

Psalm 119

King James Version (KJV)

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119 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. (undefiled- sincere, faithful)

²Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

³They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

⁴Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

⁵O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

⁶Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. (ashamed- sometimes translated- confused) (respect- regard with pleasure and care)

⁷I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

⁸I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

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⁹Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. (heed- to guard, or hedge about)

¹⁰With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

¹¹Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (word- sayings) (hid- reserved or treasured)

¹²Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

¹³With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

¹⁴I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. (Build riches in heaven, not on earth)

¹⁵I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

¹⁶ I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

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¹⁷ Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.
(bountifully- wean -> spiritually, mature from milk to meat)

¹⁸ Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

¹⁹ I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.
(stranger- sojourner)

²⁰ My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

²¹ Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments. (proud- haughty, arrogant)

²² Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies. (reproach and contempt- see 2Kings-18 & 19) (Also- Senacareb's cylinder in the British Museum tells of this)

²³ Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

²⁴ Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counselors.

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²⁵ My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word. (quicken- make alive, or revive) (See 2Kings-20)

²⁶ I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

²⁷ Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works. Acts-2

²⁸ My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word. (melteth- weeps)

²⁹ Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

³⁰ I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

³¹ I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.
(stuck- cleaved) 2Timothy-2:15

³² I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart. (run- to walk vigorously & cheerfully) John-8:31-32

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³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵ Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

³⁶ Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
(covetousness- to envy what others have)

³⁷ Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way. (vanity- evil, idolatry)

³⁸ Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.
(fear- reverence)

³⁹ Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

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⁴¹ Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

⁴² So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word. (refers to Senacareb & Rabshakah – of Damascus)

⁴³ And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

⁴⁴ So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. **Isaiah-40:8**

⁴⁵ And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

⁴⁶ I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. **Mathew-10:17-20**

⁴⁷ And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

⁴⁸ My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

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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. **(quicken**-e**d- revived, brought back to life)**

⁵¹ The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law. **(prou**-e**d- insolent, haughty) (declin**-e**d- bent away from) 2Kings-18 & 19**

⁵² I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself. **(God's Word never changes)**

⁵³ Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law. **(Hor**-e**ror- indignation)**

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 thy law.

⁵⁶ This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

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⁵⁷ Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words. **(keep- guard, hedge around)**

⁵⁸ I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word. **(favour- face)**

⁵⁹ I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
(The psalmist was headed the wrong way, then turned to God)

⁶⁰ I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

⁶¹ The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law. (robbed- surrounded-> bad translation)

⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

⁶³ I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts. (fear- revere) (Choose your friends carefully)

⁶⁴ The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

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⁶⁵ Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

⁶⁶ Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments. (Teach- goad, push along)

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

⁶⁸ Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes. (teach- goad, push along)

⁶⁹ The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

⁷⁰ Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law. (Hebrew figure of speech -> They have no compassion or feeling)

⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. (The school of hard knocks teaches well)

⁷² The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

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⁷³ Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

⁷⁴ They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word. (fear= revere)

⁷⁵ I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. (If we need chastisement)

⁷⁶ Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

⁷⁷ Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight. (Eternal life)

⁷⁸ Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.

⁷⁹ Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies. (fear= revere)

⁸⁰ Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed. (sound= complete, fixed) (ashamed= confused)

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⁸¹ My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word.

⁸² Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me? (Impatience)

⁸³ For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes. (A wine skin that is too close to the fire – black and shriveled – persecuted)

⁸⁴ How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me? **2Kings-20:6**

⁸⁵ The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.

⁸⁶ All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me. (they- the proud men)

⁸⁷ They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.

⁸⁸ Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

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89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. (God's word is eternal) Isaiah-40:8

90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. Revelation-21

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants. (They- heaven and earth)

92 Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me. (quicken= to make alive)

94 I am thine, save me: for I have sought thy precepts. Ezekiel-18:4

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad. (perfection= growth, maturity; then decline & death) (But there is no end to God's word)

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97 O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day. (meditation= reflection)

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. (they- the commandments, not the enemy)

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. (These are the teachers in the traditions of men, and church doctrines. Not the word of God)

100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. Isaiah-29:10-14

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

¹⁰² I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! **Ezekiel-3:1-3**

¹⁰⁴ Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

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¹⁰⁵ Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments. **(And when we fail, repent, and get back to it)**

¹⁰⁷ I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments. **(Our offerings are our prayers and praise)**

¹⁰⁹ My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law. **(a figure of speech -> means: in the flesh, our salvation is in danger of failing – by our own actions)**

¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

¹¹¹ Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. **(heritage- inheritance) (God appreciates those who treasure their heritage: example -> Jacob vs. Esau) Also, see Ezekile-44:26**

¹¹² I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.

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¹¹³ I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love. **(vain- not in the manuscripts – added by the translators) (thoughts– means divided or skeptical thoughts) Also see James-1:8**

¹¹⁴Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word. (hope also means trust)

¹¹⁵Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

¹¹⁶Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

¹¹⁷Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

¹¹⁸Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

¹¹⁹Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies. (dross- the impurities that are discarded when refining silver)

¹²⁰My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments. (fear- also means reverence -> same word in Hebrew) (afraid- in awe of -> better translation)

----- English approximation -> Guttural G

¹²¹I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors. (justice- according to your regulations)

¹²²Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me. (Verse marked in the Mascara – see appendix 76 in companion Bible)

¹²³Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness.

¹²⁴Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

¹²⁵I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

¹²⁶It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law. (to work- to intervene -> better translation)

¹²⁷ Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. (Spiritual treasures are better than earthly treasures)

¹²⁸ Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way. (The traditions of men and doctrines of churches)

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¹²⁹ Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them. (keep- to safely guard or protect, also means to obey)

¹³⁰ The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. (simple= sincere -> old English word)

¹³¹ I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments. (Thirsted for the Word)

¹³² Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name. (usest to do - a custom or decree)

¹³³ Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. (Ask God for guidance in learning the Word)

¹³⁴ Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts. (Deliver- to deliver by Your power; or by force, if needed)

¹³⁵ Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.

¹³⁶ Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law. (Compassion for the spiritually blind and deaf)

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¹³⁷ Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments

¹³⁸ Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

¹³⁹ My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

¹⁴⁰ Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it. (pure- refined or tried like fine silver)

¹⁴¹ I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts. (small= insignificant)

¹⁴² Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live. (Spiritually)

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¹⁴⁵ I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes.

¹⁴⁶ I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

¹⁴⁷ I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word. (morning- means light, but can mean darkness before the dawn)

¹⁴⁸ Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment. (quicken- to make alive, to revive)

¹⁵⁰ They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law. (The evil approach and encircle me – better translation)

¹⁵¹ Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth.

¹⁵² Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

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¹⁵³ Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

¹⁵⁴ Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

¹⁵⁵ Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

¹⁵⁶ Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments.

¹⁵⁷ Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.

¹⁵⁸ I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word. (transgressors- those who act covertly and slyly)

¹⁵⁹ Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

¹⁶⁰ Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. John-1:1

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¹⁶¹ Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word. (Don't fear men, revere God)

¹⁶² I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil. (Spiritual treasure)

¹⁶³ I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.

¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.

¹⁶⁵ Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

¹⁶⁶ LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.

¹⁶⁷ My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

¹⁶⁸ I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

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¹⁶⁹ Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

¹⁷⁰ Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word. (supplication – request or petition) (deliver- to pluck out of the hand of the enemy)

¹⁷¹ My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

¹⁷² My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

¹⁷³ Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

¹⁷⁴ I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law is my delight.

¹⁷⁵ Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me. **Mathew-10:28**

¹⁷⁶ I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments. **Luke-15:4-10**

The longest Psalm of the Bible – an acrostic psalm, in 22 sections. (like 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet). 8 verses for each section. Each of the 8 verses in 22 sections begins with the same letter, in ascending order.

Verse 122 is the only verse that doesn't contain one of ten words – Way, testimony, precepts, commandments, saying, law, judgment, righteousness, statutes and word – all referring to God's word.

What the Word is to man, and how man should behave towards the Word.

Possibly written by Hezekiah. When Senachareb of Syria, laid siege to Jerusalem.