<sup>a</sup>Jer 50:32

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:86

<sup>4</sup>Ps 119:15

#### Psalm 119:79

<sup>1</sup>Or revere

#### Psalm 119:80

<sup>1</sup>Lit complete; or having integrity

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:1

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:46

#### Psalm 119:81

<sup>1</sup>Or hope in

<sup>a</sup>Ps 84:2

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:43

#### Psalm 119:82

<sup>1</sup>Or promise

<sup>2</sup>Lit Saying

<sup>e</sup>Ps 69:3; 119:123; Is 38:14; Lam 2:11

#### Psalm 119:83

<sup>a</sup>Job 30:30

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:61

#### Psalm 119:84

<sup>a</sup>Ps 39:4

<sup>b</sup>Rev 6:10

#### Psalm 119:85

<sup>1</sup>Lit according to Your law

<sup>a</sup>Ps 7:15; 35:7; 57:6; Jer 18:22

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:138 <sup>b</sup>Ps 35:19; 119:78, 161 Ps 109:26

#### Psalm 119:87

<sup>1</sup>Lit in the earth <sup>4</sup>Is 58:2

#### Psalm 119:89

<sup>1</sup>Lit *stands firm*<sup>a</sup>Ps 89:2; 119:160; Is 40:8; Matt 24:35; 1 Pet 1:25

#### Psalm 119:90

<sup>1</sup>Lit *to*<sup>a</sup>Ps 36:5; 89:1, 2
<sup>b</sup>Ps 148:6
<sup>a</sup>Eccl 1:4

#### Psalm 119:91

<sup>a</sup>Jer 31:35; 33:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps 104:2-4

#### Psalm 119:92

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:50

#### Psalm 119:93

<sup>1</sup>Or kept me alive <sup>a</sup>Ps 119:16, 83 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:25

#### Psalm 119:94

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:146 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:45

#### Psalm 119:95

<sup>a</sup>Ps 40:14; Is 32:7

#### Psalm 119:96

## <sup>1</sup>Lit an end of

#### Psalm 119:97

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:47, 48, 127, 163, 165 <sup>b</sup>Ps 1:2; 119:15

#### Psalm 119:98

<sup>1</sup>Or *with me*"Deut 4:6; Ps 119:130

#### Psalm 119:99

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:15

#### Psalm 119:100

<sup>a</sup>Job 32:7-9 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:22, 56

#### Psalm 119:101

<sup>a</sup>Prov 1:15

#### Psalm 119:102

"Deut 17:20; Josh 23:6; 1 Kin 15:5

#### Psalm 119:103

<sup>1</sup>Or promises
<sup>2</sup>Lit palate
<sup>a</sup>Ps 19:10; Prov 8:11; 24:13, 14

#### Psalm 119:104

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:130 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:128

#### Psalm 119:105

<sup>a</sup>Prov 6:23

#### Psalm 119:106

<sup>a</sup>Neh 10:29

#### Psalm 119:107

<sup>1</sup>Or *Keep me alive* <sup>a</sup>Ps 119:25, 50

## <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:25

#### Psalm 119:108

<sup>a</sup>Hos 14:2; Heb 13:15 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:12

#### Psalm 119:109

<sup>1</sup>Lit *soul*<sup>2</sup>I.e. in danger
<sup>a</sup>Judg 12:3; Job 13:14
<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:16

#### Psalm 119:110

<sup>a</sup>Ps 91:3; 140:5; 141:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:10

#### Psalm 119:111

<sup>a</sup>Deut 33:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:14, 162

#### Psalm 119:112

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:36 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:33

#### Psalm 119:113

<sup>a</sup>1 Kin 18:21; James 1:8; 4:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:47

#### Psalm 119:114

<sup>1</sup>Or hope in <sup>a</sup>Ps 31:20; 32:7; 61:4; 91:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps 84:9 Ps 119:74

#### Psalm 119:115

<sup>a</sup>Ps 6:8; 139:19; Matt 7:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:22

#### Psalm 119:116

<sup>1</sup>Or promise
<sup>2</sup>Lit put to shame because of

<sup>a</sup>Ps 37:17, 24; 54:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps 25:2, 20; 31:1, 17; Rom 5:5; 9:33; Phil 1:20

#### Psalm 119:117

<sup>a</sup>Ps 12:5; Prov 29:25 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:6, 15

## Psalm 119:118

<sup>1</sup>Lit made light of <sup>2</sup>Lit falsehood <sup>a</sup>Ps 119:10, 21

#### Psalm 119:119

<sup>1</sup>Lit caused to cease <sup>a</sup>Is 1:22, 25; Ezek 22:18, 19 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:47

#### Psalm 119:120

<sup>1</sup>Lit *bristles up from*"Job 4:14; Hab 3:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:161

#### Psalm 119:121

<sup>a</sup>2 Sam 8:15; Job 29:14

#### Psalm 119:122

<sup>a</sup>Job 17:3; Heb 7:22 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:134

#### Psalm 119:123

<sup>1</sup>Or *promise* <sup>a</sup>Ps 119:82

#### Psalm 119:124

<sup>a</sup>Ps 51:1; 106:45; 109:26; 119:88, 149, 159 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:12

#### Psalm 119:125

<sup>a</sup>Ps 116:16 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:27

<sup>a</sup>Jer 18:23; Ezek 31:11

#### Psalm 119:127

<sup>a</sup>Ps 19:10; 119:47

#### Psalm 119:128

<sup>a</sup>Ps 19:8

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:104

## Psalm 119:129

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:18

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:22

#### Psalm 119:130

<sup>a</sup>Prov 6:23

<sup>b</sup>Ps 19:7

#### Psalm 119:131

<sup>a</sup>Job 29:23; Ps 81:10

<sup>b</sup>Ps 42:1

<sup>e</sup>Ps 119:20

#### Psalm 119:132

<sup>1</sup>Lit to

<sup>a</sup>Ps 25:16; 106:4

#### Psalm 119:133

<sup>1</sup>Or promise

<sup>a</sup>Ps 17:5

<sup>b</sup>Ps 19:13; Rom 6:12

#### Psalm 119:134

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:84; 142:6; Luke 1:74

#### Psalm 119:135

"Num 6:25; Ps 4:6; 31:16; 67:1; 80:3, 7, 19

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:12

#### Psalm 119:136

<sup>1</sup>Lit run down

<sup>a</sup>Jer 9:1, 18; 14:17; Lam 3:48 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:158

#### Psalm 119:137

"Ezra 9:15; Neh 9:33; Ps 116:5; 129:4; 145:17; Jer 12:1; Lam 1:18; Dan 9:7, 14

#### Psalm 119:138

<sup>a</sup>Ps 19:7-9; 119:144, 172 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:86, 90

#### Psalm 119:139

<sup>1</sup>Lit put an end to <sup>a</sup>Ps 69:9; John 2:17

#### Psalm 119:140

<sup>1</sup>Or promise <sup>2</sup>Lit refined <sup>a</sup>Ps 12:6; 19:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:47

### Psalm 119:141

<sup>a</sup>Ps 22:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:61

#### Psalm 119:142

<sup>a</sup>Ps 19:9; 119:151, 160

#### Psalm 119:143

<sup>1</sup>Lit found me <sup>a</sup>Ps 119:24

#### Psalm 119:144

<sup>a</sup>Ps 19:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:27

#### Psalm 119:145

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:10 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:22, 55

#### Psalm 119:146

<sup>a</sup>Ps 3:7

<sup>1</sup>Lit anticipate the dawn <sup>2</sup>Or hope in <sup>a</sup>Ps 5:3; 57:8; 108:2

#### Psalm 119:148

<sup>1</sup>Or *promise* <sup>a</sup>Ps 63:6 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:15

#### Psalm 119:149

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:124 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:25

#### Psalm 119:151

<sup>a</sup>Ps 34:18; 145:18; Is 50:8 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:142

#### Psalm 119:152

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:125 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:89; Luke 21:33

#### Psalm 119:153

<sup>a</sup>Lam 5:1 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:50 <sup>c</sup>Ps 119:16; Prov 3:1; Hos 4:6

#### Psalm 119:154

<sup>1</sup>Or *promise* <sup>a</sup>1 Sam 24:15; Ps 35:1; Mic 7:9 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:134

#### Psalm 119:155

<sup>a</sup>Job 5:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:45, 94

## Psalm 119:156

<sup>1</sup>Or *Many* <sup>a</sup>2 Sam 24:14

<sup>a</sup>Ps 7:1; 119:86, 161 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:51

#### Psalm 119:158

<sup>1</sup>Or *promise*<sup>a</sup>Is 21:2; 24:16
<sup>b</sup>Ps 139:21

#### Psalm 119:159

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:47 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:25

#### Psalm 119:160

<sup>a</sup>Ps 139:17 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:142 <sup>c</sup>Ps 119:89, 152

#### Psalm 119:161

<sup>a</sup>1 Sam 24:11; 26:18; Ps 119:23 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:120

#### Psalm 119:162

<sup>1</sup>Or *promise*<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:14, 111
<sup>b</sup>1 Sam 30:16; Is 9:3

#### Psalm 119:163

<sup>a</sup>Ps 31:6; 119:104, 128; Prov 13:5 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:47

#### Psalm 119:164

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:7, 160

#### Psalm 119:165

<sup>1</sup>Lit they have no stumbling block <sup>a</sup>Ps 37:11; Prov 3:2; Is 26:3; 32:17 <sup>b</sup>Prov 3:23; Is 63:13; 1 John 2:10

#### Psalm 119:166

"Gen 49:18; Ps 119:81, 174

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:129

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:47

#### Psalm 119:168

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:22

<sup>b</sup>Job 24:23; Ps 139:3; Prov 5:21

#### Psalm 119:169

<sup>1</sup>Lit come near before

<sup>a</sup>Job 16:18; Ps 18:6; 102:1

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:27, 144

'Ps 119:65, 154

#### Psalm 119:170

<sup>1</sup>Or promise

<sup>a</sup>Ps 28:2; 130:2; 140:6; 143:1

<sup>b</sup>Ps 22:20; 31:2; 59:1

#### Psalm 119:171

<sup>a</sup>Ps 51:15; 63:3

<sup>b</sup>Ps 94:12; 119:12; Is 2:3; Mic 4:2

#### Psalm 119:172

<sup>1</sup>Or promise

<sup>a</sup>Ps 51:14

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:138

#### Psalm 119:173

<sup>1</sup>Lit to help me

<sup>a</sup>Ps 37:24; 73:23

<sup>b</sup>Josh 24:22; Luke 10:42

#### Psalm 119:174

<sup>a</sup>Ps 119:166

<sup>b</sup>Ps 119:16, 24

#### Psalm 119:175

<sup>a</sup>Is 55:3

<sup>a</sup>Is 53:6; Jer 50:6; Matt 18:12; Luke 15:4 <sup>b</sup>Ps 119:16

#### Targum

**Psa. 119:1** How happy are the perfect of way, who walk in the Torah of the LORD. <sup>2</sup> How happy those who keep his testimony; with a whole heart they will seek his instruction. <sup>3</sup> Truly, they have not acted deceitfully; in his proper ways they have walked. <sup>4</sup> You have given your commandments, to keep very much. <sup>5</sup> It is good for me that my ways are straight, to keep your decrees. <sup>6</sup> Then I will not be disappointed when I look to all your commandments. <sup>7</sup> I will give thanks in your presence with uprightness of heart, when I learn the judgments of your righteousness. 8 I will keep your decrees; do not abandon me utterly. <sup>9</sup> In what way shall a youth purify his way? To keep [it] as your words. <sup>10</sup> With all my heart I have sought your teaching; do not let me go astray from your commandments. 11 In my heart I have hidden your word, that I might not sin in your presence. 12 Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your decrees. 13 With my lips I have recounted all the judgments of your mouth. 14 In the way of your testimonies I have rejoiced, as at a stroke of luck. 15 I will speak by your commandments, and I will behold, your ways. <sup>16</sup> I will find delight in your decrees, I will not forget your utterance. <sup>17</sup> Requite your servant with good; I will live, and keep your words. <sup>18</sup> Uncover my eyes, and I will behold, wonders from your Torah. 19 I am a dweller in the land; do not take away your commandments from me. 20 My soul has longed with longing for your commandments at all times. <sup>21</sup> You have rebuked the malicious; cursed are all who stray from your commandments. <sup>22</sup> Remove from me humiliation and shame; for I have kept your testimonies. 23 For leaders sit speaking against me; your servant is engaged in instruction of your decrees. <sup>24</sup> Also your testimonies are my delight, the source of my counsel. <sup>25</sup> My soul is joined to the dust; heal me according to your word. <sup>26</sup> I numbered my ways and you received my prayer; teach me your decrees. <sup>27</sup> Give me insight into the way of your commandments, and I will speak of your wonders. <sup>28</sup> My soul is grieved by weariness; sustain me according to your word. <sup>29</sup> Remove from me the path of lies; and [by] your Torah have compassion on me. <sup>30</sup> I have chosen the faithful path; I have placed your judgements [with me]. 31 I have joined myself to your testimonies, O LORD; do not make me ashamed. 32 I will run in the path of your commandments, for you will expand my heart. 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your decrees, and I will keep it totally. 34 Give me insight, and I will keep your Torah, O LORD; and I will keep it with a whole heart. 35 Make me walk in the course of your commandments, for I desire it. <sup>36</sup> Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to money. <sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes away from the sight of deceit; by your words heal me. 38 Confirm your word to your servant, which [leads] to your worship. 39 Take away my reproach, which I fear, for your judgments are good. 40 Behold, I have yearned for your commandments; in your generosity heal me. <sup>41</sup> And let your kindness come upon me, O LORD, your redemption

in accordance with your word. 42 And I will give answer to those who mock me, for I have trusted in your word. 43 And do not remove the word of truth from my mouth utterly, for I have waited long for your judgments. 44 And I will keep your Torah always, for ages upon ages. 45 And I will walk in the wideness of the Torah, for I have sought your commandments. 46 And I will speak of your testimonies before kings, and I will not be ashamed. <sup>47</sup> And I will delight myself in your commandments, which I love. <sup>48</sup> And I will lift my hands to your commandments, which I love, and I will speak of your decrees. 49 Remind your servant of the word, for you waited long for me. 50 This is my comfort in my pain, for your word has sustained me. <sup>51</sup> The malicious mock me greatly; I have not turned away from your Torah. 52 I remembered your judgments of old, O LORD, and I was comforted. 53 Trembling seized me because of the wicked who forsake your Torah. 54 Your decrees became psalms for me in my dwelling place. 55 I remembered your name in the night, O LORD, and I kept your Torah. <sup>56</sup> This became merit for me, for I kept your commandments. <sup>57</sup> My portion is the LORD, I have promised to keep your words. 58 I have prayed in your presence with a whole heart; have pity on me according to your word. <sup>59</sup> I have thought to improve my way, and I will turn my feet to your testimonies. 60 I was eager, and did not delay to keep your commandments. 61 The band of wicked men has gathered against me; I have not forgotten your Torah. 62 In the middle of the night I will rise to sing praise in your presence, for the sake of your righteous judgments. 63 I am a companion to all who revere you, and to those who keep your commandments. <sup>64</sup> Your goodness, O LORD, fills the earth; teach me your decrees. 65 You have shown goodness to your servant, O LORD, according to your words. 66 Teach me good sense and knowledge, for I have believed in your commandments. 67 Before I was afflicted, I was in error, but now I have kept your word. <sup>68</sup> You are good, and do good; teach me your decrees. <sup>69</sup> The malicious have shouted me down with lies; I will keep your commandments with a whole heart. <sup>70</sup> The impulse of their heart is dulled as with fat; as for me, my delight is your Torah. 71 It is good for me, for I was humbled, so that I might learn your decrees. <sup>72</sup> Better for me is the Torah of your mouth, than a thousand talents of gold and silver. <sup>73</sup> Your hands made me and established me; give me insight and I will learn your commandments. 74 Those who fear you will see me and be glad; for I have waited long for your word. 75 I know, O LORD, for your judgments are righteous and you have afflicted me in truth. <sup>76</sup> Now let your kindness be for my comfort, according to your word to your servant. 77 Let your mercies come to me and I will live; for your Torah is my delight. 78 The arrogant will be ashamed, for they twisted a lie against me; I will speak of your commandments. 79 Those who fear you will turn to my teaching, and those who know your testimonies. 80 Let my heart be without blemish in your decrees, so that I may not be ashamed. 81 My soul has yearned for your redemption; I have waited

long for your word. 82 My eyes are spent for your word, saying, "When will you comfort me?" 83 For I have become like a water-skin that hangs in the smoke; your decrees I have not forgotten. 84 How many are the days of your servant? When will you pass judgment on my persecutors? 85 The malicious have dug pits for me, that you have not commanded them in your Torah. 86 All your commandments are truth; for a lie they persecuted me, help me! 87 They almost destroyed me in the land; but I have not forsaken your commandments. 88 Sustain me according to your kindness, and I will keep the testimony of your mouth. 89 Forever, O LORD, your word endures in heaven. <sup>90</sup> Your faithfulness is to every generation; you established the earth and it endures. <sup>91</sup> This day have they risen for your judgments, for all of them are your servants. 92 Had your Torah not been my delight, then I would have perished in my affliction. 93 I will never forget your commandments, for you have sustained me by them. 94 For I am yours, redeem me; for I have sought after your commandments. 95 The wicked waited for me to annihilate me; I will contemplate your commandments. <sup>96</sup> To everything that began and ended I have seen an end; your commands are very spacious. 97 How I have loved your Torah! It is my conversation all day. 98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies; because it is always mine. 99 I have understood more than all my teachers; for your testimonies are my conversation. 100 I will have greater insight than the wise, for I have kept your commandments. 101 I have kept my feet from every evil way, so that I may keep your words. 102 I have not gone away from your judgments, for you have taught me. 103 How sweet to my palate are your words; sweeter by far than honey to my mouth. 104 I will gain insight from your commandments; because of this, I hate every son of man who lies. 105 Your words are like a lamp that illuminates my feet, and a light for my path. 106 I have sworn and covenanted to keep the commandments of your righteousness. 107 I was greatly afflicted, O LORD; heal me according to your words. 108 Be pleased now, O LORD, with the offerings of my mouth; and teach me your judgments. 109 My soul is always in danger by my own hands; but I have not forgotten your Torah. 110 The wicked have arranged a trap for me; but I have not strayed from your commandments. 111 I have inherited your testimonies forever; for they are the joy of my heart. 112 I have inclined my heart to do your decrees forever, to the very end. 113 I hate those who think vain thoughts, but I have loved your Torah. 114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I have waited long for your word. 115 Turn from me, evildoers; and I will keep the commandments of my God. 116 Support me by your word, and I will live; and do not disappoint me because of my trust. 117 Help me and I will be redeemed; and I will be happy in your Torah always. 118 You have subdued all who went astray from your decrees; for their deceit is a lie. 119 You have terminated all the unfit, you have frustrated all the wicked of the earth; because of this, I have loved your testimonies. 120 My flesh is blushing for fear of you; and I am afraid of your judgments.

<sup>121</sup> I have practiced justice and righteousness; do not abandon me to my oppressors. <sup>122</sup> Delight your servant with goodness; do not let the malicious oppress me. 123 My eyes have hoped for your redemption, and for the word of your righteousness. 124 Act with your servant according to your kindness, and teach me your decrees. 125 I am your servant, give me insight, and I will know your testimonies. 126 It is time to do the will of the LORD; the scholars have desecrated your Torah. 127 Because of this, I have loved your commandments more than gold and more than pure gold. 128 Because of this, I have harmonized all the commandments whatsoever; I hate every way of deceit. 129 Your testimonies are wonderful; because of this, my soul has kept them. 130 Your engraved words will enlighten the needy, the simple will gain insight. <sup>131</sup> I opened my mouth and learned, for I desired your commandments. 132 Turn to me and have compassion on me, as is the custom towards those who love your name. 133 Establish my steps by your word, and let no deceit rule over me. 134 Redeem me from the oppression of the son of man, and I will keep your commandments. 135 Shine the splendor of your face on your servant, and teach me your decrees. 136 Streams of water will go down my eyes, because they have not kept the Torah. 137 Your are righteous, O LORD, and your judgments are upright. 138 You have commanded righteousness, testimony, and much faithfulness. 139 My zeal has overcome me, for my oppressors have forgotten your words. 140 Your word is very pure, and your servant loves it. 141 I am small and despised; I have not forgotten your commandments. 142 Your generosity is righteousness forever, and your Torah is truth. 143 Trouble and the oppressor have befallen me; your commandments are my delight. 144 Your testimonies are righteousness forever; give me insight and I will endure. 145 I have called with a whole heart; answer me, O LORD! I will keep your decrees. 146 I have called you, redeem me; and I will keep your testimonies. 147 I have risen early at dawn, and prayed; I have waited long for your word. 148 My eyes have preceded the watches of morning and evening to speak of your word. 149 Hear my voice in accordance with your kindness, O LORD; sustain me according to your judgments. 150 Those who pursue fornication have drawn near; they have gone far from your Torah. 151 You are near, O LORD, and all your commandments are truth. 152 Long ago I grew wise from your testimonies, for you founded them forever. <sup>153</sup> See my affliction and deliver me; for I have not forgotten your Torah. <sup>154</sup> Argue my case and redeem me; heal me for your word. 155 Redemption is far from the wicked; for they have not sought your decrees. 156 Your mercies are many, O LORD; heal me according to your judgments. 157 Those who pursue me and oppress me are many; I have not turned away from your testimonies. 158 I saw despoilers and I contended with them, who have not kept your word. <sup>159</sup> See [this], for I have loved your commandments; O LORD, according to your kindness heal me. 160 The beginning of your word is truth; and all the judgments of your righteousness are forever. 161 Rulers have pursued me

without cause; and my heart is in fear of your word. 162 I am glad concerning your word, like a man who finds much spoil. 163 I have hated deceit and loathed it; I have loved your Torah. 164 Seven times a day I have praised you, because of the judgements of your righteousness. 165 There is great peace for those who love your Torah in this age, and they have no stumbling-block in the age to come. <sup>166</sup> I have hoped for your redemption, O LORD, and I have done your commandments. 167 My soul has kept your testimonies, and I have loved them greatly. 168 I have kept your commandments and your testimonies, for all my ways are before you. 169 My prayer will come near in your presence, O LORD; give me insight according to your word. <sup>170</sup> Let my prayer come before you; deliver me according to your word. <sup>171</sup> My lips will seek praise, for you will teach me your decrees. <sup>172</sup> My tongue will reply [to] your word, for all your judgments are righteousness. 173 May your hand be [ready] to help me, for I have taken pleasure in your commandments. 174 I have yearned for your redemption, O LORD, and your Torah is my delight. 175 May my soul live and praise you, and may your judgments give me aid. <sup>176</sup> I have gone astray like a lost flock; seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commandments.

## **Spiritual Awareness**

## Introduction

This Psalm outlines the life of King David. He was always attempting to reach self-perfection in his service to the LORD. Every step he took was to bring him closer to the LORD. He made a few missteps along the way. This Psalm follows the sequence of the Hebrew alphabet as it describes his life. David described the many obstacles and dangers that confronted him during his lifetime. Even in times of sorrow, he never lost his faith nor his objective.

## Notes of the Psalm

This entire psalm is a lesson in spiritual awareness. How many people today attempt to reach the LORD throughout their lives? David made it a top priority. Ask yourself, where does the LORD come into play in your life? Unfortunately, the major mechanism to help people find the LORD are man-made institutions. These institutions are more concerned about their survival rather than the survival of the membership. Politics and power are the mainstay in churches and synagogues.

How can a person find their spirituality when the institutions originally designed to help are now corrupt? This is where self-study of the Bible is necessary. There are many biblical researchers on the internet. Beware of many and check out their credentials and writings. In Hebraic studies, there are many ways to express an interpretation of the Bible. Rabbi Steinsaltz said that every person needs to put together their own Torah. He meant that there are numerous ways to understand the LORD's words. If your interpretation is not anti-biblical, it is acceptable as your view.

There is a church denomination today (2023) in which its leadership, the bishops, says that the Bible is just a book of ancient stories. In addition, they espouse that the Bible does not have to be followed. If they toss the Bible out of this church, then it is no longer a church but a large social club. So, if you are a part of a religious organization, ensure that it follows the LORD's word.

Appendix







