

# Psalm 119

A strophe by strophe study guide as taught by  
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## Psalm 119 Introduction

**Title:** The Psalm has no formal title. The Masora calls it Aleph Betha Rabba.

**Author:** The author is unknown, and the majority of traditions assign it to David, with a prominent minority of opinion favoring an exilic author. Pastor R.B. Thieme, Jr. compared the language of this psalm with passages from Jeremiah and Lamentations and concluded the Psalm 119 author was a Jewish captive on the death march to Babylon.

**Parallels:** Psalm 19:7-14 (8-15 Heb) contains a similar ode to the Torah. Other acrostic texts include Psalm 25, 34, 37, 111, 112; Lamentations in nearly every chapter; the virtuous woman of Prov. 31:10-31.

The use of the acrostic form elsewhere in the Psalter in an individual lament (Ps 25), hymns (111, 145), and a wisdom poem (112) made it a fitting artistic medium in the case of Ps 119, which embraces all three genres.<sup>1</sup>

### Psalm 119 Pericope Headings

*Meditations and Prayers Relating to the Law of God* (NASB95)

*In Praise of the Law of the Lord* (CEV)

*Your Word is a Lamp to My Feet* (ESV)

*The Law of the Lord* (GNT)

*Delight in God's Word* (HCSB)

*The Word of God* (NCV)

*Meditations on the Excellencies of the Word of God* (NKJV)

*The Glories of God's Law* (NRSV)

### Strophe Summaries for Psalm 119<sup>2</sup>

א: The only life of blessedness is the life that is dedicated to God's Word.

ב: The only life of purity is the life that is dedicated to God's Word.

ג: The only life of abundance is the life that is dedicated to God's Word.

ד: God's Word is the believer's provision for the revival of an aggrieved soul.

ה: Believers must keep themselves teachable, and trust in the LORD to teach them.

ו: The believer's love and trust for God's Word will motivate him to speak that Word in every witnessing opportunity.

ז: God's Word is eternally valuable, and the humble believer will pursue it no matter how the world derides him.

ח: The believer who loves God's Word rejoices in sharing that devotion with other like-minded believers.

ט: The believer under God's Word can appreciate the value of forgiveness & affliction, and the infinite value of God's Word.

י: God's Word places us in the proper Creator/ creature perspective.

יא: God's Word provides us with the proper perspective on time.

יב: God's Word provides us with the proper perspective on God's faithfulness.

יג: The youngest of believers has the deepest of wisdom when he abides in the Word of God.

יד: Believers in the darkest moments of their lives can trust God's Word even up to the moment when the LORD ends their life.

טו: Believers who pursue God's Word will come into conflict with those who reject God's Word.

טז: Believers leave their judgments in the hands of the LORD.

טז: Believers who long for God's Word enjoy freedom from iniquity's dominion.

יז: God's Word provides us with the proper perspective of righteousness.

יח: God's Word motivates us to exhaustive prayer.

יט: God's Word provides us with the proper perspective of our Advocate.

כ: The believer who abides in God's Word can rejoice in any circumstance.

כא: Believers live one day at a time as a lost sheep in daily need of God's Word.

<sup>1</sup>Leslie C. Allen, vol. 21, *Word Biblical Commentary : Psalms 101-150 (Revised)*, Word Biblical Commentary, 180 (Dallas: Word, Incorporated, 2002).

<sup>2</sup>Pastor Robert L. Bolender, *Through the Bible in One Year 2002*, Week 39, Page 2 (Austin: Anaxios Publications, 2003).

## Hebrew Alphabet Word Pictures

א Aleph (Ps. 119:1-8)	Ox	The LORD is My Wealth
ב Beth (Ps. 119:9-16)	House	The LORD is My Home
ג GimmeL (Ps. 119:17-24)	Camel	The LORD is My Supply
ד Daleth (Ps. 119:25-32)	Door	The LORD is My Guide
ה He (Ps. 119:33-40)	Window	The LORD is My Perspective
ו Vav (Ps. 119:41-48)	Peg	The LORD is My Security
ז Zayin (Ps. 119:49-56)	Sword	The LORD is My Victory
ח Heth (Ps. 119:57-64)	Enclosure	The LORD is My Inheritance
ט Teth (Ps. 119:65-72)	Snake	The LORD is My Grace
י Yod (Ps. 119:73-80)	(Cupped) Hand	The LORD is My Maker
כ Kaph (Ps. 119:81-88)	(Empty) Hand	The LORD is My Fulfillment
ל Lamedh (Ps. 119:89-96)	Ox Goad	The LORD is My Motivation
מ Mem (Ps. 119:97-104)	Water	The LORD is My Refreshment
נ Nun (Ps. 119:105-112)	Posterity	The LORD is My Life's Objective
ס Samekh (Ps. 119:113-120)	Fulcrum	The LORD is My Power
ע Ayin (Ps. 119:121-128)	Eye	The LORD is My Judge
פ Pe (Ps. 119:129-136)	Mouth	The LORD is My Satisfaction
צ Tsadhe (Ps. 119:137-144)	Reaping Hook	The LORD is My Husbandman
ק Qoph (Ps. 119:145-152)	Back of the Head	The LORD is My Reflection
ר Resh (Ps. 119:153-160)	Front of the Head	The LORD is My Meditation
ש Shin (Ps. 119:161-168)	Tooth	The LORD is My Feast
ת Tav (Ps. 119:169-176)	Signature	The LORD is My Shepherd

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## Words for the Word

Psalm 119 glorifies the Word of God with 8 parallel terms. See Appendix A for a complete examination of these terms.

- 1| תוֹרָה <sup>#8451</sup> towrah 25x [21/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x4, 8<sup>th</sup> line x2; not found in ב]
- 2| עֵדָה <sup>#5713</sup> 'edah & עֲדוּת <sup>#5715</sup> 'eduwth 23x [19/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x1, 8<sup>th</sup> line x5; not found in ז ט ז]
- 3| פִּקּוּדִים <sup>#6490</sup> piquwdiym 21x [19/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x0, 8<sup>th</sup> line x5; not found in ג ס ק]
- 4| חֹק <sup>#2706</sup> choq 21x [18/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x2, 8<sup>th</sup> line x5; not found in ל ש צ מ]
- 5| מִצְוָה <sup>#4687</sup> mitsvah 22x [19/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x1, 8<sup>th</sup> line x4; not found in ז נ ז]
- 6| מִשְׁפָּט <sup>#4941</sup> mishpat 23x [21/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x2, 8<sup>th</sup> line x2; not found in ט]
- 7| דָּבָר <sup>#1697</sup> dabar 24x [19/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x11, 8<sup>th</sup> line x2; not found in א ע ה]
- 8| אִמְרָה <sup>#565</sup> 'imrah 19x [17/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x1, 8<sup>th</sup> line x0; not found in א ג ד א]

## Prayer Commands

Psalm 119 contains 83 imperatives in which the psalmist tells God what to do. See Appendix B for a complete examination of all 83 commands.

## Order or Chaos?

Most commentators view Psalm 119 as an overwhelming celebration of God's Word but with very little or no internal consistency. The acrostic itself appears to be the only order to the psalm, because clear connections within and between strophes are often missed.

This psalm, the longest chapter in the Bible, is largely a collection or anthology of prayers and thoughts about God's Word.<sup>3</sup>

The psalm is largely a collection of prayers and meditations on the Word of God, referred to by 10 synonyms.<sup>4</sup>

It seems to me to be a collection of David's pious and devout ejaculations, the short and sudden breathings and elevations of his soul to God, which he wrote down as they occurred, and, towards the latter end of his time, gathered out of his day-book where they lay scattered, added to them many like words, and digested them into this psalm, in which there is seldom any coherence between the verses, but, like Solomon's proverbs, it is a chest of gold rings, not a chain of gold links.<sup>5</sup>

The complex acrostic structure set limits upon the logical development of the psalm. It has a randomness or more precisely a kaleidoscopic patterning of a certain number of motifs<sup>6</sup>

The artificial device followed by the psalmist in composing this psalm naturally restricts him as to content and expression. Perhaps better than any other strophe, the fourth one (verses 25–32) illustrates the difficulty of trying to start each verse with the same letter—in this case the letter *daleth*. Verses 26, 27, 29, 30, and 32 all begin with the word *derek*, “way,” and verses 25 and 31 begin with the verb *dabaq*, “to join.” It is not possible for the psalmist to develop a consistent line of thought; and many of the verses have little if any connection with the preceding or the following verses.<sup>7</sup>

Twenty-two eight-line sonnets, each line beginning with the same letter and mentioning God's “word,” the sonnets strictly following the Hebrew alphabet, scarcely allow freedom for feeling, poetic fancy, or congregational fervor. One can hardly imagine any worshiping assembly chanting doggedly through so many pedestrian, repetitious, and often borrowed lines, so mechanically arranged. A set exercise for a student rabbi would better explain the repetitions, quotations, and air of contrivance.<sup>8</sup>

This sampling of commentaries gives the idea that most scholars have given up on Psalm 119 and classified it as they do the majority of Proverbs. Although with the Proverbs it is quite appropriate to view them as short pithy statements with little or no connectedness between them, in Psalm 119 we are reluctant to take such a view. These are not proverbs in this psalm after all. Can we not find some structure and order?

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<sup>3</sup>Tom Constable, *Tom Constable's Expository Notes on the Bible*, Ps 118:25 (Galaxie Software, 2003; 2003).

<sup>4</sup>John F. Walvoord, Roy B. Zuck and Dallas Theological Seminary, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary : An Exposition of the Scriptures*, 1:879 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1983-c1985).

<sup>5</sup>Matthew Henry, *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible : Complete and Unabridged in One Volume*, Ps 118:19 (Peabody: Hendrickson, 1996, c1991).

<sup>6</sup>Leslie C. Allen, vol. 21, *Word Biblical Commentary : Psalms 101-150 (Revised)*, Word Biblical Commentary, 180 (Dallas: Word, Incorporated, 2002).

<sup>7</sup>Robert G. Bratcher and William David Reyrburn, *A Translator's Handbook on the Book of Psalms*, Helps for translators, 997 (New York: United Bible Societies, 1991).

<sup>8</sup>Walter A. Elwell, vol. 3, *Evangelical Commentary on the Bible*, Baker reference library, Ps 119:1 (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Book House, 1996, c1989).

## Order

A tremendous dissertation was written in 2001 by Pastor Marcus Nodder for Oak Hill Theological College (London). He discerned and related thorough and cohesive patterns for vocabulary and themes within stanzas and between stanzas. The following is a brief summation.

## Couplets

Significant evidence points to each 8-verse strophe being comprised of four 2-verse couplets.

1. Adjacent verses beginning with the same word (1-2, 23-24, 65-66, 71-72, 81-82, 127-128, 145-146, 147-148, 167-168) or words (71-72).
2. Adjacent verses containing the same word(s) elsewhere in the line (47-48, 57-58, 69-70, 107-108, 109-110, 111-112, 121-122), sometimes in the same position in the line (169-170).
3. The link between two adjacent verses may be a contrast rather than a repetition (127-128).
4. The link between two adjacent verses may be the repetition of an idea rather than a specific word (14,16).
5. Adjacent lines contain alliteration and assonance beyond that of the initial letter (33-34, 57-58, 59-60, 69-70, 73-74, 111-112).
6. Repetition of the same word in the same line of consecutive couplets
  - a. Often in the first line of each couplet. הָלֵךְ in v1,3; דָּרַךְ in v1,3,5; הֵעֲבֵר in 37,39 (first word); תּוֹרַתְךָ in v53,54 (final word); אָנִי in v67,69; לֹא in v83,85,87; שִׁיחָה in v97,99; מִכָּל in v99,101 (first word); צִדְקָה in v121,123; יְהוָה in v149,151; אָהֵב in v163,165,167; תְּהִי in v173,175 (first word).
  - b. On occasion it is in the second line of each couplet: so לְמַדְרֵי in v66,68 (4<sup>th</sup> word); בֹּרֵשׁ in v78,80; מָתִי in v82,84; שָׁמַר in v134,136; לְעוֹלָם and צִדְקָה in v142,144; חֲיֵי in v154,156 (final word).
7. Repetition of a word in lines 1 and 7 of a strophe, from which we may infer that these are the first lines of couplets which open and close the strophe. So אָרַח in v9,15; עֲבַדְךָ in v17,23; דָּבַק in v25,31; זָכַר in v49,55; שָׁמַר in v57,63; כָּלָה in v81,87; מָה in v97,103; אָהֵבְתִּי in v113,119; רָאָה in v153,159 (first word).

## Strophe Halves

Each 8-verse strophe can also be split into two 4-verse halves.

1. Repetition of words in lines 1 and 5 of some strophes (לְעוֹלָם v89, 93).
2. Contrast of words in lines 1 and 5 of some strophes (אָהֵב v.137 cf. אָנִכִּי v.141 both the 2<sup>nd</sup> word).
3. Repetition of a word in lines 4 and 8 of a strophe (v4,8 both end very strikingly with מֵאֵד; v76,80 both begin with יְהִי; v100,104 both marked by אֶתְּבוֹנֵן in the 2<sup>nd</sup> word).
4. Repetition of a word in lines 2 and 6 of a strophe (גַּל begins v18,22).
5. Repetition of a word in lines 3 and 7 of a strophe (הָלַל in v171,175).
6. Repetition of a word in lines 5 and 8 of a strophe (opening and closing a half) (v37,40 both end with חֲיֵי).
7. Linking the verses of each half by line-endings
  - a. ד uses a AAAA BBBB pattern (v25-28 end with ד & v29-32 end with י).
  - b. ח uses a AAAA BAAB pattern (v57-60 end with ח v61, 64 end with י v62-63 end with ח).
  - c. First half of ט מ י נ all use ABBA patterns.
  - d. Second half of ג uses ABAB pattern.

As Nodder says: These examples of couplets and halves demonstrate that there is formal patterning within stanzas which links the sets of 8 eight verses together beyond the connection of the same initial letter. This challenges the position which maintains that the psalm is an anthology of disconnected verses. It suggests rather that each of the stanzas is to be treated as a unit.

## Adjacent Strophes

The 22 strophes of Psalm 119 are actually comprised of 11 strophe-couplets. Numerous verbal links between adjacent strophes combine together with several thematic relationships between adjacent strophes. Nodder develops this extensively, but the details will not be presented here.

## The Entire Psalm

Nodder draws attention to the 11 strophe-couplets overall development into 5 broad descriptions.

1. Begins in a positive mood. The first strophe-couplet (א-ב) describes blessed happiness for following God's word.
2. Opponents are introduced in ג and great conflict follows while the psalmist trusts in the Lord.
3. Frustration and perplexity come to a head in ד, the most anguished of all the strophes. The answer comes immediately in ה as the psalmist returns to the eternal nature of the Lord and His word.
4. The focus on eternity keeps the psalmist from ever reaching the depths of ו again. The term לְעוֹלָם (to eternity) appears only twice before ו (v.44,52) but 7 times after ו (v.98,111,112,142,144,152,160).
5. The psalm ends with praise for the Lord. In ז-ח the verb root הלל (praise) appears 3 times (v164,171,175) and there are no other occurrences in the psalm. The phrase לְיִשׁוּעָתְךָ יְהוָה (‘your salvation, O Lord’) occurs in line 6 of both strophes (v166,174) and nowhere else in the psalm.

## Parallel with the entire Book of Psalms

The five-fold progression above matches the Book of Psalms at large. “Blessed are” begins Psalm 1 in the same way that it begins Psalm 119. The praise ending to Psalm 119 matches with the Hallel Psalms (Psalms 146-150). Psalm 73 thematically matches the conflict and resolution observed in Psalm 119 ל-ו strophe-couplet. Psalm 90 and following matches well with the growing confidence and eternal perspective that the fourth progressive division of Psalm 119 communicates.

## Final Thoughts for Introduction

Three additional appendixes and a master Scripture index are provided for the student to make use of during this study.

Appendix C is a thorough (but not exhaustive) Hebrew lexicon for the psalm. Some 617 different Hebrew words appear in Psalm 119. Pastor Bob removed a number of the more ordinary pronouns, particles and prepositions but left the bulk of the word list in place.

Appendix D is the same lexicon indexed for the English terms that appear in the NASB Bible text. Again, common pronouns, particles and prepositions are not included. Also, some related phrases are combined on particular lines but the overall reference should be easy to navigate.

Appendix E is an indexing of cross references. The New American Standard Bible indicates 29 places in Psalm 119 where a New Testament cross reference is applicable. These have been collected and summarized in this appendix.

An index of Scripture references is at the back, containing all the references cited in the strophe notes.

## ***Epilogue***

This series began on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 and is coming to a conclusion on December 30<sup>th</sup> after 29 lessons. This study has demonstrated many wonderful truths and perhaps one in particular over and above all the rest.

The Word of God is devotional.

We study it, exegete it, systematically classify it and everything else. We need to do that, and we're not going to stop doing that, but at the end of the isagogical, categorical and exegetical academic exercise must come a devotional exercise. We must exhale what we've inhaled. We exhale through the personal application of doctrinal principles in our daily walk. We also exhale through a devotional prayer life that intimately fellowships with God through the Word of God which He intimately reveals to us.

We don't know who the Psalm 119 composer was. We do know that he didn't have a New Testament or any mystery doctrine of the Church. Despite that disadvantage compared to us, the young man who wrote twenty-two alephbethical octads of poetry had a tremendous advantage compared to us. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. The psalmist loved Yahweh and he loved Torah.

May the brethren of Austin Bible Church combine the intellectual with the devotional and develop a prayerful love affair with the Lord in exactly this way.



# Aleph

- 1 How blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
Who walk in the law of the LORD.
- 2 How blessed are those who observe His testimonies,  
Who seek Him with all *their* heart.
- 3 They also do no unrighteousness;  
They walk in His ways.
- 4 You have ordained Your precepts,  
That we should keep *them* diligently.
- 5 Oh that my ways may be established  
To keep Your statutes!
- 6 Then I shall not be ashamed  
When I look upon all Your commandments.
- 7 I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart,  
When I learn Your righteous judgments.
- 8 I shall keep Your statutes;  
Do not forsake me utterly!

- 119 1 אֲשֶׁרִי תְּמִימֵי-דֶרֶךְ הַהֲלָכִים בְּתוֹרַת יְהוָה:
- 2 אֲשֶׁרִי נִצְרִי עֲדוֹתָיו בְּכָל-לֵב יִדְרְשׁוּהוּ:
- 3 אֲפִי לֹא-פָעַלְו עוֹלָה בְּדַרְכָּיו הָלָכּוּ:
- 4 אֵתָה צְוִיתָהּ פְּקֻדֶיךָ לְשֹׁמֵר מֵאָדָּם:
- 5 אֲחֲלִי יִכְנֹו דַרְכֵי לְשֹׁמֵר חֻקֶיךָ:
- 6 אֲזִי לֹא-אֲבֹשׁ בְּהַבִּיטִי אֶל-כָּל-מִצְוֹתֶיךָ:
- 7 אֹדְדֶךָ בִּישָׁר לֵבָב בְּלִמְדֵי מִשְׁפָּטֶי צְדָקָה:
- 8 אֶת-חֻקֶיךָ אֲשֹׁמֵר אֶל-תַּעֲזֹבֵנִי עַד-מֵאָדָּם:

⌘: The only life of blessedness is the life that is dedicated to God’s Word.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Like the Lord’s beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-12) these statements of blessedness are statements of happiness (ψ<sup>119</sup>1-2).</li> <li>2. Asher gives us the word study for this psalm (Gen. 30:13).</li> <li>3. This strophe agrees with the opening Psalm (Ps. 1:1-3) and indeed all of Scripture (Lk. 11:28; Jas. 1:25).</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Dedication to God’s Word cannot be half-hearted (ψ<sup>119</sup>2; Deut. 6:5; Josh. 14:8).</li> <li>5. Dedication to God’s Word prevents the commission of personal sins (ψ<sup>119</sup>3; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 3:6,9; 5:18).</li> <li>6. Dedication to God’s Word by keeping His precepts must be passed on from generation to generation (ψ<sup>119</sup>4; Deut. 5:28-33).</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Our ways are not normally His ways (Isa. 55:8-9; Rom. 7:22-24) and so we are dependent upon Him to establish our ways (ψ<sup>119</sup>5; Ps. 51:10; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 3:5; Heb. 13:21).</li> <li>8. Dedication to God’s Word will never leave the believer ashamed (ψ<sup>119</sup>6,31,46,78,80,116; Rom. 9:33; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 2:15; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 2:6).</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Dedication to God’s Word makes a believer increasingly thankful (ψ<sup>119</sup>7,62 cf. Ps. 86:11-13; Col. 3:15).</li> <li>10. We can claim His promises as our own commands issued back to Him (ψ<sup>119</sup>8 cf. Deut. 31:6,8).</li> </ol> |
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- 9 How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By keeping it according to Your word.
- 10 With all my heart I have sought You;  
Do not let me wander from Your commandments.
- 11 Your word I have treasured in my heart,  
That I may not sin against You.
- 12 Blessed are You, O Lord;  
Teach me Your statutes.
- 13 With my lips I have told of  
All the ordinances of Your mouth.
- 14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,  
As much as in all riches.
- 15 I will meditate on Your precepts  
And regard Your ways.
- 16 I shall delight in Your statutes;  
I shall not forget Your word.

- 9 בְּמָה יִזְכֶּה-נַעַר אֶת-אָרְחוֹ לְשֹׁמֵר כְּדִבְרֶיךָ :
- 10 בְּכָל-לִבִּי דִרְשָׁתִיךָ אֶל-תִּשְׁגִּנִּי מִמִּצְוֹתֶיךָ :
- 11 בְּלִבִּי צִפְנֹתַי אִמְרֹתֶיךָ לְמַעַן לֹא אֲחַטָּא-לָךְ :
- 12 בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה לְמַדְנִי חֻקֶיךָ :
- 13 בְּשִׁפְתַי סִפְּרֹתַי כָּל מִשְׁפָּטֵי-כִּוְיֶיךָ :
- 14 בְּדַרְךָ עֲדוּתֶיךָ שִׁשְׁתִּי כַעַל כָּל-הוֹן :
- 15 בְּכִפְיֶיךָ אֲשִׁיחָה וְאֶבִיטָה אֶרְחֹתֶיךָ :
- 16 בְּחִפְזֶיךָ אֲשַׁתְּעֶשֶׂע לֹא אֲשַׁכַּח דְּבָרֶיךָ :

**ב:** The only life of purity is the life that is dedicated to God’s Word.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Purity in the sight of God is a subject for the oldest of Hebrew poetry (ψ<sup>119</sup>9; Job 15:14; 25:4).</li> <li>2. The life of purity according to God’s Word should be instilled in one’s youth (ψ<sup>119</sup>9; Prov. 1:4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 3:15).</li> <li>3. When purity is lost confession is required (Ps. 51:4; Isa. 1:16).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. The continuous pursuit of God prevents the occasional wandering from His commandments (ψ<sup>119</sup>10).</li> <li>5. Treasuring doctrine in the inner man prevents even the desire of sin (ψ<sup>119</sup>11; Prov. 2:1; 7:1; Matt. 6:21). Zephaniah gives us the word study for this strophe. (Zephaniah = Jehovah has treasured fr. צִפְּן #6845).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. YHWH is blessed for many reasons, but to this psalmist YHWH is blessed as his teacher (ψ<sup>119</sup>12).             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The most common commands in this psalm are teach me, revive me, and make me understand.</li> <li>b. The future blessings of Israel will include God’s teaching (Isa. 54:13; Jer. 31:34).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. The ψ<sup>119</sup> Psalmist has a series of activities he has done and intends to do based upon the one activity he intends to never do (ψ<sup>119</sup>13-16). It is in sections like this that the psalmist is the most Davidic.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have Told (cf. Ps. 34:11).</li> <li>b. Have Rejoiced (Ps. 19:9-10).</li> <li>c. Will Meditate (Ps. 1:2).</li> <li>d. Will Regard (Ps. 34:5).</li> <li>e. Will Delight (Ps. 40:8).</li> <li>f. Will Not forget (ψ<sup>119</sup>16, 61, 83, 93, 109, 141, 153, 176, Ps. 103:2; Prov. 3:1; 4:5).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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- 17 Deal bountifully with Your servant,  
That I may live and keep Your word.
- 18 Open my eyes, that I may behold  
Wonderful things from Your law.
- 19 I am a stranger in the earth;  
Do not hide Your commandments from me.
- 20 My soul is crushed with longing  
After Your ordinances at all times.
- 21 You rebuke the arrogant, the cursed,  
Who wander from Your commandments.
- 22 Take away reproach and contempt from me,  
For I observe Your testimonies.
- 23 Even though princes sit and talk against me,  
Your servant meditates on Your statutes.
- 24 Your testimonies also are my delight;  
They are my counselors.

- 17 גַּמְלַל עַל-עַבְדְּךָ אֱחִיָּה וְאַשְׁמְרָה דְּבַרְךָ :
- 18 גַּל-עֵינַי וְאַבִּיטָה נִפְלְאוֹת מִתּוֹרַתְךָ :
- 19 גֵּר אָנֹכִי בָאָרֶץ אֶל-תַּסְתֵּר מִמֶּנִּי מִצְוֹתֶיךָ :
- 20 גִּרְסָה נִפְשִׁי לְתַאֲבָה אֶל-מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ בְּכָל-עֵת :
- 21 גְּעִרַת זָדִים אַרְוּרִים הַשְּׂגִים מִמִּצְוֹתֶיךָ :
- 22 גַּל מֵעַלִי חֲרָפָה וְבוֹז כִּי עַדְתִּיךָ נִצַּרְתִּי :
- 23 גַּם יִשְׁבוּ שָׂרִים בֵּי נִדְבָרוֹ עַבְדְּךָ יִשִׁיחַ בְּחַקֶּיךָ :
- 24 גַּם-עַדְתֶּיךָ שֶׁשְׁשֵׁנִי אֲנִשִּׁי עֲצָתִי :

ג: The only life of abundance is the life that is dedicated to God’s Word.

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| <p>1. The Lord’s bountiful dealings are applications of recompense (ψ<sup>119</sup>17). Gamaliel gives us the word study for this strophe. (גַּמְלִיאֵל #1583 = reward of God).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Recompense can be positive or negative (1st Sam. 24:17).</li> <li>b. Recompense is blessing for obedience (Ps. 13:6; 18:20).</li> <li>c. Recompense is cursing for disobedience (Ps. 137:8).</li> <li>d. Even God’s recompense is blended with mercy (Ps. 103:10).</li> </ul> | <p>2. The purpose for temporal life is to live the Word (ψ<sup>119</sup>17b; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 5:14,15; Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20).</p> <p>3. This world cannot offer any sightseeing greater than the wonderful things from God’s Word (ψ<sup>119</sup>18). Divine viewpoint provides a perspective on our life in very powerful ways (2<sup>nd</sup> Kgs. 6:15-17; Lk. 24:45; Eph. 1:17-19a). Closed eyes are a true tragedy (Isa. 29:10-12).</p> | <p>4. The believer who is dedicated to the Word of God is an effective sojourner (ψ<sup>119</sup>19; Gen. 23:4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 5:6-10; Phil. 3:20; Heb. 11:13-16).</p> <p>5. The ψ<sup>119</sup> Psalmist is crushed by how insufficient his time is for the Word (ψ<sup>119</sup>20; Ps. 42:1-2; 63:1).</p> <p>6. The ψ<sup>119</sup> Psalmist is determined to stay faithful in the face of discouragement (ψ<sup>119</sup> 21-23).</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. His adversaries are the arrogant and the cursed, for having wandered from God’s commandments (Deut. 27:15-26).</li> <li>b. It is God’s very nature to humble the proud (Job 40:11-12; Dan. 4:37; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 5:5).</li> </ul> <p>7. Believers who are dedicated to the Word of God are provided their own personal delight and counsel (ψ<sup>119</sup>24). Like a delightful child (Isa. 11:8; 66:12; Jer. 31:20; Prov. 8:30,31), the believer delights in God’s Word (ψ<sup>119</sup>16, 24, 47, 70, 77, 92, 143, 174).</p> |
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25 My soul cleaves to the dust;  
Revive me according to Your word.  
26 I have told of my ways, and You have answered me;  
Teach me Your statutes.  
27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts,  
So I will meditate on Your wonders.  
28 My soul weeps because of grief;  
Strengthen me according to Your word.  
29 Remove the false way from me,  
And graciously grant me Your law.  
30 I have chosen the faithful way;  
I have placed Your ordinances before me.  
31 I cling to Your testimonies;  
O Lord, do not put me to shame!  
32 I shall run the way of Your commandments,  
For You will enlarge my heart.

25 דַּבְקָה לְעָפָר נַפְשִׁי חֲלִנִי כַּדְבָרְךָ :  
26 דַּרְכֵי סִפְרֹתַי וְתַעֲזֹנֵנִי לְמַדְנִי חֻקֶיךָ :  
27 דַּרְדָּר־פְּקוּדֶיךָ הִבִּינֵנִי וְאַשְׁיַחָה בְּנִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ :  
28 דָּלְפָה נַפְשִׁי מִתּוֹנָה קִיַּמְנִי כַּדְבָרְךָ :  
29 דַּרְדָּר־שִׁקָר הָסֵר מִמֶּנִי וְתוֹרַתְךָ חַנּוּנִי :  
30 דַּרְדָּר־אֲמוּנָה בַחֲרַתִּי מִשִּׁפְטֶיךָ שְׁוִיתִי :  
31 דַּבְקָתִי בְעֵדוֹתֶיךָ יְהוָה אֶל־תִּבְשִׁנֵנִי :  
32 דַּרְדָּר־מִצְוֹתֶיךָ אֲרוּץ כִּי תִרְחִיב לִבִּי :

ד: God’s Word is the believer’s provision for the revival of an aggrieved soul.

1. The command for revival is the causative provision of life (ψ<sup>119</sup>25). Eve gives us the word study for this strophe (Gen. 3:20).
  - a. Cleaving to the dust recognizes the imminence of physical death (Gen. 3:19; Ps. 44:25).
  - b. As with the Gimel strophe, the purpose for temporal life is to live the Word (ψ<sup>119</sup>17,25).
  - c. This is the first of ten commands for revival. See Appendix B for the Prayer Imperatives of this psalm.
2. A brutally honest prayer life finds immediate answers and prepares the heart for instruction (ψ<sup>119</sup>26 cf. Ps. 32:5; 143:1,7; Prov. 28:13).
3. Teaching must produce understanding so the believer can develop the capacity for true worship (ψ<sup>119</sup>27 cf. Prov. 4:7; Col. 1:9–10).
  - a. Meditation on God’s wonders continues the thought in the Gimel strophe (ψ<sup>119</sup>18).
  - b. This is the first of six commands for God to make the ψ<sup>119</sup> Psalmist understand.
4. An aggrieved soul weeps and needs God’s strength to make him stand (ψ<sup>119</sup>28).
  - a. This condition is far more dangerous than physical danger (Ps. 22:14).
  - b. Only God can provide such strength to the soul (Isa. 40:29,31).
5. The Daleth is a door and the ψ<sup>119</sup> Psalmist has chosen the faithful and rejected the false “door” to the proper course of the Christian Way of Life (ψ<sup>119</sup>29–30). This contrast is the fundamental contrast of the angelic conflict (Isa. 28:14–22).
6. The final verse couplet features a better cleaving than the first verse couplet of this strophe (ψ<sup>119</sup>31 cf. Ps. 63:8). There is no proper name to assist us with the דַּבַּק <sup>#1692</sup>dabaq emphasis for this strophe but the marital nature of cleaving should be well-known (Gen. 2:24 cf. Deut. 10:20; 13:4; 30:20).
7. Greater heart-capacity motivates the swifter race (ψ<sup>119</sup>32 cp. Ecc. 9:11; Isa. 40:31; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 9:24–26; Heb. 12:1).

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes,  
And I shall observe it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law  
And keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,  
For I delight in it.
- 36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies  
And not to dishonest gain.
- 37 Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity,  
And revive me in Your ways.
- 38 Establish Your word to Your servant,  
As that which produces reverence for You.
- 39 Turn away my reproach which I dread,  
For Your ordinances are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for Your precepts;  
Revive me through Your righteousness.

- 33 הוֹרֵנִי יְהוָה דֶּרֶךְ חֻקֶיךָ וְאַצְרְנָה עֵקֶב:
- 34 הַבִּינֵנִי וְאַצְרְהָ תוֹרֹתֶיךָ וְאַשְׁמְרֶנָּה בְּכָל־לֵב:
- 35 הַדְרִיכֵנִי בְּנִתְיָב מִצְוֹתֶיךָ כִּי־בֹ חֲפָצְתִּי:
- 36 הֲט־לְבִי אֶל־עֲדוֹתֶיךָ וְאַל אֶל־בָּצַע:
- 37 הַעֲבֵר עֵינַי מִרְאוֹת שָׁוְא בְּדַרְכֶּךָ חִינֵי:
- 38 הַקֵּם לְעַבְדֶּךָ אִמְרֹתֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר לִירְאַתְךָ:
- 39 הַעֲבֵר חֲרָפְתִּי אֲשֶׁר יִגְרָתִי כִּי מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ טוֹבִים:
- 40 הִנֵּה תִּאֲבָתִי לְפָקֶדֶיךָ בְּצַדִּיקְתֶּךָ חִינֵי:

ה: Believers must keep themselves teachable, and trust in the LORD to teach them.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The He is a window and the He strophe manifests the perspective through which believers should view everything.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The interjection means behold! and the Psalmist certainly expects the Lord to behold his fervent prayer.</li> <li>b. Nine imperatives dominate this strophe. Seven begin the first seven verses. Two “revive me” imperatives end vv.37,40.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Learning and observing Bible Doctrine is its own reward (ψ<sup>119</sup>33).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>עֵקֶב</b> #6118: <i>end, reward</i> (Ps. 19:11; Prov. 22:4).</li> <li>b. The reward of Bible Doctrine keeps the heart from dishonest gain (ψ<sup>119</sup>36; Ex. 18:21; Ezek. 33:31; Mt. 6:24; 1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 6:9,10,17).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Teaching must produce understanding so the believer can develop the capacity for true obedience (ψ<sup>119</sup>34; Deut. 4:5-6).</li> <li>4. The path of God’s commandments is a mature delight (ψ<sup>119</sup>35; Isa. 58:13,14).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. The second half of He features a double turn away (37,39) and a double revive me (37,40).                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. “Eber” &amp; “Hebrew” give us the word study for this strophe.</li> <li>b. Believers under teaching have “crossed over “from vanity and reproach (Col. 1:13; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 2:3-10).</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. The Psalmist asks God to make His Word stand on his behalf personally in order to provoke his godly reverence (ψ<sup>119</sup>38 cf. Ps. 103:11,13,17).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. The Psalmist has a particular “dread” which reflects his dedication to the Scriptures (ψ<sup>119</sup>39a). <b>יָגַר</b> #3025 only Dt. 9:19; 28:60; Job 3:25; 9:28 and here.</li> <li>8. The obedient walk is the only “good” walk for believers (ψ<sup>119</sup>39b; Rom. 7:12; Deut. 10:13).</li> <li>9. Teachable believers lust after more teaching (ψ<sup>119</sup>40; Job 23:12; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 2:2).</li> </ul> |
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- 41 May Your lovingkindnesses also come to me, O Lord,  
Your salvation according to Your word;
- 42 So I will have an answer for him who reproaches me,  
For I trust in Your word.
- 43 And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,  
For I wait for Your ordinances.
- 44 So I will keep Your law continually,  
Forever and ever.
- 45 And I will walk at liberty,  
For I seek Your precepts.
- 46 I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings  
And shall not be ashamed.
- 47 I shall delight in Your commandments,  
Which I love.
- 48 And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments, Which I love;  
And I will meditate on Your statutes.

- 41 ויבאני חסדך יהוה תשובתך כאמרתך :
- 42 ואענה חרפי דבר פי-בטחתי בדברך :
- 43 ואל-תצל מפיי דבר-אמת עד-מאד פי למשפטך יחלתי :
- 44 ואשמרה תורתך תמיד לעולם ועד :
- 45 ואתהלכה ברחבה פי פקדיך דרשתי :
- 46 ואדברה בעדתיך נגד מלכים ולא אבוש :
- 47 ואשתעשע במצותיך אשר אהבתי :
- 48 ואשא-כפי אל-מצותיך אשר אהבתי ואשיחה בחקוקך :

ו: The believer’s love and trust for God’s Word will motivate him to speak that Word in every witnessing opportunity.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A strophe with a high concentration of imperatives (ה) is followed and paired by a strophe (ו) with a high concentration of first-person verbs. The <math>\psi^{119}</math> Psalmist declares to all the kosmos what he does and what he intends to do.</li> <li>2. This is also the first strophe to contain all eight words for the Word.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. דַּבַּר <i>dabar</i> <sup>#1696</sup> appears three times (<math>\psi^{119}42_{x2},43</math>) and דָּבַר <sup>#1697</sup> appears once (<math>\psi^{119}46</math>).</li> <li>b. Deborah gives us the word study for this strophe.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The vav is a nail or peg and it highlights the fixed security believers have when God’s lovingkindness secures our salvation (<math>\psi^{119}41</math>).</li> <li>4. The call for present salvation is common to Davidic psalms (Ps. 18:2,3,27,35,41,46; 62:1,2,6,7; 69:1,13,29,35) and the <math>\psi^{119}</math> Psalmist (41,81,94,123,146,155,166,174).</li> <li>5. Seven “I Will’s,” One “I Will Not,” and Four “I Am’s” comprise the dozen activities the Psalmist avows as he commits to being a doer and not merely a hearer of God’s Word (Rom. 2:13; Jas. 1:22-25).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. I Will have an answer (<math>\psi^{119}42</math>; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 3:15).</li> <li>b. I Am trusting (<math>\psi^{119}42</math>; Ps. 56:4,11).</li> <li>c. I Am hoping (<math>\psi^{119}43,49,74,81,114,147</math>; Job 13:15; 14:14; Lam. 3:21,24; Mic. 7:7).</li> <li>d. I Will keep (<math>\psi^{119}44</math>). Continually and eternally.</li> <li>e. I Will walk (<math>\psi^{119}45</math>; Prov. 4:12; Jn. 8:31-36; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pet. 2:19).</li> <li>f. I Am seeking (w.application, <i>study</i>) (<math>\psi^{119}45</math>; Ps. 34:4,10; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chr. 15:1-15).</li> <li>g. I Will speak (<math>\psi^{119}46</math>; Ps. 138; Mt. 10:18-19).</li> <li>h. I Will Not be ashamed (<math>\psi^{119}46</math>; Rom. 1:16; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 2:28). See <b>8</b>.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. I Will delight (<math>\psi^{119}47</math>). See <b>7</b>.</li> <li>j. I Am loving (<math>\psi^{119}47,48,97,113,119,127,132,140,159,163,165,167</math>).</li> <li>k. I Will lift up my hands (<math>\psi^{119}48</math>; Ps. 63:4; 141:2; 143:6).</li> <li>l. I Will meditate (<math>\psi^{119}48</math>; Ps. 1:2; 19:14).</li> </ul> |
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49 Remember the word to Your servant,  
 In which You have made me hope.  
 50 This is my comfort in my affliction,  
 That Your word has revived me.  
 51 The arrogant utterly deride me,  
 Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.  
 52 I have remembered Your ordinances from of old, O Lord,  
 And comfort myself.  
 53 Burning indignation has seized me because of the wicked,  
 Who forsake Your law.  
 54 Your statutes are my songs  
 In the house of my pilgrimage.  
 55 O Lord, I remember Your name in the night,  
 And keep Your law.  
 56 This has become mine,  
 That I observe Your precepts.

זְכוֹר־דְּבַר לְעַבְדְּךָ עַל אֲשֶׁר יַחֲלֶתְנִי:  
 זֹאת נַחֲמָתִי בְעַנְיִי כִּי אָמַרְתָּךְ חֲתִתְנִי:  
 51 זָדִים הֵלִיצְנִי עַד־מָאֹד מִתּוֹרָתְךָ לֹא נָטִיתִי:  
 52 זָכַרְתִּי מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ מֵעוֹלָם יְהוָה וְאֶתְנַחֵם:  
 53 וְלַעֲפָה אֶחְזַתְנִי מִרְשָׁעִים עֲזִבִי תוֹרָתְךָ:  
 54 זְמֵרוֹת הָיוּ־לִי חֲפִיךָ בְּבַיִת מְגוּרֵי:  
 55 זָכַרְתִּי בְּלִילָה שִׁמְךָ יְהוָה וְאֶשְׁמְרָה תוֹרָתְךָ:  
 זֹאת הִיְתָה־לִּי כִּי פִקְדֶיךָ נִצְרָתִי:  
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ז: God’s Word is eternally valuable, and the humble believer will pursue it no matter how the world derides him.

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| <p>1. This strophe features three remembers and three Torahs and two comforts. Zechariah and Nahum provide our proper name word studies for this strophe.</p> <p>2. The only imperative in this strophe is the Psalmist’s call upon the Lord to remember His word (ψ<sup>119</sup>49). The only hope that believers have is that God remembers His promises (Gen. 8:1; 19:29; 30:22; 32:9-12; Ex. 2:24; Josh. 23:14-16; Ps. 105:42; Isa. 62:6).</p> | <p>3. Believers under affliction can only find comfort as the Word of God revives them (ψ<sup>119</sup>50 cf. v.25; Jer. 15:16).</p> <p>4. Humble believers will face derision from the arrogant and wicked, whose sole objective is to forsake God’s Word (ψ<sup>119</sup>51,53).<br/>       a. This should prompt our own indignation (ψ<sup>119</sup>53,158 cf. Ezra 9:3,4).<br/>       b. This should keep us focused straight ahead (ψ<sup>119</sup>51,157 cf. Job 23:11; Heb. 12:1-3).</p> | <p>5. Our own reminders of God’s eternal Word become a means for self-comfort (ψ<sup>119</sup>52 cf. Rom. 15:4).</p> <p>6. God’s Word provides our joyous expression of song during our temporal life (ψ<sup>119</sup>54 cf. Ps. 30:11,12; 33:1; 118:15; Col. 3:16).</p> | <p>7. Observance of God’s Word has no “close of business” duration (ψ<sup>119</sup>55,62,148 cf. Ps. 22:2; 63:6). Night-time meditation is when a human being in the sleepless silence of their own soul has to face the objective reality of God and His character.</p> <p>8. Observance of God’s Word becomes a particular possession (ψ<sup>119</sup>56).</p> |
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57 The Lord is my portion;  
 I have promised to keep Your words.  
 58 I sought Your favor with all my heart;  
 Be gracious to me according to Your word.  
 59 I considered my ways  
 And turned my feet to Your testimonies.  
 60 I hastened and did not delay  
 To keep Your commandments.  
 61 The cords of the wicked have encircled me,  
 But I have not forgotten Your law.  
 62 At midnight I shall rise to give thanks to You  
 Because of Your righteous ordinances.  
 63 I am a companion of all those who fear You,  
 And of those who keep Your precepts.  
 64 The earth is full of Your lovingkindness, O Lord;  
 Teach me Your statutes.

57 חֲלָקִי יְהוָה אֲמַרְתִּי לְשָׁמֵר דְּבַרְיָךְ:  
 58 חֲלִיתִי פָנֶיךָ בְּכָל־לֵב חֲזַנִּי כְּאֲמַרְתָּךְ:  
 59 חֲשַׁבְתִּי דַרְכֶיךָ וְאֲשִׁיבָה רַגְלִי אֶל־עֲדוֹתֶיךָ:  
 60 חֲשַׁתִּי וְלֹא הִתְמַהְמַהְתִּי לְשָׁמֵר מִצְוֹתֶיךָ:  
 61 חֲבָלֵי רָשָׁעִים עֹוֹדְנֵי תוֹרָתְךָ לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי:  
 62 חֲצוֹת־לַיְלָה אֶקוּם לְהוֹדוֹת לָךְ עַל מִשְׁפָּטֶי צְדָקָתְךָ:  
 63 חֲבַר אָנֹכִי לְכָל־אֲשֶׁר יִרְאוּךָ וְלִשְׁמֹרֵי פִקּוּדֶיךָ:  
 64 חֲסִדְךָ יְהוָה מִלְּאָה הָאָרֶץ חֲפִיךָ לְמַדְנִי:

ח: The believer who loves God’s Word rejoices in sharing that devotion with other like-minded believers.

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| <p>1. For just the second time in this Psalm, a strophe contains all eight words for the Word (ו ח י כ פ).</p> <p>2. ח picks up where ז left off. Living the Word of God is a particular possession—it is the believer’s very portion (ψ<sup>119</sup>57 cf. Ps. 16:5; 142:5; Lam. 3:24).</p> <p>3. Devotion to the Word of God in this strophe is three times called “keeping” (ψ<sup>119</sup>57,60,63). Only כ and ח contain three uses of שָׁמֵר #8104.</p> | <p>4. Seeking YHWH’s favor is literally soften his face. (ψ<sup>119</sup>58; Ex. 32:11; 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 13:12; 1<sup>st</sup> Kgs. 13:6,2; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chr. 33:12; Jer. 26:19; Dan. 9:13; Zech. 8:21–22). God’s response is so often a response of grace and mercy.</p> <p>5. The Christian Way of Life is not a blind faith or a mindless obedience. We are expected to consider the alternative and obediently walk in the right way (ψ<sup>119</sup>59; Lam. 3:40; Ezek. 18:28; Hag. 1:5,7).</p> | <p>6. The Christian Way of Life is not for the dilatory (ψ<sup>119</sup>60 cf. Gen. 34:19; Ex. 12:39; 22:29; Deut. 23:21; Ps. 95:7–8; Hab. 2:3; Heb. 10:35–39).</p> <p>7. The Christian Way of Life features tribulation and yet the Word of God sees the believer through it (ψ<sup>119</sup>61 cf. Ps. 3:1; 69:4; 109:2–5; Jn. 15:18–25; 16:33).</p> <p>8. Difficult times may lead to circumspect methods for the believer’s spiritual walk (ψ<sup>119</sup>62 cf. Mk. 1:35; Jn. 3:2; Acts 16:25).</p> | <p>9. The greatest companionship to be found on this earth is the companionship with others for whom this world is not their home (ψ<sup>119</sup>63,79; Jdg. 20:11; 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:16; Ps. 45:7; 55:13–14; 101:6; Prov. 13:20; Ecc. 4:9–10). Hebron provides us with our proper name word study for this strophe.</p> <p>10. A company of believers devoted to the Word of God fills the earth with the grace of God (ψ<sup>119</sup>64 cf. Ps. 33:5; 36:5–9; 145).</p> |
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65 You have dealt well with Your servant,  
O Lord, according to Your word.  
66 Teach me good discernment and knowledge,  
For I believe in Your commandments.  
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,  
But now I keep Your word.  
68 You are good and do good;  
Teach me Your statutes.  
69 The arrogant have forged a lie against me;  
With all my heart I will observe Your precepts.  
70 Their heart is covered with fat,  
But I delight in Your law.  
71 It is good for me that I was afflicted,  
That I may learn Your statutes.  
72 The law of Your mouth is better to me  
Than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

טוֹב עָשִׂיתָ עִם-עַבְדְּךָ יְהוָה כַּדְבָרְךָ : 65  
טוֹב טַעַם וְדַעַת לְמַדְנִי כִּי בְמִצְוֹתֶיךָ הֵאֲמַנְתִּי : 66  
טָרָם אֶעֱנֶה אָנֹכִי שָׁגַג וְעַתָּה אִמְרֹתֶיךָ שִׁמְרֹתִי : 67  
טוֹב-אַתָּה וּמְטִיב לְמַדְנִי חֻקֶיךָ : 68  
טָפְלוּ עָלַי שִׁקָר זְדִים אָנֹכִי בְכָל-לְבוֹ אֲצַר פְּקוּדֶיךָ : 69  
טָפַשׁ כַּחֲלָב לִבָּם אָנֹכִי תוֹרֹתֶיךָ שֶׁעָשַׂעְתִּי : 70  
טוֹב-לִי כִי-עֲנִיתִי לְמַעַן אֲלַמֵּד חֻקֶיךָ : 71  
טוֹב-לִי תוֹרַת-פִּיךָ מֵאֲלָפֵי זָהָב וְכֶסֶף : 72

ט: The believer under God’s Word can appreciate the value of forgiveness & affliction, and the infinite value of God’s Word.

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| <p>1. The Teth is a snake, and the believer who endures angelic conflict will appreciate the grace that sees him through it.</p> <p>2. This strophe contains six references to what is good (ψ<sup>119</sup>65,66,68,71,72). Tobiah provides us with our proper name word study for this strophe.</p> | <p>3. The Lord’s dealings with believers are always good, and always in conformity to His revealed Word (ψ<sup>119</sup>65 cf. Ps. 23:6; 145:7,9; Matt. 19:17).</p> <p>4. The believer who is teachable is the believer who trusts in God’s commandments (ψ<sup>119</sup>66 cf. Ps. 22:9-10; Prov. 2:1-2; Neh. 9:13-17).</p> | <p>5. Prior to angelic conflict affliction, the ψ<sup>119</sup> Psalmist was prone to wandering (ψ<sup>119</sup>67 cf. Prov. 1:32-33).</p> <p>6. Believers who want to “be” good and “do” good should learn directly from the God who is good and does good (ψ<sup>119</sup>68 cf. Num. 10:29,32; Deut. 6:18-25; Lk. 6:35).</p> <p>7. The ψ<sup>119</sup> Psalmist spells out his angelic conflict in the second half of this strope (ψ<sup>119</sup>69-72).</p> | <p>a. “The arrogant” (זֵד zēd #2086 ψ<sup>119</sup>21,51,69,78,85,122) smear with forged lies (ψ<sup>119</sup>69 cf. Job 13:4; Ps. 109:2-3).</p> <p>b. The gross fatness of the arrogant is a reflection of their departure from God’s Word (ψ<sup>119</sup>70 cf. Deut. 32:15; Ps. 73:7).</p> <p>c. Worked together for good as a means of instruction (ψ<sup>119</sup>71 cf. Deut. 8:16; Gen. 50:20; Rom. 8:28).</p> <p>d. Victory is priceless (ψ<sup>119</sup>72 cf. Ps. 19:10-14; Prov. 8:10-11).</p> |
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י

73 Your hands made me and fashioned me;  
Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.  
74 May those who fear You see me and be glad,  
Because I wait for Your word.  
75 I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are righteous,  
And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.  
76 O may Your lovingkindness comfort me,  
According to Your word to Your servant.  
77 May Your compassion come to me that I may live,  
For Your law is my delight.  
78 May the arrogant be ashamed, for they subvert me with a lie;  
But I shall meditate on Your precepts.  
79 May those who fear You turn to me,  
Even those who know Your testimonies.  
80 May my heart be blameless in Your statutes,  
So that I will not be ashamed.

73 יְדִיָּה עָשׂוּנִי וַיְכַוְנֵנוּנִי חֲבִינֵנִי וְאֶלְמְדָה מִצְוֹתַיָּהּ׃  
74 יִרְאֶיָּה יִרְאֹנִי וַיִּשְׁמְחוּ כִּי לְדַבְרָהּ יִחַלְתִּי׃  
75 יָדַעְתִּי יְהוָה כִּי־צַדִּיק מִשְׁפָּטֶיהָ וְאִמוּנָה עֲנִיתָנִי׃  
76 יְהִי־נָא חֶסֶדְךָ לְנַחֲמֵנִי כְּאִמְרַתְךָ לְעַבְדְּךָ׃  
77 יִבְאֹנִי רַחֲמֶיךָ וְאֶחֱיָה כִּי־תוֹרַתְךָ שִׁעֲשָׁעֵי׃  
78 יִבְשׂוּ זָדִים כִּי־שָׁקַר עֲוֹתוֹנִי אֲנִי אֲשִׁיחַ בְּפִקּוּדֶיךָ׃  
79 יִשׁוּבוּ לִי יִרְאֶיָּה וַיִּדְעֻו עֲדָתֶיךָ׃  
80 יְהִי־לִבִּי תָמִים בְּחֻקֶיךָ לְמַעַן לֹא אֲבוֹשׁ׃

י: God’s Word places us in the proper Creator/creature perspective.

1. The Yod is a hand, and the hand of the Lord is a joy to the believer under affliction.
2. The  $\psi^{119}$  Psalmist finds comfort in being made and fashioned by the Lord ( $\psi^{11973}$  cf. Ps. 139:14-16). He finds a greater comfort in the ongoing (on-growing) work of spiritual maturity (Ps. 138:8; Phil. 1:6; 2:13; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 5:10).
3. Companionship is also an obligation for ministry to our companions in the Lord ( $\psi^{11974}$ ). The Psalmist knows that his own example will be gladness for his fellows (cf. Ps. 34) as they go together to the house of prayer (Isa. 56:7).
4. Our varied circumstances and details of life do not manifest any varied standards or capriciousness on God’s part. God remains righteous and faithful for all eternity ( $\psi^{11975}$  cf. Gen. 18:25; Ps. 145:17; Jer. 29:11).
5. Our varied circumstances and details of life provide God with the opportunity to express his lovingkindness and comfort in powerful ways ( $\psi^{11976}$ ). The parallel jussive (v.80) stresses that this is the means for becoming blameless (cf. Gen. 6:9; 17:1; Job 1:1,8; 2:3; Ps. 18:23,25,30,32; Ezek. 28:15).
6. The second-half of Yod celebrates how God’s compassion empowers a spiritual life without shame ( $\psi^{11977-80}$  cf. Ps. 6:10; 25:3; 31:17; 35:26; 40:14,15; 69:6; 70:2,3; 71:13; 132:18; Jer. 20:11).
7. The double use of shame gives us either Ish-Bosheth or Mephibosheth for proper-name word studies for this strophe.

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81 My soul languishes for Your salvation;  
I wait for Your word.  
82 My eyes fail with longing for Your word,  
While I say, "When will You comfort me?"  
83 Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,  
I do not forget Your statutes.  
84 How many are the days of Your servant?  
When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?  
85 The arrogant have dug pits for me,  
Men who are not in accord with Your law.  
86 All Your commandments are faithful;  
They have persecuted me with a lie; help me!  
87 They almost destroyed me on earth,  
But as for me, I did not forsake Your precepts.  
88 Revive me according to Your lovingkindness,  
So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

81 כָּלֶתְהָ לַתְּשׁוּעָתְךָ נַפְשִׁי לְדַבְרֶךָ יַחֲלֵתִי:  
82 כָּלוּ עֵינַי לְאִמְרָתְךָ לֵאמֹר מָתִי תִנְחַמְנִי:  
83 כִּי־הָיִיתִי כִנְאוֹד בְּקִיטּוֹר חֶכְיִךָ לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי:  
84 בְּמָה יִמִּי־עַבְדְּךָ מָתִי תַעֲשֶׂה בְרַדְפֵי מִשְׁפָּט:  
85 כְּרוּ־לִי יָדַיִם שִׁיחֹת אֲשֶׁר לֹא כְתוּרְתְּךָ:  
86 כָּל־מִצְוֹתֶיךָ אֱמוּנָה שֶׁקֶר רַדְפוּנִי עֲזַרְנִי:  
87 בְּמַעַט כָּלוּנִי בָאָרֶץ וְאֲנִי לֹא־עֲזַבְתִּי בְּקוּדֶיךָ:  
88 כַּחֲסֻדְךָ חִינִי וְאֲשַׁמְרָה עֲדוֹת פִּיךָ:

כ: God’s Word provides us with the proper perspective on time.

- The kaph is an empty, open hand and pictures us with a need that only God can fill. This strophe marks the midpoint of the psalm and expresses the deepest anguish of any strophe.
- This strophe is the fourth of five which contain all eight words for the Word (פ ה י כ ט).
- The English reader will not recognize that *languishes* (v.81), *fail* (v.82), and *destroyed* (v.87) are all the same word: כָּלָה kalah #3615. Chilion (pinning) provides our proper name word study for this strophe.
- Our soul may appear to us to be on the verge of ending, but the Lord’s salvation must take place on His schedule and not ours (ψ<sup>119</sup>81 cf. Ps. 90:4). It is waited for and hoped for (Gen. 49:18; Isa. 25:9; 1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 5:8).
- Our eyes may appear to us to be on the verge of failing, but the Lord’s comfort must take place on His schedule and not ours (ψ<sup>119</sup>82 cf. Ps. 69:3; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 2:16-17).
- The wineskin in the smoke (ψ<sup>119</sup>83) is dried and empty, but ready to be filled. If it remains in the smoke without being filled then it will shrivel and blacken (cf. Job 30:30).
- Our days may appear to be coming to an end but vengeance remains with the Lord (ψ<sup>119</sup>84; Ps. 7:6; 39:4-5; 89:47-48; 90:12; Job 7:6-8; Rev. 6:10).
- Pitfalls are tools of the adversary we must constantly be on guard against (ψ<sup>119</sup>85; Ps. 35:7; Jer. 18:20).
- Angelic conflict is the contrast between God’s absolute Truth and the adversary’s diabolical lies (ψ<sup>119</sup>86; Ps. 35:17-21; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chr. 14:11-12).
- Every persecution is limited to the realm of earth (ψ<sup>119</sup>87; Matt. 10:28; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 10:13; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 4:7-18).
- God’s lovingkindness empowers us to safekeep God’s testimony (ψ<sup>119</sup>2,88,146; Ps. 25:10; 78:5; 1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 6:20).

ל

89 Forever, O Lord,  
Your word is settled in heaven.  
90 Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations;  
You established the earth, and it stands.  
91 They stand this day according to Your ordinances,  
For all things are Your servants.  
92 If Your law had not been my delight,  
Then I would have perished in my affliction.  
93 I will never forget Your precepts,  
For by them You have revived me.  
94 I am Yours, save me;  
For I have sought Your precepts.  
95 The wicked wait for me to destroy me;  
I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.  
96 I have seen a limit to all perfection;  
Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Lamedh

89 לְעוֹלָם יִהְיֶה דְבַרְךָ נֶצֶב בַּשָּׁמַיִם :  
90 לְדֹר וָדֹר אֲמוֹנָתְךָ כּוֹנֵנֶת אֶרֶץ וְתַעֲמֹד :  
91 לְמִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ עֲמָדוֹ הַיּוֹם כִּי הַכֹּל עֲבָדֶיךָ :  
92 לוֹלֵי תוֹרָתְךָ שֶׁשִּׁעֵי אֲז אֲבָדְתִּי בְעֲנִיִּי :  
93 לְעוֹלָם לֹא-אֲשַׁכַּח פְּקוּדֶיךָ כִּי בָם חִיִּיתִנִּי :  
94 לֵךְ-אֲנִי הוֹשִׁיעֵנִי כִּי פְקוּדֶיךָ דָּרְשָׁתִּי :  
95 לִי קוֹנוֹ רְשָׁעִים לְאֲבָדְנִי עֲדוֹתֶיךָ אֲתַבּוֹנֵן :  
96 לְכֹל תִּכְלָה רְאִיתִי כִּי רַחֲבָה מִצְוֹתֶיךָ מְאֹד :

ל: God’s Word provides us with the proper perspective on God’s faithfulness.

1. The Lamedh is an ox-goad. God’s faithfulness goads us forward in the Christian Way of Life.
2. Both halves of this strophe begin with “forever” (never) לְעוֹלָם (ψ<sup>119</sup>89,93).
3. When meditating upon God’s faithfulness, Amnon becomes our proper name word study.
4. The Word of God is eternally stationed in His presence (ψ<sup>119</sup>89).
5. Every generation of mankind is a testimony to God on the earth (ψ<sup>119</sup>90).
6. Every generation of mankind stands this day as a testimony to God’s faithfulness according to God’s ordinances (ψ<sup>119</sup>91).
  - a. All souls belong to God the Father (Ezek. 18:4).
  - b. The righteous stand in heaven (Heb. 12:22-23; Rev. 4:4; 14:1-3) and the unrighteous stand in hell (Isa. 14:9-11; Ezek. 32:17-32).
7. The ψ<sup>119</sup> Psalmist knows that his own salvation is a testimony of grace (ψ<sup>119</sup>92).
8. The doctrine of our salvation from the penalty of sin becomes the doctrine of our salvation from the power of sin (ψ<sup>119</sup>93-94).
  - c. The righteous will stand for approval in judgment (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:29; Rev. 20:4-6).
  - d. The unrighteous will stand at the Great White Throne for their eternal condemnation (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:29; Rev. 20:11-15).
9. The Psalmist’s extensive combat versus the arrogant has equipped him to deal with the wicked (ψ<sup>119</sup>95). His strategy is to disregard the intent of the wicked and increase his appetite for God’s Word.
10. The Psalmist endures the depths of his lamentation (כ) by keeping his eyes fixed on the completion of completion (ל) (ψ<sup>119</sup>96; Heb. 12:2).

מ

97 O how I love Your law!  
It is my meditation all the day.

98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies,  
For they are ever mine.

99 I have more insight than all my teachers,  
For Your testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the aged,  
Because I have observed Your precepts.

101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way,  
That I may keep Your word.

102 I have not turned aside from Your ordinances,  
For You Yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are Your words to my taste!  
Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 From Your precepts I get understanding;  
Therefore I hate every false way.

97 מִה־אֶהְבֵּתִי תוֹרַתְךָ כָּל־הַיּוֹם הִיא שִׁיחָתִי:

98 מֵאֵיבֵי תַחֲכַמְנִי מִצְוֹתֶיךָ כִּי לְעוֹלָם הִיא־לִי:

99 מִכָּל־מְלַמְדֵי הַשֶּׁכֶלֶתִי כִּי עֵדוּתֶיךָ שִׁיחָה לִּי:

100 מִזְקֵנִים אֶתְבוֹנֵן כִּי פִקּוּדֶיךָ נִצְרָתִי:

101 מִכָּל־אֲרָח רָע כָּל־אֲתִי רַגְלִי לְמַעַן אֲשַׁמֵּר דְּבַרְךָ:

102 מִמִּשְׁפָּטֶיךָ לֹא־סָרְתִי כִּי־אַתָּה הוֹרַתְנִי:

103 מִה־נִּמְלָצוּ לְחַכִּי אִמְרֹתֶיךָ מִדְּבַשׁ לִפִּי:

104 מִפִּקּוּדֶיךָ אֶתְבוֹנֵן עַל־כֵּן שָׁנְאַתִּיו כָּל־אֲרָח שֶׁקֶר:

מ: The youngest of believers has the deepest of wisdom when he abides in the Word of God.

1. Mem signifies water. The Psalmist finds great refreshment as he bathes in the depths of God’s Word.
2. Lamedh & Mem is where “precepts” take center stage (ψ<sup>119</sup>93,94,100,104) and meditation (ψ<sup>119</sup>97,99) becomes the activity of love and hate (ψ<sup>119</sup>97,104).
3. The issue for the Psalmist is not that he loves the Torah, but how he loves the Torah (ψ<sup>119</sup>97). The manner in which he loves motivates the manner in which he does whatever he does (Jn. 3:16; Rev. 2:4,5).
4. Meditation on the word of God is the highest expression of devotion, humility and worship (Deut. 6:6-9; 17:18-20; Josh. 1:8; Job 15:4; Ps. 1:1-3).
5. The Psalmist has more wisdom (ψ<sup>119</sup>98), insight (ψ<sup>119</sup>99), and understanding (ψ<sup>119</sup>100) than his enemies (ψ<sup>119</sup>98), teachers (ψ<sup>119</sup>99), and elders (ψ<sup>119</sup>100). The Word of God provides maturity beyond temporal-life understanding (Job 32:6-10; Ps. 105:22).
6. Believers must restrain their feet from evil ways (ψ<sup>119</sup>101) or simple side-tracks (ψ<sup>119</sup>102). This requires the deepest of soul searching (Ps. 17:3-5; 139:23-24).
7. Beyond being nourishing (Deut. 8:3; Job 23:12), the Word of God is delicious! (ψ<sup>119</sup>103 cf. Ps. 19:10; Prov. 24:13,14)
8. The maturing process strengthens godly love and godly hatred (ψ<sup>119</sup>104,128,163 cf. Ps. 31:6; 97:10; 101:3; Prov. 8:13; 13:5; Am. 5:15; Rom. 12:9; Jd. 23).

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105 Your word is a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path.  
106 I have sworn and I will confirm it,  
That I will keep Your righteous ordinances.  
107 I am exceedingly afflicted;  
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.  
108 O accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord,  
And teach me Your ordinances.  
109 My life is continually in my hand,  
Yet I do not forget Your law.  
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
Yet I have not gone astray from Your precepts.  
111 I have inherited Your testimonies forever,  
For they are the joy of my heart.  
112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes  
Forever, even to the end.

105 נִרְ-לְרַגְלֵי דְבַרְךָ וְאוֹר לְנִתְיָבְתִי:  
נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי וְאֶקְיָמָהּ לְשֹׁמֵר מִשְׁפָּטֶי צְדָקָךָ:  
נִבְעַנִּיתִי עַד-מְאֹד יְהוָה חֲיִנֵּי כִדְבָרְךָ:  
נִדְבֹת פִּי רָצָה-נָא יְהוָה וּמִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ לְמַדְנִי:  
נִפְשֵׁי בְכַפִּי תִמְיֵד וְתוֹרָתְךָ לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי:  
נִתְנֹו רְשָׁעִים פֶּח לִי וּמִפְקוּדֶיךָ לֹא תַעֲזִיבֵנִי:  
נִחַלְתִּי עֲדוּתֶיךָ לְעוֹלָם כִּי-שָׁשׂוֹן לְבִי הָמָּה:  
נִטִּיתִי לְבִי לַעֲשׂוֹת חֲפִיךָ לְעוֹלָם עֶקֶב:

נ: Believers in the darkest moments of their lives can trust God’s Word even up to the moment when the LORD ends their life.

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| <p>1. The nun is a picture of posterity. The Lord is my life’s objective. Joshua the son of Nun provides us with our proper name word study for this strophe.</p> <p>2. The illuminating nature of God’s Word supplies all the clarity a believer requires for the Christian Way of Life (ψ<sup>119</sup>105 cf. Ps. 19:8; 43:3; Prov. 6:23). The lamp and light supply Abner and Uriah for additional proper name word studies for this strophe.</p> | <p>3. The psalmist’s illuminated path has motivated a vow (ψ<sup>119</sup>106 cf. Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21-23; Ecc. 5:4-5).</p> <p>4. Walking in the light is not an avoidance of affliction (ψ<sup>119</sup>107 cf. Ps. 22:9-11ff.; 34:19).</p> <p>5. The believer with nothing to give can still present the fruit of his lips (ψ<sup>119</sup>108 cf. Ps. 19:14; 50:14; 54:6; 69:29-33; Heb. 13:15).</p> | <p>6. The psalmist is on the verge of death but remains faithful to the Torah (ψ<sup>119</sup>109 cf. Jdg. 12:3; 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:5; 28:21; Job 13:14; Rom. 8:36; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:31; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 11:23).</p> <p>7. Snares are designed to misdirect the believer’s focus (ψ<sup>119</sup>110 cf. Ps. 10:1-11; Jer. 29:8; Matt. 24:4; Mk. 13:5,6,22; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 11:13-14; Eph. 4:14; 5:6; Col. 2:8,18; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pet. 2:1-3).</p> | <p>8. The heart delights in the Word of God and devotes itself for obedience to it (ψ<sup>119</sup>111-112; Josh. 24:15,23; 1<sup>st</sup> Kgs. 8:54-61; Phil. 2:13).</p> |
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113 I hate those who are double-minded,  
But I love Your law.  
114 You are my hiding place and my shield;  
I wait for Your word.  
115 Depart from me, evildoers,  
That I may observe the commandments of my God.  
116 Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live;  
And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.  
117 Uphold me that I may be safe,  
That I may have regard for Your statutes continually.  
118 You have rejected all those who wander from Your statutes,  
For their deceitfulness is useless.  
119 You have removed all the wicked of the earth like dross;  
Therefore I love Your testimonies.  
120 My flesh trembles for fear of You,  
And I am afraid of Your judgments.

113 סַעֲפִים שִׁנְאַתִּי וְתוֹרַתְךָ אֶהְבֵּתִי :  
114 סִתְרִי וּמִגְנִי אֶתָּה לְדַבְרֶךָ יִחְלַתִּי :  
115 סוֹרוּ-מִמֶּנִּי מְרַעִים וְאַצְרֶה מִצְוֹת אֱלֹהֵי :  
116 סִמְכֵנִי כְּאִמְרַתְךָ וְאַחִיּה וְאַל-תְּבִישְׁנִי מִשְׁבָּרֵי :  
117 סַעֲדֵנִי וְאוֹשָׁעָה וְאַשְׁעָה בְּחַקֶּיךָ תָּמִיד :  
118 סְלִית כָּל-שׁוֹגִים מִחַקֶּיךָ כִּי-שָׁקַר תִּרְמִיתָם :  
119 סִגִּים הַשֶּׁבֶת כָּל-רְשָׁעֵי-אָרֶץ לְכֵן אֶהְבֵּתִי עֲדוֹתֶיךָ :  
120 סִמַּר מִפְּחָדְךָ בְּשָׂרִי וּמִמְשַׁפְּטֶיךָ יִרְאַתִּי :

ס: Believers who pursue God’s Word will come into conflict with those who reject God’s Word.

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| <p>1. The samekh is a fulcrum or a support. The Lord truly provides a sustaining and upholding empowerment for those who occupy with God’s Word.</p> <p>2. The Psalmist hates false ways (ψ<sup>119</sup>104) and the double-minded (divided, half-hearted) adversaries who pursue those ways (ψ<sup>119</sup>113 cf. 1<sup>st</sup> Kgs. 18:21; Jer. 23:25-32; Jas. 1:8).</p> <p>3. The Psalmist depends on the Lord for his protection (ψ<sup>119</sup>114 cf. Ps. 32:7; 84:11; 91:1-2).</p> | <p>4. Evildoers are commanded to depart (ψ<sup>119</sup>115 cf. Ps. 6:8-10; 139:19-22; Mt. 7:23).</p> <p>5. The sustaining empowerment of God’s Word provides for a life without shame (ψ<sup>119</sup>116 cf. Ps. 37:16ff.; 51:12). The Lord’s sustaining ministry is fundamentally His interceding salvation ministry (Isa. 59:16; 63:5).</p> <p>6. The upholding empowerment of God’s Word produces a life of security (ψ<sup>119</sup>117 cf. Ps. 18:28-36).</p> | <p>7. God rejects (ψ<sup>119</sup>118) and removes (ψ<sup>119</sup>119) the wicked wanderers (cf. Ezek. 22:18-22; Mal. 3:2-3; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pet. 3:7,10,12). Abishag (my father is a wanderer) provides our proper name word study for this strophe.</p> <p>8. Victory in the angelic conflict should not prompt us to depart from the fear of the Lord (ψ<sup>119</sup>120 cf. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chr. 26:15-16; Prov. 28:13-14; Ecc. 12:13-14; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 10:12).</p> | <p>a. This is the fifth and final reference to the fear of the Lord in this Psalm (ψ<sup>119</sup>38,63,74,79,120).</p> <p>b. Godly fear (יִרְאָה yir’ah #3374) turns to godly dread (פָּחַד pachad #6343) when the mature believer rightly esteems the consuming fire of our God (Heb. 12:28-29).</p> |
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121 I have done justice and righteousness;  
Do not leave me to my oppressors.  
122 Be surety for Your servant for good;  
Do not let the arrogant oppress me.  
123 My eyes fail with longing for Your salvation  
And for Your righteous word.  
124 Deal with Your servant according to Your lovingkindness  
And teach me Your statutes.  
125 I am Your servant; give me understanding,  
That I may know Your testimonies.  
126 It is time for the Lord to act,  
For they have broken Your law.  
127 Therefore I love Your commandments  
Above gold, yes, above fine gold.  
128 Therefore I esteem right all Your precepts concerning everything,  
I hate every false way.

121 עָשִׂיתִי מִשְׁפָּט וְצֶדֶק בְּלִי-תַנְחִינִי לְעֹשֵׂקָי:  
122 עָרַב עֲבֹדָה לְטוֹב אֶל-יַעֲשֶׂקְנִי זְדִים:  
123 עֵינַי כָּלוּ לִישׁוּעָתָהּ וּלְאִמְרַת צְדָקָה:  
124 עֲשֵׂה עִם-עֲבֹדָה כַּחֲסִדָּה וְחַקֶּיךָ לְמִדְנִי:  
125 עֲבֹדָה-אָנִי הִבִּינֵנִי וְאִדְעָה עֲדֹתֶיךָ:  
126 עַתָּה לַעֲשׂוֹת לִיהוָה הִפְרוּ תוֹרָתְךָ:  
127 עַל-כֵּן אֶהְבֵּתִי מִצּוֹתֶיךָ מִזָּהָב וּמִפָּז:  
128 עַל-כֵּן כָּל-פְּקוּדֵי כָל יִשְׂרָאֵל כָּל-אֲרָח שֶׁקָּר שָׁנְאֵתִי:

### ע: Believers leave their judgments in the hands of the LORD.

1. The Ayin is an eye (cf.  $\psi^{119}123$ ). God sees everything and His judgments are faithful (Job 28:24; 31:4; 34:21; Ps. 139:1-6).
2. The Psalmist is confident of his fruit and dependent upon His Judge ( $\psi^{119}121$  cf. Ps. 75; Lk. 18:7-8).
3. There are two widely opposed options for surety ( $\psi^{119}122$  cf. Gen. 43:9; Isa. 38:14; Philem. 18-19).
4. The Psalmist continues so long in the hope of God's salvation that his eyes "wear out" ( $\psi^{119}123$  cf. vv.81-82; Ps. 69:3; 130:6).
5. Even the eternal judgment will be instructive ( $\psi^{119}124$  cf. Ps. 103:1-18).
6. Each day prior to the judgment is a day to increase our understanding of His Word ( $\psi^{119}125$  cf. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chr. 1:7-13; Jas. 1:5-8).
7. Each day of testing in life is a day for the Lord to take action on behalf of His children ( $\psi^{119}126$  cf. Isa. 42:13-14; Jer. 18:23).
8. The faith-rest life is an application of accurate estimation for the proper love/hate perspective ( $\psi^{119}127-128$ ). This accurate estimation is the expression of uprightness behind the poetic name Jeshurun.

- 129 Your testimonies are wonderful;  
Therefore my soul observes them.
- 130 The unfolding of Your words gives light;  
It gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I opened my mouth wide and panted,  
For I longed for Your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
After Your manner with those who love Your name.
- 133 Establish my footsteps in Your word,  
And do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Redeem me from the oppression of man,  
That I may keep Your precepts.
- 135 Make Your face shine upon Your servant,  
And teach me Your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of water,  
Because they do not keep Your law.

- 129 פְּלֹאֹת עֲדוֹתֶיךָ עַל-כֵּן נִצְרָתָם נַפְשִׁי :
- פֶּתַח דְּבָרֶיךָ יָאִיר מִבֵּין פִּתְיִים : 130
- פִּירְפַּעְרָתִי וְאַשְׁאֶפֶה כִּי לְמִצְוֹתֶיךָ יֵאָבְתִי : 131
- פִּינְהֵ-אֵלַי וְחַנּוּנִי כְּמִשְׁפָּט לְאֵהָבֵי שְׁמֶךָ : 132
- פַּעְמֵי הָכֵן בְּאַמְרֹתֶךָ וְאַל-תִּשְׁלַט-בִּי כָל-אָוֶן : 133
- פִּדְנִי מֵעֶשֶׂק אָדָם וְאַשְׁמְרֵה פְקוּדֶיךָ : 134
- פְּנִיךָ הָאֵר בְּעַבְדְּךָ וְלִמְדֵנִי אֶת-חֻקֶּיךָ : 135
- פְּלִגְי-מַיִם יִרְדּוּ עֵינָי עַל לֹא-שְׁמָרוּ תוֹרָתֶךָ : 136

פ: Believers who long for God’s Word enjoy freedom from iniquity’s dominion.

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| <p>1. The Pe is a mouth. The Psalmist’s panting mouth (ψ<sup>119</sup>131) longs for maximum teaching from God’s Word. Phinehas (“mouth of a serpent”) is the best known proper name word study for this strophe.</p> | <p>4. The unfolding and illuminating nature of God’s Word is efficacious for even the simple to apprehend God’s Truth (ψ<sup>119</sup>130 cf. Ps. 19:7; Prov. 1:4,22,23; Matt. 11:25).</p> | <p>7. The Psalmist commits himself to the Lord for becoming a doer and not merely a hearer of the Word (ψ<sup>119</sup>133a; Jer. 6:16; Jer. 42:1-6; Jas. 1:21-22).</p>                           | <p>10. The shining light of God’s daily presence wards against sin and provides an urgency to God’s instruction (ψ<sup>119</sup>135; Ex. 34:29-35; Num. 6:25; 12:8; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 4:5; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 3:18; 4:6).</p> |
| <p>2. Pe is the fifth and final strophe to contain all eight words for the Word ( פ י ח ה ו כ ב פ ).</p>  | <p>5. The wideness of the panting mouth shows the human thirst for teaching (ψ<sup>119</sup>131 cf. Job 29:23; Ps. 42:1-2; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 2:2).</p>                                   | <p>8. This practice will keep him secure against the dominion of sin (ψ<sup>119</sup>133b; Ps. 17:5; 19:13; Rom. 6:12-19).</p>  | <p>11. In spite of how devoted the Psalmist is to the Lord, he grieves over the time he has wasted in carnality (ψ<sup>119</sup>136 cf. Ps. 126:5-6; Lam. 2:18-19; Lam. 3:39-50).</p>  |
| <p>3. The testimonies of God’s Word unfold the wonders of heavenly glory (ψ<sup>119</sup>129 cf. vv.18,27 See א; Ex. 15:11; Ps. 77:11,14; 88:10,12; 89:5; Isa. 9:6; 25:1).</p>  | <p>6. Positive volition will always find Divine provision (ψ<sup>119</sup>132; Ex. 4:31; Ps. 22:26; 107:9; Isa. 55:1-2; Matt. 5:6).</p>  | <p>9. The Christian Way of Life requires believers to remain outside the sphere of darkness (the oppression of man) (ψ<sup>119</sup>134 cf. Isa. 59:9-15a; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 1:6-7; 2:8-11).</p> |  |

137 Righteous are You, O Lord,  
And upright are Your judgments.  
138 You have commanded Your testimonies in righteousness  
And exceeding faithfulness.  
139 My zeal has consumed me,  
Because my adversaries have forgotten Your words.  
140 Your word is very pure,  
Therefore Your servant loves it.  
141 I am small and despised,  
Yet I do not forget Your precepts.  
142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,  
And Your law is truth.  
143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me,  
Yet Your commandments are my delight.  
144 Your testimonies are righteous forever;  
Give me understanding that I may live.

137 צְדִיק אַתָּה יְהוָה וְיָשָׁר מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ:  
138 צְוִיתָ צֶדֶק עֲדוֹתֶיךָ וְאֲמוּנָה מְאֹד:  
139 צָמַתְתֵּנִי קִנְאָתִי כִּי־שָׁכַחוּ דְבָרֶיךָ צָרִי:  
140 צְרוּפָה אִמְרַתְךָ מְאֹד וְעִבְדְּךָ אֶהְבֶּה:  
141 צָעִיר אָנֹכִי וְנִבְזָה פְקֻדֶיךָ לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי:  
142 צְדָקַתְךָ צֶדֶק לְעוֹלָם וְתוֹרַתְךָ אֱמֶת:  
143 צְרוּמָצוֹק מְצֻאוֹנֵי מְצוֹתֶיךָ שַׁעֲשַׁעֵי:  
144 צֶדֶק עֲדוֹתֶיךָ לְעוֹלָם הִבִּינֵנִי וְאַחֲרֶיהָ:

כ: God’s Word provides us with the proper perspective of righteousness.

1. The Tsadhe is a reaping hook and reminds us how the Lord is in charge of our planting, growth, and harvesting.
2. The strophe begins with the theme of God’s righteousness (ψ<sup>119</sup>137) and emphatically stresses God’s righteousness throughout the eight verses (ψ<sup>119</sup>137,138, 142<sub>x2</sub>, 144). Zadok (צָדוֹק #6659 *righteous*) gives us our proper-name word study for this strophe. (Another good name is Melchizedek).
3. God’s righteousness is manifest through His beyond-faithful commands (ψ<sup>119</sup>138 cf. vv.30,75,86,90; Ps. 143:1; Lam. 3:23; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 1:9).
4. Personal zeal becomes consuming when it is expressed in the context of disobedience among our adversaries (ψ<sup>119</sup>139 cf. Ps. 69:9; Jn. 2:17; Isa. 59:17. Also 1<sup>st</sup> Kgs. 19:10,14; Rom. 12:11; Tit. 2:14; Rev. 3:19).
5. The Word of God is tested and tried and worthy of our love (ψ<sup>119</sup>140 cf. Ps. 19:8; Prov. 30:5).
6. “You” from v.137 is contrasted with “I” in v.141. “Small and despised” may describe us in human terms but God the Father accomplishes His purposes anyway (ψ<sup>119</sup>141 cf. Ps. 22:6; Isa. 53:3 for Jesus and 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 10:10 for Paul).
7. God and His Word supply an eternal absolute for temporal relative creatures to embrace joyfully (ψ<sup>119</sup>142; Mal. 3:6; Ps. 102:18-28; Isa. 65:16; Ps. 31:5).
8. Circumstantial hardships are no excuse and do not hinder obedience to the will of God (ψ<sup>119</sup>143; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 11:22-28).
9. The eternal absolute standard of God’s righteousness is the basis for our true life (ψ<sup>119</sup>144; Jn. 1:13; 3:5; Jas. 1:18; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 1:23; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 3:9; 5:4,18).

145 I cried with all my heart; answer me, O Lord!  
I will observe Your statutes.  
146 I cried to You; save me  
And I shall keep Your testimonies.  
147 I rise before dawn and cry for help;  
I wait for Your words.  
148 My eyes anticipate the night watches,  
That I may meditate on Your word.  
149 Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness;  
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your ordinances.  
150 Those who follow after wickedness draw near;  
They are far from Your law.  
151 You are near, O Lord,  
And all Your commandments are truth.  
152 Of old I have known from Your testimonies  
That You have founded them forever.

145 קָרָאתִי בְּכָל-לַיְלָב עֲנֵנִי יְהוָה חֲקִיךָ אֲצַרְהָ :  
146 קָרָאתִיךָ הוֹשִׁיעֵנִי וְאַשְׁמְרֵה עֲדֹתֶיךָ :  
147 קָדַמְתִּי בַבֶּשֶׁף וְאַשְׁוָעָה לְדַבְרֵיךָ יַחְלֹתִי :  
148 קָדַמְו עֵינַי אֲשֶׁמְרוֹת לָשִׁיחַ בְּאַמְרֹתֶיךָ :  
149 קוֹלִי שִׁמְעָה כַחֲסֻדָּךָ יְהוָה כְּמִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ חֲיִנִּי :  
150 קָרְבוּ רַדְפֵי זְמָה מִתּוֹרֹתֶיךָ רַחֲקוּ :  
151 קָרוֹב אַתָּה יְהוָה וְכָל-מִצְוֹתֶיךָ אֱמַת :  
152 קָדָם יִדְעֹתִי מֵעֲדֹתֶיךָ כִּי לְעוֹלָם יִסְדָּתָם :

ק: God's Word motivates us to exhaustive prayer.

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| <p>1. The Qoph is the back of the head and demonstrates our need to follow the Lord through our life's journey.</p> <p>2. "Rise before" (v.147), "anticipate" (v.148), and "of old" (v.152) come from the קד q-d-m root meaning <i>front, east, forward, aforeside</i>. The modern Israeli political party Kadima (<i>forward!</i>) supplies our proper-name association for this strophe's theme.</p> <p>3. A fervent effectual prayer ministry is here defined as "with all my heart" (ψ<sup>119</sup>145). These are the prayers that only love for the Lord can motivate (Deut. 4:29; 6:5; 10:12; 11:13; 13:3; 26:16; 30:2,6,10).</p> | <p>4. The Lord's salvation by grace motivates greater works of thankful devotion (ψ<sup>119</sup>146 cp. Eph. 2:10; Tit. 3:4-8).</p> <p>5. A fervent effectual prayer ministry may require an early morning wakeup (ψ<sup>119</sup>147 cf. Ps. 5:3; 88:13; Mk. 1:35).</p> <p>6. A fervent effectual prayer ministry may require late-night Bible studies (ψ<sup>119</sup>148 cf. v.62; See 7).</p> <p>7. When God hears our prayers and takes action He is being faithful to His own character and His own promises (ψ<sup>119</sup>149 cf. Ps. 51:1; 69:16; 109:21; Ezek. 36:22-23).</p> | <p>8. Nearness of conflict (ψ<sup>119</sup>150) sparks nearness of fellowship with the Lord (ψ<sup>119</sup>151 cf. Deut. 4:7; Ps. 46:1; 145:18; Phil. 4:5-7).</p> <p>9. Previous prayerful preoccupation with precepts, principles, &amp; promises is prudent &amp; practical preparation for present predicaments and problems (ψ<sup>119</sup>152), precisely as prescribed in Proverbs (Prov. 8:1-11).</p> |
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Let God have your first awaking thoughts; lift up your hearts to Him reverently and thankfully for the rest enjoyed the night before and cast yourself upon Him for the day which follows. Familiarize yourself so consistently to this that your conscience may check you when common thoughts shall first intrude. Think of the mercy of a night's rest and of how many that have spent that night in hell; how many in prison; how many in cold, hard lodgings; how many suffering from agonizing pains and sickness, weary of their beds and of their lives. Think of how many souls were that night called from their bodies terrifyingly to appear before God and think how quickly days and nights are rolling on! How speedily your last night and day will come! Observe that which is lacking in the preparedness of your soul for such a time and seek it without delay.

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- 153 Look upon my affliction and rescue me,  
For I do not forget Your law.
- 154 Plead my cause and redeem me;  
Revive me according to Your word.
- 155 Salvation is far from the wicked,  
For they do not seek Your statutes.
- 156 Great are Your mercies, O Lord;  
Revive me according to Your ordinances.
- 157 Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,  
Yet I do not turn aside from Your testimonies.
- 158 I behold the treacherous and loathe them,  
Because they do not keep Your word.
- 159 Consider how I love Your precepts;  
Revive me, O Lord, according to Your lovingkindness.
- 160 The sum of Your word is truth,  
And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

- 153 רָאֵה-עֲנֵנִי וְחַלְצֵנִי כִּי-תוֹרַתְךָ לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי:
- 154 רִיבָה רִיבֵי וּגְאֹלֵנִי לְאִמְרַתְךָ חֲיִנִי:
- 155 רְחוֹק מִרְשָׁעִים יִשׁוּעָה כִּי-חִפְּיָה לֹא דָרָשׁוּ:
- 156 רַחֲמֶיךָ רַבִּים יְהוָה כְּמִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ חֲיִנִי:
- 157 רַבִּים רֹדְפֵי וְצָרִי מֵעֲדוּתֶיךָ לֹא נָטִיתִי:
- 158 רְאִיתִי בַגְּדִים וְאֶתְקוּטָה אֲשֶׁר אִמְרַתְךָ לֹא שָׁמְרוּ:
- 159 רָאֵה כִּי-כִפְרוּדֶיךָ אֶהְבַּתִּי יְהוָה כְּחֹסְדֶךָ חֲיִנִי:
- 160 רֹאשֵׁי-בִרְךָ אֱמֶת וְלַעוֹלָם כָּל-מִשְׁפַּט צְדָקָה:

ר: God’s Word provides us with the proper perspective of our Advocate.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Resh is a head (the front of the head) and this strophe-couplet sees both back (ק) and front (ר, א) of the head. The prayerful follower is suited to become the intimate confidant.</li> <li>2. “Rescue,” “redeem,” and a triple “revive” grab “R” attention in the ר Resh strophe.</li> <li>3. “Look upon” is the first of three רָאֵה ra’ah #7200 verbs (ψ<sup>119</sup>153,158,159). Reuben supplies our proper-name word association for this strophe (Gen. 29:32).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ordering the God Who sees everything (Gen. 16:13, Prov. 5:21; Heb. 4:13) to “look upon” His servants is to call all creation as witness to the faithfulness of God (Ps. 25:18,19; Lam. 5:1).</li> <li>b. The Psalmist understood the rescue of the Lord in a manner similar to David (Ps. 18:19) and Jesus (Ps. 22:8).</li> <li>4. Believers are not left to plead their own cause before the Father’s throne of justice (Job 5:8). We have a faithful redeeming, life-providing Advocate (ψ<sup>119</sup>154 cf. Mic. 7:9; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 2:1).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. The nearness from Qoph is contrasted with the farness of salvation for the wicked in Resh (ψ<sup>119</sup>155). Salvation ought to be near, but to the wicked it is far (Ps. 73:27,28; Eph. 2:13,17).</li> <li>6. The Psalmist anticipates abundant-life revival as an application of God’s tender mercy compassion (ψ<sup>119</sup>156). רַחֲמִים rach<sup>a</sup>miym #7356 is so often    to חֶסֶד chesed #2617 that a survey of those passages is remarkably edifying (Ps. 25:6; 40:12; 51:3; 69:17; 103:4; 145:9; Jer. 16:5; Lam. 3:22; Hos. 2:21).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Persecutors and adversaries may be plentiful, but they are not the objects for our struggle (ψ<sup>119</sup>157 cf. Ps. 23:5; Eph. 6:12).</li> <li>8. Fear and Loathing is a Biblical practice (ψ<sup>119</sup>158 cf. Lev. 20:23; Ps. 95:10; 139:21–22; Ezek. 6:9; 20:43; 36:31).</li> <li>9. A faithful believer is worthy of heavenly consideration (ψ<sup>119</sup>159 cf. Job 1:8; 2:3).</li> <li>10. God’s absolute eternal Word is absolute Truth (ψ<sup>119</sup>160 cf. v.89; Prov. 22:21; 30:5; Isa. 40:8; Jn. 17:17).</li> </ul> |
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161 Princes persecute me without cause,  
But my heart stands in awe of Your words.  
162 I rejoice at Your word,  
As one who finds great spoil.  
163 I hate and despise falsehood,  
But I love Your law.  
164 Seven times a day I praise You,  
Because of Your righteous ordinances.  
165 Those who love Your law have great peace,  
And nothing causes them to stumble.  
166 I hope for Your salvation, O Lord,  
And do Your commandments.  
167 My soul keeps Your testimonies,  
And I love them exceedingly.  
168 I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,  
For all my ways are before You.

161 שָׂרִים רָדְפוּנִי חֲנָם וּמִדְּבָרֶיךָ פָּחַד לִבִּי:  
162 שֵׁשׁ אָנֹכִי עַל-אִמְרֹתֶיךָ כְּמוֹצֵא שָׁלָל רָב:  
163 שָׂקַר שָׁנֵאתִי וְאֶתְעַבָּה תוֹרַתְךָ אֶהְבֵּתִי:  
164 שֶׁבַע בַּיּוֹם הִלְלֵתִיךָ עַל מִשְׁפָּטֵי צְדָקָה:  
165 שְׁלוֹם רַב לְאֵהָבֵי תוֹרַתְךָ וְאֵין-לָמוּ מְכַשׁוֹל:  
166 שְׁבַרְתִּי לִישׁוּעָתְךָ יְהוָה וּמִצֹּתֶיךָ עָשִׂיתִי:  
167 שְׁמֵרָה גִפְשִׁי עֲדֹתֶיךָ וְאֵהֲבֵם מְאֹד:  
168 שְׁמַרְתִּי בִּקְוֹדֶיךָ וְעֲדֹתֶיךָ כִּי כָל-דַּרְכֵי נִגְדָה:

ש: The believer who abides in God’s Word can rejoice in any circumstance.

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| <p>1. The Shin is a tooth, or a wide open mouth with a tooth. Feasting on the Word of God provides a rejoicing fellowship opportunity for any believer at any time and under any circumstance.</p>  | <p>3. The believer who has learned how to rejoice always considers every Bible class the spoils of war (ψ<sup>119</sup>162 cf. 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 30:16; Isa. 9:3). Maher-shalal-hash-baz is the obvious proper-name word association for this strophe!</p> | <p>5. The daily walk of righteousness motivates a seven-fold Hallelujah (ψ<sup>119</sup>164 cf. Ps. 55:17; Dan. 6:10,13; 1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 5:16-18). The Shin-Tav strophe-pair concludes ψ<sup>119</sup> in the same way that the entire Psalter is concluded (cf. Ps. 146-150).</p> | <p>7. Consistent obedience to God’s commandments produces the realization of our living hope (ψ<sup>119</sup>166 cf. 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 1:3,13; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 3:3).</p>  |
| <p>2. Godly dread for the Word of God equips the believer to endure every “pointless” persecution (ψ<sup>119</sup>161 cf. Ծ<sub>8</sub> v.120; Ps. 35:19; 69:4; Jn. 15:25). Remember: what we think to be pointless is usually the Lord making His point (Job 2:3).</p> | <p>4. Falsehood is to be hated and despised in the context of loving the Lord’s law (ψ<sup>119</sup>163). Shin provides us a love triplet for the final instances of the twelve אָהֵב applications in ψ<sup>119</sup> (vv.163,165,167).</p>                  | <p>6. Great spoil produces a great peace and a protection against stumbling into sin (ψ<sup>119</sup>165 cf. Isa. 26:3; Jn. 14:27; Phil. 4:7).</p>   | <p>8. The Psalmist is mindful of the Lord’s immediate presence, and therefore guards the Lord’s testimonies in love (ψ<sup>119</sup>167-168 cf. ַע<sub>1</sub>, ַר<sub>3a</sub> &amp; Prov. 5:21; Jer. 23:24; Heb. 4:13; Rev. 2:23).</p> |

- 169 Let my cry come before You, O Lord;  
Give me understanding according to Your word.
- 170 Let my supplication come before You;  
Deliver me according to Your word.
- 171 Let my lips utter praise,  
For You teach me Your statutes.
- 172 Let my tongue sing of Your word,  
For all Your commandments are righteousness.
- 173 Let Your hand be ready to help me,  
For I have chosen Your precepts.
- 174 I long for Your salvation, O Lord,  
And Your law is my delight.
- 175 Let my soul live that it may praise You,  
And let Your ordinances help me.
- 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant,  
For I do not forget Your commandments.

- 169 תִּקְרַב רִנָּתִי לְפָנֶיךָ יְהוָה כְּדַבְרֶךָ הַבִּינֵנִי:
- 170 תָּבוֹא תַחֲנֹתִי לְפָנֶיךָ כְּאִמְרֹתֶיךָ הַצִּילֵנִי:
- 171 תַּבְּעֵנָה שִׁפְתֵי תְהַלְלָה כִּי תִלְמַדְנִי חֻקֶיךָ:
- 172 תַעֲזֹר לְשׁוֹנֵי אִמְרֹתֶיךָ כִּי כָל־מִצְוֹתֶיךָ צֶדֶק:
- 173 תְּהִי־יָדְךָ לְעֶזְרִי כִּי בִקְוֵיךָ בְּחַרְתִּי:
- 174 תֵּאֲבֹתִי לִישׁוּעָתְךָ יְהוָה וְתוֹרֹתֶיךָ שַׁעֲשְׂעִי:
- 175 תַּחֲיֵ־נַפְשִׁי וְתִהְיֶה־לִּי וּמִשְׁפָּטְךָ יַעֲזָרֵנִי:
- 176 תְּלַעֲתֵי כֶּשֶׁה אֲבִד בְּקֶשׁ עֲבָדְךָ כִּי מִצְוֹתֶיךָ לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי:

ת: Believers live one day at a time as a lost sheep in daily need of God’s Word.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Tav is a mark, sign, or signature. The Psalmist humbly recognizes himself as a lost sheep, but he’s a lost sheep who bears the mark of his shepherd, and nothing else matters.</li> <li>2. Tav contains 10 of the 83 prayer imperatives for <math>\psi^{119}</math>. Six of the eight verses begin with the English word “let.” These are clearly prayer-commands that acknowledge the sovereignty of God.</li> <li>3. The praise of Shin is doubled in Tav (<math>\psi^{119}</math>164,171,175). The Psalmist concludes his Torah Todah with a twin t<sup>c</sup>hillah.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. A primary focus for a mature prayer life is for a deeper understanding of Bible doctrine (<math>\psi^{119}</math>169 cf. Prov. 2:1-6; 1<sup>st</sup> Kgs. 2:6,9 &amp; 3:9,12).</li> <li>5. The secondary focus for a mature prayer life is for that deeper doctrine to produce a daily deliverance (<math>\psi^{119}</math>170 cf. Jer. 1:8,19; 15:20,21; 39:17; 42:11).</li> <li>6. Additional prayer items include seeking God’s permission for a communication ministry (<math>\psi^{119}</math>171 cf. Psa. 51:15; Isa. 50:4-5; Eph. 6:19).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. That communication ministry may be a music ministry (<math>\psi^{119}</math>172 cf. 1<sup>st</sup> Chr. 15:22; 25:6-7; Ps. 33:1-3; 96:1-2; 105:1-2; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Jas. 5:13).</li> <li>8. The Psalmist is ready for his new ministry and he knows that the Lord is ready to keep on helping him (<math>\psi^{119}</math>173 cf. 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:47; 1<sup>st</sup> Chr. 4:9-10; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chr. 32:7-8; Isa. 41:10).</li> <li>9. Obedience to the Lord and fulfilling His plan for your life supplies all the delight that we could ask for in time (<math>\psi^{119}</math>174). See <math>\aleph_7</math> for principles of “delight.”</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Why do we live? Why do we even breathe? Is it not to praise YHWH? (<math>\psi^{119}</math>175 cf. Ps. 148:1-14; 150:6). Hillel (or Heylel) gives us our proper name word association for this stophe.</li> <li>11. “Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.” The volitional battle for obedience is a constant struggle with repeated confession and restoration (<math>\psi^{119}</math>176 cf. Ps. 51:7-12; Rom. 7:14-25).</li> </ul> |
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## Appendix A

### Eight Words for the Word of God repeatedly used in Psalm 119

11 | תּוֹרָה towrah #8451 25x [21/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x4, 8<sup>th</sup> line x2; not found in ב]

א	Ps19:1	...blameless, Who walk in the <b>law</b> of the Lord.
ב	Ps19:18	...that I may behold Wonderful things from Your <b>law</b> .
ג	Ps19:29	...way from me, And graciously grant me Your <b>law</b> .
ד	Ps19:34	...me understanding, that I may observe Your <b>law</b> And keep it with all my ...
ה	Ps19:44	So I will keep Your <b>law</b> continually, Forever and ever.
ו	Ps19:51	...I do not turn aside from Your <b>law</b> .
ז	Ps19:53	...because of the wicked, Who forsake Your <b>law</b> .
ח	Ps19:55	...name in the night, And keep Your <b>law</b> .
ט	Ps19:61	...me, But I have not forgotten Your <b>law</b> .
י	Ps19:70	...with fat, But I delight in Your <b>law</b> .
יא	Ps19:72	The <b>law</b> of Your mouth is better to me ...
יב	Ps19:77	...to me that I may live, For Your <b>law</b> is my delight.
יג	Ps19:85	...who are not in accord with Your <b>law</b> .
יד	Ps19:92	If Your <b>law</b> had not been my delight, Then ...
טו	Ps19:97	...O how I love Your <b>law</b> ! It is my meditation all the ...
טז	Ps19:109	...hand, Yet I do not forget Your <b>law</b> .
טז	Ps19:113	...are double-minded, But I love Your <b>law</b> .
יז	Ps19:126	...to act, For they have broken Your <b>law</b> .
יח	Ps19:136	...water, Because they do not keep Your <b>law</b> .
יט	Ps19:142	...righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your <b>law</b> is truth.
כ	Ps19:150	...wickedness draw near; They are far from Your <b>law</b> .
כא	Ps19:153	...me, For I do not forget Your <b>law</b> .
כב	Ps19:163	...and despise falsehood, But I love Your <b>law</b> .
כג	Ps19:165	Those who love Your <b>law</b> have great peace, And ...
כד	Ps19:174	...long for Your salvation, O Lord, And Your <b>law</b> is my delight.

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2	עֲדָה 'edah #5713 & עֲדוּת 'eduwth #5715 23x [19/22 strophes, 1 <sup>st</sup> line x1, 8 <sup>th</sup> line x5; not found in ז ט ח]
א	Ps119:2 ...How blessed are those who observe His <b>testimonies</b> , Who seek Him with all ...
ב	Ps119:14 ...have rejoiced in the way of Your <b>testimonies</b> , As much as in all riches.
ג	Ps119:22 ...contempt from me, For I observe Your <b>testimonies</b> .
ד	Ps119:24 Your <b>testimonies</b> also are my delight; They are ...
ה	Ps119:31 I cling to Your <b>testimonies</b> ; O Lord, do not put me to ...
ו	Ps119:36 Incline my heart to Your <b>testimonies</b> And not to dishonest gain.
ז	Ps119:46 I will also speak of Your <b>testimonies</b> before kings And shall not be ...
ח	Ps119:59 ...my ways And turned my feet to Your <b>testimonies</b> .
ט	Ps119:79 ...turn to me, Even those who know Your <b>testimonies</b> .
י	Ps119:88 ...Your lovingkindness, So that I may keep the <b>testimony</b> of Your mouth.
יא	Ps119:95 ...to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your <b>testimonies</b> .
יב	Ps119:99 ...more insight than all my teachers, For Your <b>testimonies</b> are my meditation.
יג	Ps119:111 I have inherited Your <b>testimonies</b> forever, For they are the joy ...
יד	Ps119:119 ...like dross; Therefore I love Your <b>testimonies</b> .
טו	Ps119:125 ...give me understanding, That I may know Your <b>testimonies</b> .
טז	Ps119:129 Your <b>testimonies</b> are wonderful; Therefore my soul ...
טז	Ps119:138 You have commanded Your <b>testimonies</b> in righteousness And exceeding faithfulness.
יז	Ps119:144 Your <b>testimonies</b> are righteous forever; Give me understanding ...
יח	Ps119:146 ...save me And I shall keep Your <b>testimonies</b> .
יט	Ps119:152 ...Of old I have known from Your <b>testimonies</b> That You have founded them forever. ...
כ	Ps119:157 ...I do not turn aside from Your <b>testimonies</b> .
כא	Ps119:167 My soul keeps Your <b>testimonies</b> , And I love them exceedingly.
כב	Ps119:168 ...I keep Your precepts and Your <b>testimonies</b> , For all my ways are before ...

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ל	פִּקְוּדִים	piqqwdiym #6490	21x [19/22 strophes, 1 <sup>st</sup> line x0, 8 <sup>th</sup> line x5; not found in א ט ק]
א	Ps119:4	You have ordained Your	<b>precepts</b> , That we should keep them diligently.
ב	Ps119:15	I will meditate on Your	<b>precepts</b> And regard Your ways.
ג	Ps119:27	...Make me understand the way of Your	<b>precepts</b> , So I will meditate on Your ...
ד	Ps119:40	Behold, I long for Your	<b>precepts</b> ; Revive me through Your righteousness.
ה	Ps119:45	...at liberty, For I seek Your	<b>precepts</b> .
ו	Ps119:56	...become mine, That I observe Your	<b>precepts</b> .
ז	Ps119:63	...fear You, And of those who keep Your	<b>precepts</b> .
ח	Ps119:69	...all my heart I will observe Your	<b>precepts</b> .
ט	Ps119:78	...lie; But I shall meditate on Your	<b>precepts</b> .
י	Ps119:87	...for me, I did not forsake Your	<b>precepts</b> .
יא	Ps119:93	I will never forget Your	<b>precepts</b> , For by them You have ...
יב	Ps119:94	...save me; For I have sought Your	<b>precepts</b> .
יג	Ps119:100	...the aged, Because I have observed Your	<b>precepts</b> .
יד	Ps119:104	From Your	<b>precepts</b> I get understanding; Therefore I ...
טו	Ps119:110	...I have not gone astray from Your	<b>precepts</b> .
טז	Ps119:128	...Therefore I esteem right all Your	<b>precepts</b> concerning everything, I hate every false ...
טז	Ps119:134	...oppression of man, That I may keep Your	<b>precepts</b> .
יז	Ps119:141	...despised, Yet I do not forget Your	<b>precepts</b> .
יח	Ps119:159	Consider how I love Your	<b>precepts</b> ; Revive me, O Lord, according to ...
יט	Ps119:168	I keep Your	<b>precepts</b> and Your testimonies, For all my ...
כ	Ps119:173	...help me, For I have chosen Your	<b>precepts</b> .

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14| חֹק choq #2706 21x [18/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x2, 8<sup>th</sup> line x5; not found in ל ש צ מ ל]

א	Ps119:5	...ways may be established To keep Your <b>statutes</b> !
ב	Ps119:8	I shall keep Your <b>statutes</b> ; Do not forsake me utterly!
ג	Ps119:12	...are You, O Lord; Teach me Your <b>statutes</b> .
ד	Ps119:23	...against me, Your servant meditates on Your <b>statutes</b> .
ה	Ps119:26	...You have answered me; Teach me Your <b>statutes</b> .
ו	Ps119:33	...Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your <b>statutes</b> , And I shall observe it to the ...
ז	Ps119:48	...love; And I will meditate on Your <b>statutes</b> .
ח	Ps119:54	Your <b>statutes</b> are my songs In the house of ...
ט	Ps119:64	...Your lovingkindness, O Lord; Teach me Your <b>statutes</b> .
י	Ps119:68	...and do good; Teach me Your <b>statutes</b> .
יא	Ps119:71	...I was afflicted, That I may learn Your <b>statutes</b> .
יב	Ps119:80	...my heart be blameless in Your <b>statutes</b> , So that I will not be ...
יג	Ps119:83	...the smoke, I do not forget Your <b>statutes</b> .
יד	Ps119:112	...have inclined my heart to perform Your <b>statutes</b> Forever, even to the end.
טו	Ps119:117	...That I may have regard for Your <b>statutes</b> continually.
טז	Ps119:118	...rejected all those who wander from Your <b>statutes</b> , For their deceitfulness is useless.
יז	Ps119:124	...to Your lovingkindness And teach me Your <b>statutes</b> .
יח	Ps119:135	...upon Your servant, And teach me Your <b>statutes</b> .
יט	Ps119:145	...me, O Lord! I will observe Your <b>statutes</b> .
כ	Ps119:155	...wicked, For they do not seek Your <b>statutes</b> .
כא	Ps119:171	...utter praise, For You teach me Your <b>statutes</b> .

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15	מִצְוָה	mitsvah #4687	22x [19/22 strophes, 1 <sup>st</sup> line x1, 8 <sup>th</sup> line x4; not found in ר נ ז]
א	Ps119:6	...ashamed When I look upon all Your	<b>commandments</b> .
ב	Ps119:10	...Do not let me wander from Your	<b>commandments</b> .
ג	Ps119:19	...stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your	<b>commandments</b> from me.
ד	Ps119:21	...the cursed, Who wander from Your	<b>commandments</b> .
ה	Ps119:32	...I shall run the way of Your	<b>commandments</b> , For You will enlarge my heart. ...
ו	Ps119:35	...me walk in the path of Your	<b>commandments</b> , For I delight in it.
ז	Ps119:47	...I shall delight in Your	<b>commandments</b> , Which I love.
ח	Ps119:48	...I shall lift up my hands to Your	<b>commandments</b> , Which I love; And I will ...
ט	Ps119:60	...hastened and did not delay To keep Your	<b>commandments</b> .
י	Ps119:66	...discernment and knowledge, For I believe in Your	<b>commandments</b> .
יא	Ps119:73	...Give me understanding, that I may learn Your	<b>commandments</b> .
יב	Ps119:86	All Your	<b>commandments</b> are faithful; They have persecuted ...
יג	Ps119:96	...seen a limit to all perfection; Your	<b>commandment</b> is exceedingly broad.
יד	Ps119:98	Your	<b>commandments</b> make me wiser than my enemies, For ...
טו	Ps119:115	...me, evildoers, That I may observe the	<b>commandments</b> of my God.
טז	Ps119:127	Therefore I love Your	<b>commandments</b> Above gold, yes, above fine gold.
טז	Ps119:131	...panted, For I longed for Your	<b>commandments</b> .
יז	Ps119:143	...anguish have come upon me, Yet Your	<b>commandments</b> are my delight.
יח	Ps119:151	...are near, O Lord, And all Your	<b>commandments</b> are truth.
יט	Ps119:166	...for Your salvation, O Lord, And do Your	<b>commandments</b> .
כ	Ps119:172	...of Your word, For all Your	<b>commandments</b> are righteousness.
כ	Ps119:176	...servant, For I do not forget Your	<b>commandments</b> .

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6	מִשְׁפָּט	mishpat	#4941	23x	[21/22 strophes, 1 <sup>st</sup> line x2, 8 <sup>th</sup> line x2; not found in ט]
א	Ps119:7	...uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous	judgments .		
ב	Ps119:13	...I have told of All the	ordinances of Your mouth.		
ג	Ps119:20	...is crushed with longing After Your	ordinances at all times.		
ד	Ps119:30	...the faithful way; I have placed Your	ordinances before me.		
ה	Ps119:39	...away my reproach which I dread, For Your	ordinances are good.		
ו	Ps119:43	...mouth, For I wait for Your	ordinances .		
ז	Ps119:52	I have remembered Your	ordinances from of old, O Lord, And ...		
ח	Ps119:62	...thanks to You Because of Your righteous	ordinances .		
ט	Ps119:75	I know, O Lord, that Your	judgments are righteous, And that in ...		
י	Ps119:84	...of Your servant? When will You execute	judgment on those who persecute me?		
יא	Ps119:91	...They stand this day according to Your	ordinances , For all things are Your servants.		
יב	Ps119:102	...I have not turned aside from Your	ordinances , For You Yourself have taught me.		
יג	Ps119:106	...confirm it, That I will keep Your righteous	ordinances .		
יד	Ps119:108	...mouth, O Lord, And teach me Your	ordinances .		
טו	Ps119:120	...You, And I am afraid of Your	judgments .		
טז	Ps119:121	I have done	justice and righteousness; Do not leave me to ...		
טז	Ps119:132	...me and be gracious to me, After Your	manner with those who love Your name.		
יז	Ps119:137	...are You, O Lord, And upright are Your	judgments .		
יח	Ps119:149	...Revive me, O Lord, according to Your	ordinances .		
יט	Ps119:156	...mercies, O Lord; Revive me according to Your	ordinances .		
כ	Ps119:160	...truth, And every one of Your righteous	ordinances is everlasting.		
כא	Ps119:164	...I praise You, Because of Your righteous	ordinances .		
כב	Ps119:175	...that it may praise You, And let Your	ordinances help me.		

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17| דָּבָר davar #1697 24x [19/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x11, 8<sup>th</sup> line x2; not found in א ה ו ז]

ב	Ps119:9	...pure? By keeping it according to Your <b>word</b> .
ג	Ps119:16	...Your statutes; I shall not forget Your <b>word</b> .
ד	Ps119:17	...servant, That I may live and keep Your <b>word</b> .
ה	Ps119:25	...dust; Revive me according to Your <b>word</b> .
ו	Ps119:28	...of grief; Strengthen me according to Your <b>word</b> .
ז	Ps119:42	So I will have an <b>answer</b> for him who reproaches me, For ... ...reproaches me, For I trust in Your <b>word</b> .
ח	Ps119:43	And do not take the <b>word</b> of truth utterly out of my mouth, ...
ט	Ps119:49	Remember the <b>word</b> to Your servant, In which You ...
י	Ps119:57	...I have promised to keep Your <b>words</b> .
יא	Ps119:65	...with Your servant, O Lord, according to Your <b>word</b> .
יב	Ps119:74	...glad, Because I wait for Your <b>word</b> .
יג	Ps119:81	...Your salvation; I wait for Your <b>word</b> .
יד	Ps119:89	...Forever, O Lord, Your <b>word</b> is settled in heaven.
טו	Ps119:101	...every evil way, That I may keep Your <b>word</b> .
טז	Ps119:105	Your <b>word</b> is a lamp to my feet ...
טז	Ps119:107	...Revive me, O Lord, according to Your <b>word</b> .
יז	Ps119:114	...shield; I wait for Your <b>word</b> .
יח	Ps119:130	The unfolding of Your <b>words</b> gives light; It gives understanding to ...
יח	Ps119:139	...consumed me, Because my adversaries have forgotten Your <b>words</b> .
יט	Ps119:147	...cry for help; I wait for Your <b>words</b> .
כ	Ps119:160	The sum of Your <b>word</b> is truth, And every one of ...
כא	Ps119:161	...my heart stands in awe of Your <b>words</b> .
כא	Ps119:169	...Give me understanding according to Your <b>word</b> .

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|8| אִמְרָהּ 'imrah #565 19x [17/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x1, 8<sup>th</sup> line x0; not found in א ג ד ה ו ז ח ט י כ ל מ נ ס ע פ צ ק ר ש ת]

ב	Ps119:11	Your <b>word</b> I have treasured in my heart, ...
ה	Ps119:38	Establish Your <b>word</b> to Your servant, As that which ...
ו	Ps119:41	...Lord, Your salvation according to Your <b>word</b> ;
ז	Ps119:50	...my comfort in my affliction, That Your <b>word</b> has revived me.
ח	Ps119:58	...gracious to me according to Your <b>word</b> .
ט	Ps119:67	...I went astray, But now I keep Your <b>word</b> .
י	Ps119:76	...lovingkindness comfort me, According to Your <b>word</b> to Your servant.
כ	Ps119:82	...eyes fail with longing for Your <b>word</b> , While I say, “When will You ...
מ	Ps119:103	How sweet are Your <b>words</b> to my taste! Yes, sweeter than ...
ס	Ps119:116	...Sustain me according to Your <b>word</b> , that I may live; And do ...
ע	Ps119:123	...for Your salvation And for Your righteous <b>word</b> .
פ	Ps119:133	...Establish my footsteps in Your <b>word</b> , And do not let any iniquity ...
צ	Ps119:140	Your <b>word</b> is very pure, Therefore Your servant ...
ק	Ps119:148	...That I may meditate on Your <b>word</b> .
ר	Ps119:154	...redeem me; Revive me according to Your <b>word</b> .
ש	Ps119:158	...them, Because they do not keep Your <b>word</b> .
ת	Ps119:162	I rejoice at Your <b>word</b> , As one who finds great spoil.
ת	Ps119:170	...You; Deliver me according to Your <b>word</b> .
ת	Ps119:172	...Let my tongue sing of Your <b>word</b> , For all Your commandments are righteousness.

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Two words for “way” are sometimes placed together with the terms for teaching, but these terms are applications of God’s law, precepts, ordinances, etc. and not synonymms.

דֶּרֶךְ derek #1870 & אֲרָחָה 'orach #734 18x [8/22 strophes, 1<sup>st</sup> line x3, 8<sup>th</sup> line x4; not found in תִּרְקַעְפִּסְנִלְכִי זֶרֶג]

Ps 119:1	...How blessed are those whose <b>way</b> is blameless, Who walk ...
Ps 119:3	...do no unrighteousness; They walk in His <b>ways</b> .
Ps 119:5	Oh that my <b>ways</b> may be established To keep Your ...
Ps 119:9	...How can a young man keep his <b>way</b> pure? By keeping it according to ...
Ps 119:14	I have rejoiced in the <b>way</b> of Your testimonies, As much as ...
Ps 119:15	...on Your precepts And regard Your <b>ways</b> .
Ps 119:26	I have told of my <b>ways</b> , and You have answered me; Teach ...
Ps 119:27	Make me understand the <b>way</b> of Your precepts, So I will ...
Ps 119:29	Remove the false <b>way</b> from me, And graciously grant me Your ...
Ps 119:30	I have chosen the faithful <b>way</b> ; I have placed Your ordinances before ...
Ps 119:32	I shall run the <b>way</b> of Your commandments, For You will ...
Ps 119:33	...Teach me, O Lord, the <b>way</b> of Your statutes, And I shall observe ...
Ps 119:37	...at vanity, And revive me in Your <b>ways</b> .
Ps 119:59	I considered my <b>ways</b> And turned my feet to Your testimonies.
Ps 119:101	...have restrained my feet from every evil <b>way</b> , That I may keep Your word.
Ps 119:104	...get understanding; Therefore I hate every false <b>way</b> .
Ps 119:128	...precepts concerning everything, I hate every false <b>way</b> .
Ps 119:168	...precepts and Your testimonies, For all my <b>ways</b> are before You.

## Appendix B

**Prayer Imperatives in Psalm 119**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> person masculine singular pronominal suffix appears some 216 times! The imperatives and jussive imperfects are likewise overwhelming. The psalmist utters 83 commands with 25 of them being teach me, revive me, and make me understand. 55 commands are found in 7 strophes: (ה has 10; ו has 9; י & ר have 8; ד & פ have 7; ע has 6). מ & ש have no commands. The remaining 28 commands are spread among the remaining 13 strophes.

א	8	Do not forsake me utterly. עָזַב 'azab #5800	1
ב	10	Do not let me wander from your commandments. שָׁגָה shagah #7686	2
	12	Teach me your statutes. לָמַד lamad #3925 (v.12,26,64,66,68,108,124,135)	3
ג	17	Deal bountifully with your servant. גָּמַל gamal #1580	4
	18	Open my eyes. גָּלָה galah #1540	5
	19	Do not hide your commandments from me. סָתַר cathar #5641	6
ד	22	Take away reproach and contempt from me. גָּלַל galal #1556	7
	25	Revive me according to your word. חָיָה chayah #2421 (v.25,37,40,88,107,149,154,156,159 +175)	8
	26	Teach me your statutes. לָמַד lamad #3925 (v.12,26,64,66,68,108,124,135)	9
	27	Make me understand the way of your precepts. בִּינַי biyn #995 (v.27,34,73,125,144,169)	10
	28	Strengthen me according to your word. קוּמַי quwm #6965 (v.28,38)	11
	29	Remove the false way from me. סוּר cuwr #5493	12
	29	Graciously grant me your law. חָנַן chanan #2603 (v.29,58,132)	13
ה	31	Do not put me to shame. בּוֹשׁ bowsh #954 (v.31,78,116)	14
	33	Teach me the way of your statutes. יָרָה yarah #3384	15
	34	Give me understanding. בִּינַי biyn #995 (v.27,34,73,125,144,169)	16
	35	Make me walk. דָּרַךְ darak #1869	17
	36	Incline my heart to your testimonies. נָטָה natah #5186	18
	37	Turn away my eyes. עָבַר 'abar #5674 (v.37,39)	19
ו	37	Revive me in your ways. חָיָה chayah #2421 (v.25,37,40,88,107,149,154,156,159 +175)	20
	38	Establish your word. קוּמַי quwm #6965 (v.28,38)	21
	39	Turn away my reproach. עָבַר 'abar #5674 (v.37,39)	22
	40	Revive me through your righteousness. חָיָה chayah #2421 (v.25,37,40,88,107,149,154,156,159 +175)	23
ז	41	May your lovingkindness come to me. בּוֹא bow' #935 (v.41,77,170)	24
	43	Do not take the word. נָצַל natsal #5337 (v.43,170)	25
ח	49	Remember the word to your servant. זָכַר zakar #2142	26
	58	Be gracious to me. חָנַן chanan #2603 (v.29,58,132)	27
	64	Teach me your statutes. לָמַד lamad #3925 (v.12,26,64,66,68,108,124,135)	28
ט	66	Teach me good discernment. לָמַד lamad #3925 (v.12,26,64,66,68,108,124,135)	29
	68	Teach me your statutes. לָמַד lamad #3925 (v.12,26,64,66,68,108,124,135)	30

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י	73	Give me understanding. בִּין biyn #995 (v.27,34,73,125,144,169)	31	
	74	May they see me. רָאָה ra'ah #7200 (v.74,153,159)	32	
	74	May they be glad. שָׂמַח samach #8055	33	
	76	May your lovingkindness comfort me (be to me). הָיָה hayah #1961 (76,80,173,175)	34	
	77	May your compassion come to me. בּוֹא bow' #935 (v.41,77,170).	35	
	78	May they be ashamed. בּוֹשׁ bowsh #954 (v.31,78,116)	36	
	79	May they turn to me. שׁוּב shuwv #7725	37	
	80	May my heart be blameless הָיָה hayah #1961 (76,80,173,175)	38	
	ט	86	Help me! עֲזַר 'azar #5826 (cf. הָיָה hayah #1961 (173,175))	39
		88	Revive me according to your lovingkindness. חָיָה chayah #2421 (v.25,37,40,88,107,149,154,156,159 +175)	40
ל	94	Save me. יָשַׁע yasha' #3467 (94,146)	41	
נ	107	Revive me according to your word. חָיָה chayah #2421 (v.25,37,40,88,107,149,154,156,159 +175)	42	
	108	Accept the freewill offerings of my mouth. רָצָה ratsah #7521	43	
	108	Teach me your ordinances. לָמַד lamad #3925 (v.12,26,64,66,68,108,124,135)	44	
ס	116	Sustain me according to your word. סָמַךְ camak #5564	45	
	116	Do not let me be ashamed. בּוֹשׁ bowsh #954 (v.31,78,116)	46	
	117	Uphold me. סָעַד ca'ad #5582	47	
ע	121	Do not leave me. נוּחַ nu'ch #5117	48	
	122	Be surety for your servant. עָרַב 'arab #6148	49	
	122	Do not let them oppress me. עָשַׂק 'ashaq #6231	50	
	124	Deal with me. עָשָׂה 'asah #6213	51	
	124	Teach me your statutes. לָמַד lamad #3925 (v.12,26,64,66,68,108,124,135)	52	
	125	Give me understanding. בִּין biyn #995 (v.27,34,73,125,144,169)	53	
	132	Turn to me. פָּנָה panah #6437	54	
פ	132	Be gracious to me. חָנַן chanan #2603 (v.29,58,132)	55	
	133	Establish my footsteps in your word. כּוּנֵן kuwn #3559	56	
	133	Do not let have dominion. שָׁלַט shalat #7980	57	
	134	Redeem me. פָּדָה padah #6299	58	
	135	Make your face shine upon. אָוַר 'owr #215	59	
צ	135	Teach me your statutes. לָמַד lamad #3925 (v.12,26,64,66,68,108,124,135)	60	
	144	Give me understanding. בִּין biyn #995 (v.27,34,73,125,144,169)	61	
ק	145	Answer me. עָנָה 'anah #6030	62	
	146	Save me. יָשַׁע yasha' #3467 (94,146)	63	
	149	Hear my voice. שָׁמַע shama' #8085	64	
	149	Revive me according to your ordinances. חָיָה chayah #2421 (v.25,37,40,88,107,149,154,156,159 +175)	65	

	153 Look upon. רָאָה ra'ah #7200 (v.74,153,159)	66
	153 Rescue me. חָלַצְתָּ chalat #2502	67
	154 Plead my cause. רִיב riyb #7378	68
	154 Redeem me. גָּאֵל ga'al #1350	69
ר	154 Revive me according to your word. חַיָּה chayah #2421 (v.25,37,40,88,107,149,154,156,159 +175)	70
	156 Revive me according to your ordinances. חַיָּה chayah #2421 (v.25,37,40,88,107,149,154,156,159 +175)	71
	159 Consider. רָאָה ra'ah #7200 (v.74,153,159)	72
	159 Revive me according to your lovingkindness. חַיָּה chayah #2421 (v.25,37,40,88,107,149,154,156,159 +175)	73
	169 Let my cry come near before you. קָרַב qarab #7126	74
	169 Give me understanding. בִּין biyn #995 (v.27,34,73,125,144,169)	75
	170 Let my supplication come before You. בּוֹא bow' #935 (v.41,77,170).	76
	170 Deliver me. נָצַל natsal #5337 (v.43,170)	77
פ	171 Let my lips utter praise. נָבַע naba' #5042	78
	172 Let my tongue sing. עָנָה 'anah #6031	79
	173 Let your hand be a help to me. הָיָה hayah #1961 (76,80,173,175)	80
	175 Let my soul live (revive my soul). חַיָּה chayah #2421 (v.25,37,40,88,107,149,154,156,159 +175)	81
	175 Let your ordinances be a help to me. הָיָה hayah #1961 (76,80,173,175)	82
	176 Seek me. בָּקַשׁ baqash #1245	83

### Teach Me

8x לָמַד lamad #3925 (v.12, 26, 64, 66, 68, 108, 124, 135) +1x יָרָה yarah #3384 (v.33)  
 . . . your (חֻק) statutes (v.12, 26, 64, 68, 124, 135), the way of your statutes (v.33); . . . good discernment and knowledge (v.66); . . . your (מִשְׁפָּט) ordinances (108).

### Revive Me

10x חַיָּה chayah #2421 (v.25, 37, 40, 88, 107, 149, 154, 156, 159 +175)  
 + 4 other imperatives with חַיָּה for their purpose. Deal bountifully v.17 גָּמַל gamal #1580; Let your compassion come to me v.77 בּוֹא bow' #935; Sustain me v.116 קָמַד camak #5564; Give me understanding v.144 בִּין biyn #995.  
 . . . according to your (דְּבַר) word (v.25, 107), your lovingkindness (v.88, 159), your (מִשְׁפָּט) ordinances (v.149, 156), your (אִמְרָה) word (v.154); . . . in your ways (v.37); . . . through your righteousness (v.40)

### Make Me Understand (Give Me Understanding)

6x בִּין biyn #995 (v.27, 34, 73\*, 125, 144\*\*, 169) \* that I might learn, \*\* that I might live.  
 . . . the way of your (פְּקוּדִים) precepts (v.27); that I may observe your (תּוֹרָה) law (v.34); that I may learn your (מִצְוָה) commandments (v.73); that I may know your (עֲדָה) testimonies (v.125); that I may live (v.144); . . . according to your (דְּבַר) word (v.169).

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אָבַד	'abad	6	perished (92), to destroy (95), lost (176)
אָדָם	'adam	120	man (134)
אָהֵב	'ahab	157	love (47, 48, 97, 113, 119, 127, 132, 159, 163, 165, 167), loves (140)
אָוֶן	'aven	205	iniquity (133)
אוֹר	'owr	215	gives light (130), shine (135)
אוֹר	'owr	216	light (105)
אָז	'az	227	then (6, 92)
אָחַז	'achaz	270	seized (53)
אָחֲלִי	'achalay	305	Oh (5)
אֹיֵב	'ayab	340	enemies (98)
אֵין	'ayin	369	no (165)
אִישׁ	'iysh	376	men (24)
אַל	'al	408	do not (8, 10, 19, 31, 36, 43, 116, 122, 133)
אַל	'el	413	to (6, 36 <sub>x2</sub> , 48, 59, 132), after (20)
אֱלֹהִים	'elohiym	430	God (115)
אַלְפֵי	'eleph	505	thousands
אֱמוּנָה	'emuwnah	530	faithful (30, 86), faithfulness (75, 90, 138)
אָמֵן	'aman	539	believe (66)
אָמַר	'amar	559	promised (57), say (82)
אִמְרָה	'imrah	565	word (11, 38, 41, 50, 58, 67, 76, 82, 116, 123, 133, 140, 148, 154, 158, 162, 170, 172), words (103)
אֱמֶת	'emeth	571	truth (43, 142, 151, 160)
אֲנִי	'aniy	589	I (63, 67, 69, 70, 78, 87, 94, 125)
אֲנֹכִי	'anokiy	595	I (19, 141, 162)
אִף	'aph	637	also (3)
אֹרַח	'orach	734	way (9, 101, 104, 128), ways (15)
אֶרֶץ	'erets	776	earth (19, 64, 87, 90, 119)
אָרַר	'arar	779	cursed (21)
אֲשִׁמוּרָה	'ashmuwrah	821	night watches (148)
אֲשֶׁר	'asher	834	which (38, 39, 47, 48, 49), who (63, 85), because (158)
אֲשֶׁרִי	'asherey	835	blessed (1, 2)
אֵת	'eth	853	{not translated} (8, 9, 135)
אַתָּה	'attah	859	you (4, 12, 68, 114, 137, 151), you yourself (102)
בָּגַד	bagad	898	treacherous (158)
בּוֹא	bow'	935	come (41, 77, 170)
בוֹז	buwz	937	contempt (22)
בוֹשׁ	bowsh	954	be ashamed (6, 46, 78, 80, 116), put to shame (31)
בָּזָה	bazah	959	despised (141)
בָּחַר	bachar	977	chosen (30, 173)
בָּטַח	batach	982	trust (42)

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בִּין	biyn	995	understand (27, 100), give(s) understanding (34, 73, 125, 130, 144, 169), diligently consider (95), get understanding (104)
בֵּית	bayith	1004	house (54)
בַּל	bal	1077	do not (121)
בְּצַעַ	betsa'	1215	<i>dishonest</i> gain (36)
בָּקַשׁ	baqash	1245	seek (176)
בָּרַךְ	barak	1288	blessed (12)
בָּשָׂר	basar	1320	flesh (120)
גָּאֵל	ga'al	1350	redeem (154)
גָּלָה	galah	1540	open (18)
גָּלַל	galal	1556	take away (22)
גַּם	gam	1571	even though (23), also (24)
גָּמַל	gamal	1580	deal bountifully (17)
גָּעַר	ga'ar	1605	rebuke (21)
גֵּר	ger	1616	stranger (19)
גָּרַס	garac	1638	is crushed (20)
דָּבַק	dabaq	1692	cleaves (25), cling (31)
דָּבַר	dabar	1696	talk (23), speak (46)
דְּבַר	dabar	1697	word (9, 16, 17, 25, 28, 42, 43, 49, 65, 74, 81, 89, 101, 105, 107, 114, 160, 169), answer (42), words (57, 130, 139, 147, 161)
דָּבַשׁ	dabash	1706	honey (103)
דּוֹר	dowr	1755	all generations (90 <sub>x2</sub> )
דָּלַף	dalaph	1811	weeps (drops) (28)
דַּעַת	da'ath	1847	knowledge (66)
דָּרַךְ	darak	1869	make me walk (35)
דֶּרֶךְ	derek	1870	way (1, 14, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33), ways (3, 5, 26, 37, 59, 168)
דָּרַשׁ	darash	1875	seek (2, 45, 155), sought (10, 94)
הוֹן	hown	1952	riches (14)
הָלַךְ	halak	1980	walk (1, 3, 45)
הָלַל	halal	1984	praise (164, 175)
הִנֵּה	hinneh	2009	behold (40)
זֵד	zed	2086	arrogant (21, 51, 69, 78, 85, 122)
זֹאת	zo'th	2088	this (50, 56)
זָהָב	zahab	2091	gold (72, 127)
זָכָה	zakah	2135	keep pure (9)
זָכַר	zakar	2142	remember (49, 55), remembered (52)
זַלְעָפָה	zal'aphah	2152	burning indignation (53)
זִמָּה	zimmah	2154	wickedness (150)
זָמִיר	zamiyr	2158	songs (54)
זָקֵן	zaqen	2205	aged (100)
חֶבֶל	chebel	2256	cords (61)
חָוַשׁ	chuwsh	2263	hastened (60)
חָבֵר	chaber	2270	companion (63)

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חָטָא	chata'	2398	sin (11)
חָיָה	chayah	2421	live (17, 77, 116, 144, 175), revive (25, 37, 40, 88, 107, 149, 154, 156, 159), revived (50, 93)
חֵךְ	chek	2441	taste (palate) (103)
חָכַם	chakam	2449	make wiser (98)
חֵלֶב	cheleb	2459	fat (70)
חָלָה	chalah	2470	sought (58)
חָלַץ	chalats	2502	rescue (153)
חֵלֶק	cheleq	2506	portion
חִנָּם	chinnam	2600	without cause (161)
חָנַן	chanan	2603	graciously grant (29), be gracious (58, 132)
חֶסֶד	checed	2617	lovingkindness (41, 64, 76, 88, 124, 149, 159)
חַפְצֵי	chaphats	2654	delight (35)
חֲצוֹת	chatsowth	2676	mid- (midnight) (62)
חֹק	choq	2706	statutes (5, 8, 12, 23, 26, 33, 48, 54, 64, 68, 71, 80, 83, 112, 117, 118, 124, 135, 145, 155, 171)
חֻקָּה	chuqqah	2708	statutes (16)
חָרַף	charaph	2778	reproach (42)
חֶרְפָּה	cherpah	2781	reproach (22, 39)
חָשַׁב	chashab	2803	considered (59)
טוֹב	towb	2896	good (39, 68, 122), well (65), better (72)
טוֹב	tuwb	2898	good (66)
טַעַם	ta'am	2940	discernment (judgment) (66)
טָפַל	taphal	2950	have forged (besmear) (69)
טָפַשׁ	taphash	2954	covered (gross) (70)
טֶרֶם	terem	2962	before (67)
יָאַב	ya'ab	2968	longed for (131)
יָגַר	yagor	3025	dread (39)
יָד	yad	3027	hands (73), hand (173)
יָדָה	yadah	3034	give thanks (7, 62)
יָדַע	yada'	3045	know (75, 79, 125), have known (152)
יְהוָה	YHWH	3068	Lord (1, 12, 31, 33, 41, 52, 55, 57, 64, 65, 75, 89, 107, 108, 126, 137, 145, 149, 151, 156, 159, 166, 169, 174)
יּוֹם	yowm	3117	days (84), day (91, 97, 164)
יָחַל	yachal	3176	wait (43, 74, 81, 114, 147), hope (49)
יָטַב	yatab	3190	do good (68)
יָסַד	yacad	3245	founded (152)
יָרָא	yare'	3372	fear (63), am afraid (120)
יָרָא	yare'	3373	fear (74, 79)
יִרְאַה	yir'ah	3374	reverence
יָרַד	yarad	3381	shed (run down) (136)
יָרָה	jarah	3384	teach (33), have taught (102)
יָשַׁב	yashab	3427	sit (23)

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יְשׁוּעָה	yeshuw'ah	3444	salvation (123, 155, 166, 174)
יָשַׁע	yasha'	3467	save (94, 146), be safe (117)
יָשָׁר	yashar	3474	esteem right (128)
יֹשֶׁר	yosher	3476	uprightness (7)
יָשָׁר	yashar	3477	upright (137)
כּוּן	kuwn	3559	established (5, 90), fashioned (73), establish (133)
כָּלָא	kala'	3607	restrained (101)
כָּלָה	kalah	3615	languishes (81), fail (82, 123), destroyed (87)
כֶּסֶף	keceph	3701	silver (72)
כַּף	kaph	3709	hands (48), hand (109)
כָּרָה	karah	3738	dug (85)
לֵב	leb	3820	heart (2, 10, 11, 32, 34, 36, 58, 69, 70, 80, 111, 112, 145, 161)
לֵבָב	lebab	3824	heart (7)
לֹא־אִי	luwle'	3884	if not (92)
לִיץ	liyts	3887	deride (51)
לַיְלָה	laylah	3915	night (55) (mid)-night, (62)
לָמַד	lamad	3925	learn (7, 71, 73), teach (12, 26, 64, 66, 68, 108, 124, 135, 171), teachers (99)
לָשׁוֹן	lashown	3956	tongue (172)
מַגּוֹר	magowr	4033	pilgrimage (54)
מָגֵן	magen	4043	shield (114)
מָהָה	mahah	4102	delay (60)
מַיִם	mayim	4325	water (136)
מִכְשׁוֹל	mikshowl	4385	stumble (165)
מָלֵא	male'	4390	is full (64)
מֶלֶךְ	melek	4428	kings (46)
מַלֵּץ	malats	4452	sweet (103)
מֵעַט	me'at	4592	almost (87)
מָצָא	matsa'	4672	finds (162), come upon (found) (143)
מִצְוָה	mitsvah	4687	commandments (6, 10, 19, 21, 32, 35, 47, 48, 60, 66, 73, 86, 98, 115, 127, 131, 143, 151, 166, 172, 176), commandment (96)
מַצּוֹק	matsowq	4689	anguish (143)
מִשְׁפָּט	mishpat	4941	judgments (7, 75, 120, 137), ordinances (13, 20, 30, 39, 43, 52, 62, 91, 102, 106, 108, 149, 156, 160, 164, 175), judgment (84), justice (121), manner (132)
נָאֵד	no'd	4997	wineskin (83)
נָבַט	nabat	5027	look (6), regard (15), behold (18)
נָבַע	naba'	5042	utter (171)
נֶגֶד	neged	5048	before (46, 168)
נְדָבָה	n°dabah	5071	freewill offerings (108)
נִוַּח	nu'ach	5117	leave (121)
נָחַל	nachal	5157	inherited (111)
נָחַם	nacham	5162	comfort (52, 76, 82)

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נְחָמָה	nechamah	5165	comfort (50)
נָטָה	natah	5186	incline (36), turn aside (51, 157), inclined (112)
נֵר	ner	5216	lamp (105)
נָעַר	na'ar	5288	young man (9)
נֶפֶשׁ	nephash	5315	soul (20, 25, 28, 81, 129, 167, 175), life (109)
נָצַב	natsab	5324	is settled (stands <i>firm</i> ) (89)
נָצַל	natsal	5337	take (43), deliver (170)
נָצַר	natsar	5341	observe (2, 22, 33, 34, 56, 69, 115, 145), observed (100), observes (129)
נָשָׂא	nasa'	5375	lift up (48)
נֶשֶׁף	nesheph	5399	dawn (147)
נְתִיב	nathiyb	5410	path (35)
נְתִיבָה	n <sup>e</sup> thiybah	5410	path (105)
נָתַן	nathan	5414	laid (110)
סוּר	cuwr	5493	remove (29), turned aside (102), depart (115)
סִיג	ciyg	5509	dross (119)
סָלַח	calah	5541	rejected (made light of) (118)
סָמַךְ	camak	5564	sustain (116)
סָמַר	camar	5568	trembles (bristles up from) (120)
סָעַד	ca'ad	5582	uphold (117)
סֵעָף	ce'eph	5588	double-minded (113)
סָפַר	caphar	5608	told (13, 26)
סָתַר	cathar	5641	hide (19)
סִתְרָה	cether	5643	hiding place (114)
עָבַד	'ebed	5650	servant (17, 23, 38, 49, 65, 76, 84, 122, 124, 125, 135, 140, 176), servants (91)
עָבַר	'abar	5674	turn away (37, 39)
עֵדָה	'edah	5713	testimonies (2, 22, 24, 46, 59, 79, 95, 119, 125, 138, 146, 152, 167, 168).
עֵדוּת	'eduwth	5715	testimonies (14, 31, 36, 99, 111, 129, 144, 157), testimony (88)
עוּד	'uwd	5749	have encircled (61)
עוֹלָה	'avlah	5766	unrighteousness (3)
עוֹלָם	'owlam	5769	forever (44, 89, 111, 112, 144, 152), from of old (52), never (93), ever (98), everlasting (142, 160)
עָוַת	'avath	5791	subvert (78)
עָזַב	'azab	5800	forsake (8, 53, 87)
עָזַר	'azar	5826	help (86, 173, 175)
עֵין	'ayin	5869	eyes (18, 37, 82, 123, 136, 148)
עָמַד	'amad	5975	stands (90), stand (91)
עָנָה	'anah	6030	answered (26), have an answer (42), answer (145)
עָנָה	'anah	6031	afflicted (67, 71, 75, 107), sing (172)
עָנִי	' <sup>o</sup> niy	6040	affliction (50, 92, 153)
עָפָר	'aphar	6083	dust (25)

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עֲצָה	'etsah	6098	counselors (men of my counsel) (24)
עֶקֶב	'eqeb	6118	end (33, 112)
עֲרַב	'arab	6148	surety (122)
עָשָׂה	'asah	6213	have dealt (65), made (73), execute (84), perform (112), done (121), deal (124), act (126), do (166)
עֲשֹׂק	'ashaq	6231	oppressors (121), oppress (122)
עֲשֻׁק	'osheq	6233	oppression (134)
עֵת	'eth	6256	times (20), time (126)
עַתָּה	'attah	6258	now (67)
פָּדָה	padah	6299	redeem (134)
פֶּה	peh	6310	mouth (13, 43, 72, 88, 103, 108, 131)
פֶּזֶז	paz	6337	fine gold (127)
פַּח	pach	6341	snare (110)
פָּחַד	pachad	6342	stands in awe (161)
פַּחַד	pachad	6343	fear (120)
פְּלֵא	pala'	6381	wonderful things (18), wonders (27)
פְּלֵא	pele'	6382	wonderful (129)
פֶּלֶג	peleg	6388	streams (136)
פָּנָה	panah	6437	turn (132)
פָּנֵה	paneh	6440	favor (58), face (135), before (169, 170)
פָּעַל	pa'al	6466	do (3)
פַּעַם	pa'am	6471	footsteps (133)
פָּעַר	pa'ar	6473	open wide (131)
פִּקּוּדִים	piqquwdiym	6490	precepts (4, 15, 27, 40, 45, 56, 63, 69, 78, 87, 93, 94, 100, 104, 110, 128, 134, 141, 159, 168, 173)
פָּרַר	parar	6565	have broken (126)
פֶּתַח	pethach	6608	unfolding (130)
פֶּתִי	pethiy	6612	simple (130)
צַדִּיק	tsaddiyq	6662	righteous (137)
צֶדֶק	tsedeq	6664	righteous (7, 62, 75, 106, 123, 144, 160, 164), righteousness (121, 138, 142, 172)
צִדְקָה	ts <sup>c</sup> daqah	6666	righteousness (40, 142)
צָוָה	tsavah	6680	ordained (4), commanded (138)
צָמַת	tsamath	6789	consumed (put an end to) (139)
צָעִיר	tsa'iyr	6810	small (141)
צָפָן	tsaphan	6845	have treasured (11)
צָר	tsar	6862	adversaries (139, 157), trouble (143)
צָרִף	tsaraph	6884	pure (refined) (140)
קָדַם	qadam	6923	rise (anticipate) (147), anticipate (148)
קֶדֶם	qedem	6924	of old (152)
קָוָה	qavah	6960	wait for (95)
קִוֵּט	quwt	6962	loathe (158)
קוֹל	qowl	6963	voice (149)

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קוּמ	quwm	6965	strengthen (28), establish (38), rise (62), confirm (106)
קִיטוֹר	qiytowr	7008	smoke (83)
קִנְאָה	qin'ah	7068	zeal (139)
קֶץ	qets	7093	limit (end of) (96)
קָרָא	qara'	7121	cried (145, 146)
קָרַב	qarab	7126	draw near (150), come (come near) (169)
קָרוֹב	qarowb	7138	near (151)
רָאָה	ra'ah	7200	looking (37), see (74), seen (96), look (153), behold (158), consider (159)
רֹאשׁ	ro'sh	7218	sum (160)
רַב	rab	7227	great (157, 162, 165), many (157)
רֶגֶל	regel	7272	feet (59, 101, 105)
רָדַף	radaph	7291	persecute (84, 161), persecuted (86), follow after (150), persecutors (157)
רוּץ	ruwts	7323	run (32)
רָחַב	rachab	7337	enlarge (32)
רָחֵב	rachab	7342	at liberty (in a broad place) (45), broad (96)
רָחוֹק	rachowq	7350	far (155)
רַחֲמִים	rach <sup>a</sup> miym	7356	compassion (77), mercies (156)
רָחַק	rachaq	7368	far (150)
רִיב	riyb	7378	plead (154)
רִיב	riyb	7379	cause (154)
רִנָּה	rinnah	7440	cry (169)
רָע	ra'	7451	evil (101)
רָעַע	ra'a'	7489	evildoers (115)
רָצָה	ratsah	7521	accept (108)
רָשָׁע	rasha'	7563	the wicked (53, 61, 95, 110, 119, 155)
שָׂאֵף	sha'aph	7602	panted (131)
שָׁבַע	shaba'	7650	have sworn (106)
שֶׁבַע	sheba'	7651	seven (164)
שָׁבַר	sabar	7663	hope (166)
שֶׁבַר	seber	7664	hope (116)
שָׁבַת	shabath	7673	removed (caused to cease) (119)
שָׁגַג	shagag	7683	went astray (67)
שָׁגָה	shagah	7686	wander (10, 21, 118)
שָׂה	she	7716	sheep (176)
שָׁוְא	shav'	7723	vanity (37)
שׁוּב	shuwb	7725	turned (59), turn (79)
שָׁוָה	shavah	7737	placed (accounted worthy) (30)
שָׁוַע	shava'	7768	cry for help (147)
שׁוּשׁ	suws	7797	have rejoiced (14), rejoice (162)
שִׁיחַ	siy'ch	7878	meditate (15, 27, 48, 78, 148), meditates (23)
שִׁיחָה	siychah	7881	meditation (97, 99)

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Word	Transliteration	Strong's #	NASB Translations in Psalm 119 (verses)
שִׁיחָה	shiychah	7882	pits (85)
שָׁכַח	shakach	7911	forget (16, 83, 93, 109, 141, 153, 176), forgotten (61, 139)
שָׂכַל	sakal	7919	have insight (99)
שָׁלוֹם	shalowm	7965	peace (165)
שָׁלַט	shalat	7980	have dominion (133)
שָׁלַל	shalal	7998	spoil (162)
שֵׁם	shem	8034	name (55, 132)
שָׂמַח	samach	8055	be glad (74)
שָׁמַיִם	shamayim	8064	heaven (89)
שָׁמַע	shama'	8085	hear (149)
שָׁמַר	shamar	8104	keep (4, 5, 8, 17, 34, 44, 55, 57, 60, 63, 67, 88, 101, 106, 134, 136, 146, 158, 168), keeping (9), keeps (167)
שָׂנֵא	sane'	8130	hate (104, 113, 128, 163)
שָׁעָה	sha'ah	8159	have regard for (117)
שָׂעַע	sha'a'	8173	delight (16, 47, 70)
שִׂשְׂעֵימִים	sha <sup>a</sup> shu'iym	8191	delight (24, 77, 92, 143, 174)
שָׁפָה	saphah	8193	lips (13, 171)
שָׁקֵר	seqer	8267	false (29, 104, 128), lie (69, 78, 86), useless (118), falsehood (163)
שָׂר	sar	8269	princes (23, 161)
שָׂשׂוֹן	sasown	8342	joy (111)
תָּאַב	ta'ab	8373	long for (40, 174)
תָּאַבָּה	ta <sup>a</sup> bah	8375	longing (20)
תְּהִלָּה	t <sup>e</sup> hillah	8416	praise (171)
תּוֹגָה	tuwgah	8424	grief (28)
תּוֹרָה	towrah	8451	law (1, 18, 29, 34, 44, 51, 53, 55, 61, 70, 72, 77, 85, 92, 97, 109, 113, 126, 136, 142, 150, 153, 163, 165, 174)
תְּחִנָּה	t <sup>e</sup> chinnah	8467	supplication (170)
תִּכְלָה	tiklah	8502	perfection (96)
תָּמִיד	tamiyd	8548	continually (44, 109, 117)
תָּמִיִּם	tamiym	8549	blameless (complete, or having integrity) (80)
תָּעַב	ta'ab	8581	despise (163)
תָּעָה	ta'ah	8582	gone astray (110, 176)
תַּרְמִיִּת	tarmiyth	8649	deceitfulness (118)
תְּשׁוּעָה	t <sup>e</sup> shuw'ah	8668	salvation (41)

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Word	Transliteration	Strong's #	NASB Translations in Psalm 119 (verses)
רָצָה	ratsah	7521	accept (108)
עָשָׂה	'asah	6213	act (126)
צָר	tsar	6862	adversaries (139, 157)
עָנָה	'anah	6031	afflicted (67, 71, 75, 107), sing (172)
עָנִי	' <sup>o</sup> niy	6040	affliction (50, 92, 153)
אֵל	'el	413	after (20)
זָקֵן	zaqen	2205	aged (100)
מֵעַט	me'at	4592	almost (87)
גַּם	gam	1571	also (24)
אֶפֶס	'aph	637	also (3)
מַצּוֹק	matsowq	4689	anguish (143)
עָנָה	'anah	6030	answer (145), answered (26), have an answer (42)
דָּבָר	dabar	1697	answer (42)
קָדָם	qadam	6923	anticipate (148)
זֶד	zed	2086	arrogant (21, 51, 69, 78, 85, 122)
בוּשָׁה	bowsh	954	ashamed (6, 46, 78, 80, 116)
תָּעָה	ta'ah	8582	astray (110, 176)
אֲשֶׁר	'asher	834	because (158)
פָּנָה	paneh	6440	before (169, 170)
נֶגֶד	neged	5048	before (46, 168)
טֶרֶם	terem	2962	before (67)
רְאֵה	ra'ah	7200	behold (158)
נִבַּט	nabat	5027	behold (18)
הִינֵה	hinneh	2009	behold (40)
אָמֵן	'aman	539	believe (66)
טוֹב	towb	2896	better (72)
תָּמִים	tamiym	8549	blameless (complete, or having integrity) (80)
אֲשֶׁרֵי	'ashery	835	blessed (1, 2)
בָּרַךְ	barak	1288	blessed (12)
רָחֵב	rachab	7342	broad (96)
פָּרַר	parar	6565	broken (126)
זֹלְעָפָה	zal'aphah	2152	burning indignation (53)
רִיב	riyb	7379	cause (154)
בָּחַר	bachar	977	chosen (30, 173)
דָּבַק	dabaq	1692	cleaves (25), cling (31)
בּוֹא	bow'	935	come (41, 77, 170)
קָרַב	qarab	7126	come (come near) (169)
מָצָא	matsa'	4672	come upon (found) (143)
נִחְמָה	nechamah	5165	comfort (50)
נָחַם	nacham	5162	comfort (52, 76, 82)

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צָוָה	tsavah	6680	commanded (138)
מִצְוָה	mitsvah	4687	commandment (96), commandments (6, 10, 19, 21, 32, 35, 47, 48, 60, 66, 73, 86, 98, 115, 127, 131, 143, 151, 166, 172, 176)
חֵבֵר	chaber	2270	companion (63)
רַחֲמִים	rach <sup>a</sup> miym	7356	compassion (77)
קוּם	quwm	6965	confirm (106)
רָאָה	ra'ah	7200	consider (159)
חָשַׁב	chashab	2803	considered (59)
צָמַת	tsamath	6789	consumed (put an end to) (139)
בוֹז	buwz	937	contempt (22)
תָּמִיד	tamiyd	8548	continually (44, 109, 117)
חֵבֶל	chebel	2256	cords (61)
עֲצָה	'etsah	6098	counselors (men of my counsel) (24)
טָפַשׁ	taphash	2954	covered (gross) (70)
קָרָא	qara'	7121	cried (145, 146)
גָּרַס	garac	1638	crushed (20)
רָנָה	rinnah	7440	cry (169)
שָׁוַע	shava'	7768	cry for help (147)
אָרַר	'arar	779	cursed (21)
נֶשֶׁף	nesheph	5399	dawn (147)
יוֹם	yowm	3117	days (84), day (91, 97, 164)
עָשָׂה	'asah	6213	deal (124), have dealt (65), do (166), done (121)
גָּמַל	gamal	1580	deal bountifully (17)
תַּרְמִיחַ	tarmiyth	8649	deceitfulness (118)
מָחָה	mahah	4102	delay (60)
שָׂעַע	sha'a'	8173	delight (16, 47, 70)
שִׂשְׂעִים	sha <sup>a</sup> shu'iym	8191	delight (24, 77, 92, 143, 174)
חֲפָצִים	chaphats	2654	delight (35)
נָצַל	natsal	5337	deliver (170)
סוּר	cuwr	5493	depart (115)
לִיץ	liyts	3887	deride (51)
תָּעַב	ta'ab	8581	despise (163)
בָּזָה	bazah	959	despised (141)
אָבַד	'abad	6	destroy (95)
כָּלָה	kalah	3615	destroyed (87)
בִּין	biyn	995	diligently consider (95)
טַעַם	ta'am	2940	discernment (judgment) (66)
בָּצַע	betsa'	1215	<i>dishonest</i> gain (36)
פָּעַל	pa'al	6466	do (3)
יָטַב	yatab	3190	do good (68)
בַּל	bal	1077	do not (121)
אַל	'al	408	do not (8, 10, 19, 31, 36, 43, 116, 122, 133)
שָׁלַט	shalat	7980	dominion (133)

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סֵפֶר	ce'eph	5588	double-minded (113)
קָרַב	qarab	7126	draw near (150)
יָגַר	yagor	3025	dread (39)
סִיג	ciyg	5509	dross (119)
כָּרַח	karah	3738	dug (85)
עָפָר	'aphar	6083	dust (25)
אָרֶץ	'erets	776	earth (19, 64, 87, 90, 119)
עוֹד	'uwd	5749	encircled (61)
עִקֵּב	'eqeb	6118	end (33, 112)
אֹיֵב	'ayab	340	enemies (98)
רָחַב	rachab	7337	enlarge (32)
כּוֹן	kuwn	3559	establish (133), established (5, 90)
קוּמ	quwm	6965	establish (38)
יָשָׁר	yashar	3474	esteem right (128)
גַּם	gam	1571	even though (23)
עוֹלָם	'owlam	5769	ever (98), everlasting (142, 160)
רָע	ra'	7451	evil (101)
רָעָע	ra'a'	7489	evildoers (115)
עָשָׂה	'asah	6213	execute (84)
עֵין	'ayin	5869	eyes (18, 37, 82, 123, 136, 148)
פָּנָה	panch	6440	face (135)
כָּלָה	kalah	3615	fail (82, 123)
אֱמוּנָה	'emuwnah	530	faithful (30, 86), faithfulness (75, 90, 138)
שָׁקֵר	sheqer	8267	false (29, 104, 128), falsehood (163)
רָחַק	rachaq	7368	far (150)
רָחוֹק	rachowq	7350	far (155)
כּוֹן	kuwn	3559	fashioned (73)
חֵלֶב	cheleb	2459	fat (70)
פָּנָה	panch	6440	favor (58)
פָּחַד	pachad	6343	fear (120)
יָרָא	yare'	3372	fear (63), am afraid (120)
יָרָא	yare'	3373	fear (74, 79)
רֵגֶל	regel	7272	feet (59, 101, 105)
מָצָא	matsa'	4672	finds (162)
פָּז	paz	6337	fine gold (127)
בָּשָׂר	basar	1320	flesh (120)
רָדַף	radaph	7291	follow after (150)
פְּעָם	pa'am	6471	footsteps (133)
עוֹלָם	'owlam	5769	forever (44, 89, 111, 112, 144, 152)
טָפַל	taphal	2950	forged (besmear) (69)
שָׁכַח	shakach	7911	forget (16, 83, 93, 109, 141, 153, 176), forgotten (61, 139)
עָזַב	'azab	5800	forsake (8, 53, 87)
יָסַד	yacad	3245	founded (152)

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נְדָבָה	n <sup>o</sup> dabah	5071	freewill offerings (108)
עוֹלָם	'owlam	5769	from of old (52)
מָלֵא	male'	4390	full (64)
דוֹר	dowr	1755	generations (90 <sub>x2</sub> )
יָדָה	yadah	3034	give thanks (7, 62)
בֵּין	biyn	995	give(s) understanding (34, 73, 125, 130, 144, 169), get understanding (104)
אוֹר	'owr	215	gives light (130)
שָׂמַח	samach	8055	glad (74)
אֱלֹהִים	'elohiym	430	God (115)
זָהָב	zahab	2091	gold (72, 127)
טוֹב	towb	2896	good (39, 68, 122)
טוֹב	tuwb	2898	good (66)
חָנַן	chanan	2603	graciously grant (29), be gracious (58, 132)
רַב	rab	7227	great (157, 162, 165)
תּוֹנָה	tuwgah	8424	grief (28)
כַּף	kaph	3709	hands (48), hand (109)
יָד	yad	3027	hands (73), hand (173)
חָרַשׁ	chuwsh	2263	hastened (60)
שָׂנֵא	sane'	8130	hate (104, 113, 128, 163)
שָׁמַע	shama'	8085	hear (149)
לֵב	leb	3820	heart (2, 10, 11, 32, 34, 36, 58, 69, 70, 80, 111, 112, 145, 161)
לֵבָב	lebab	3824	heart (7)
שָׁמַיִם	shamayim	8064	heaven (89)
עָזַר	'azar	5826	help (86, 173, 175)
סָתַר	cathar	5641	hide (19)
סִתְרָה	cether	5643	hiding place (114)
דָּבַשׁ	dabash	1706	honey (103)
שִׁבְרָה	seber	7664	hope (116)
שָׁבַר	sabar	7663	hope (166)
יָחַל	yachal	3176	hope (49)
בַּיִת	bayith	1004	house (54)
אֲנֹכִי	'anokiy	595	I (19, 141, 162)
אֲנִי	'aniy	589	I (63, 67, 69, 70, 78, 87, 94, 125)
לֹא	luwle'	3884	if not (92)
נָטָה	natah	5186	incline (36), inclined (112)
נָחַל	nachal	5157	inherited (111)
אָוֶן	'aven	205	iniquity (133)
שָׂכַל	sakal	7919	insight (99)
שִׂשׂוֹן	sasown	8342	joy (111)
מִשְׁפָּט	mishpat	4941	judgment (84), judgments (7, 75, 120, 137)
מִשְׁפָּט	mishpat	4941	justice (121)

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שָׁמַר	shamar	8104	keep (4, 5, 8, 17, 34, 44, 55, 57, 60, 63, 67, 88, 101, 106, 134, 136, 146, 158, 168), keeping (9), keeps (167)
זָכָה	zakah	2135	keep pure (9)
מֶלֶךְ	melek	4428	kings (46)
יָדַע	yada'	3045	know (75, 79, 125), have known (152)
דָּעַת	da'ath	1847	knowledge (66)
נָתַן	nathan	5414	laid (110)
נֵר	ner	5216	lamp (105)
כָּלָה	kalah	3615	languishes (81)
תּוֹרָה	towrah	8451	law (1, 18, 29, 34, 44, 51, 53, 55, 61, 70, 72, 77, 85, 92, 97, 109, 113, 126, 136, 142, 150, 153, 163, 165, 174)
לָמַד	lamad	3925	learn (7, 71, 73)
נוּחַ	nu <sup>a</sup> ch	5117	leave (121)
רָחַב	rachab	7342	liberty (in a broad place) (45)
שָׁקַר	sheqer	8267	lie (69, 78, 86)
נֶפֶשׁ	nephesh	5315	life (109)
נָשָׂא	nasa'	5375	lift up (48)
אוֹר	'owr	216	light (105)
קֵץ	qets	7093	limit (end of) (96)
שָׁפָה	saphah	8193	lips (13, 171)
חָיָה	chayah	2421	live (17, 77, 116, 144, 175)
קוּט	quwt	6962	loathe (158)
תָּאַב	ta'ab	8373	long for (40, 174)
יָאַב	ya'ab	2968	longed for (131)
תַּאַבָּה	ta <sup>a</sup> bah	8375	longing (20)
רָאָה	ra'ah	7200	look (153), looking (37)
נָבַט	nabat	5027	look (6)
יְהוָה	YHWH	3068	Lord (1, 12, 31, 33, 41, 52, 55, 57, 64, 65, 75, 89, 107, 108, 126, 137, 145, 149, 151, 156, 159, 166, 169, 174)
אָבַד	'abad	6	lost (176)
אָהַב	'aheb	157	love (47, 48, 97, 113, 119, 127, 132, 159, 163, 165, 167), loves (140)
חֶסֶד	cheded	2617	lovingkindness (41, 64, 76, 88, 124, 149, 159)
עָשָׂה	'asah	6213	made (73)
חָכַם	chakam	2449	make wiser (98)
אָדָם	'adam	120	man (134)
מִשְׁפָּט	mishpat	4941	manner (132)
רַב	rab	7227	many (157)
שִׁיחַ	siy <sup>a</sup> ch	7878	meditate (15, 27, 48, 78, 148), meditates (23)
שִׁיחָה	siychah	7881	meditation (97, 99)
אִישׁ	'iysh	376	men (24)
רַחֲמִים	rach <sup>a</sup> miym	7356	mercies (156)
חֲצוֹת	chatsowth	2676	mid- (midnight) (62)
פֶּה	peh	6310	mouth (13, 43, 72, 88, 103, 108, 131)

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שֵׁם	shem	8034	name (55, 132)
קָרוֹב	qarowb	7138	near (151)
עוֹלָם	'owlam	5769	never (93)
לַיְלָה	laylah	3915	night (55) (mid)-night, (62)
אַשְׁמוּרָה	'ashmuwrah	821	night watches (148)
אֵין	'ayin	369	no (165)
עַתָּה	'attah	6258	now (67)
נֹצֵר	natsar	5341	observe (2, 22, 33, 34, 56, 69, 115, 145), observed (100), observes (129)
קֶדֶם	qedem	6924	of old (152)
אֶחָלִי	'achalay	305	Oh (5)
גָּלָה	galah	1540	open (18)
פָּעַר	pa'ar	6473	open wide (131)
עָשָׂק	'ashaq	6231	oppress (122), oppressors (121)
עֹשֶׂק	'osheq	6233	oppression (134)
צָוָה	tsavah	6680	ordained (4)
מִשְׁפָּט	mishpat	4941	ordinances (13, 20, 30, 39, 43, 52, 62, 91, 102, 106, 108, 149, 156, 160, 164, 175)
שָׂאֵף	sha'aph	7602	panted (131)
נְתִיבָה	n <sup>o</sup> thiybah	5410	path (105)
נְתִיב	nathiyb	5410	path (35)
שְׁלוֹם	shalowm	7965	peace (165)
תִּכְלָה	tiklah	8502	perfection (96)
עָשָׂה	'asah	6213	perform (112)
אָבַד	'abad	6	perished (92)
רָדַף	radaph	7291	persecute (84, 161), persecuted (86), persecutors (157)
מַגּוּר	magowr	4033	pilgrimage (54)
שִׁיחָה	shiychah	7882	pits (85)
שָׁוָה	shavah	7737	placed (accounted worthy) (30)
רִיב	riyb	7378	plead (154)
חֶלֶק	cheleq	2506	portion
הָלַל	halal	1984	praise (164, 175)
תְּהַלֵּל	t <sup>h</sup> illah	8416	praise (171)
פְּקוּדִים	piqquwdiym	6490	precepts (4, 15, 27, 40, 45, 56, 63, 69, 78, 87, 93, 94, 100, 104, 110, 128, 134, 141, 159, 168, 173)
שָׂר	sar	8269	princes (23, 161)
אָמַר	'amar	559	promised (57)
צָרָף	tsaraph	6884	pure (refined) (140)
בוֹשׁ	bowsh	954	put to shame (31)
נָעַר	ga'ar	1605	rebuke (21)
פָּדָה	padah	6299	redeem (134)
גָּאֵל	ga'al	1350	redeem (154)
שָׂעָה	sha'ah	8159	regard (117)

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נָבַט	nabat	5027	regard (15)
סָלָה	calah	5541	rejected (made light of) (118)
שׂוּשׁ	suws	7797	rejoice (162), have rejoiced (14)
זָכַר	zakar	2142	remember (49, 55), remembered (52)
סוּר	cuwr	5493	remove (29)
שָׁבַת	shabath	7673	removed (caused to cease) (119)
חָרַפָּה	cherpah	2781	reproach (22, 39)
חָרַף	charaph	2778	reproach (42)
חָלַץ	chalats	2502	rescue (153)
כָּלָא	kala'	3607	restrained (101)
יִרְאָה	yir'ah	3374	reverence
חָיָה	chayah	2421	revive (25, 37, 40, 88, 107, 149, 154, 156, 159), revived (50, 93)
הוֹן	hown	1952	riches (14)
צַדִּיק	tsaddiyq	6662	righteous (137)
צֶדֶק	tsedeq	6664	righteous (7, 62, 75, 106, 123, 144, 160, 164), righteousness (121, 138, 142, 172)
צַדִּיקָה	ts <sup>e</sup> daqah	6666	righteousness (40, 142)
קוּם	quwm	6965	rise (62)
קָדַם	qadam	6923	rise (anticipate) (147)
רוּץ	ruwts	7323	run (32)
יְשׁוּעָה	yeshuw'ah	3444	salvation (123, 155, 166, 174)
תְּשׁוּעָה	t <sup>e</sup> shuw'ah	8668	salvation (41)
יָשַׁע	yasha'	3467	save (94, 146), be safe (117)
אָמַר	'amar	559	say (82)
רָאָה	ra'ah	7200	see (74), seen (96)
בָּקַשׁ	baqash	1245	seek (176)
דָּרַשׁ	darash	1875	seek (2, 45, 155), sought (10, 94)
אָחַז	'achaz	270	seized (53)
עָבַד	'ebed	5650	servant (17, 23, 38, 49, 65, 76, 84, 122, 124, 125, 135, 140, 176), servants (91)
נָצַב	natsab	5324	settled (stands <i>firm</i> ) (89)
שִׁבְעַ	sheba'	7651	seven (164)
יָרַד	yarad	3381	shed (run down) (136)
שָׂה	she	7716	sheep (176)
מָגֵן	magen	4043	shield (114)
אֹר	'owr	215	shine (135)
כֶּסֶף	keceph	3701	silver (72)
פְּתִי	pethiy	6612	simple (130)
חָטָא	chata'	2398	sin (11)
עָנָה	'anah	6031	sing (172)
יָשַׁב	yashab	3427	sit (23)
צָעִיר	tsa'iyr	6810	small (141)
קִיטוֹר	qiytower	7008	smoke (83)

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פַּח	pach	6341	snare (110)
זְמִיר	zamiyr	2158	songs (54)
חָלָה	chalah	2470	sought (58)
נֶפֶשׁ	nephesh	5315	soul (20, 25, 28, 81, 129, 167, 175)
דָּבַר	dabar	1696	speak (46)
שָׁלַל	shalal	7998	spoil (162)
עָמַד	'amad	5975	stand (91), stands (90)
פָּחַד	pachad	6342	stands in awe (161)
חֻקָּה	chuqqah	2708	statutes (16)
חֻק	choq	2706	statutes (5, 8, 12, 23, 26, 33, 48, 54, 64, 68, 71, 80, 83, 112, 117, 118, 124, 135, 145, 155, 171)
גֵּר	ger	1616	stranger (19)
פְּלֵג	peleg	6388	streams (136)
קוּמ	quwm	6965	strengthen (28)
מִכְשׁוֹל	mikshowl	4385	stumble (165)
עָוַת	'avath	5791	subvert (78)
רֹשׁ	ro'sh	7218	sum (160)
תְּחִינָה	t'chinnah	8467	supplication (170)
עָרַב	'arab	6148	surety (122)
סָמַךְ	camak	5564	sustain (116)
מָלֵץ	malats	4452	sweet (103)
שָׁבַע	shaba'	7650	sworn (106)
נָצַל	natsal	5337	take (43)
גָּלַל	galal	1556	take away (22)
דָּבַר	dabar	1696	talk (23)
חָךְ	chek	2441	taste (palate) (103)
לָמַד	lamad	3925	teach (12, 26, 64, 66, 68, 108, 124, 135, 171), teachers (99)
יָרָה	yarah	3384	teach (33), have taught (102)
עֵדוּת	'eduwth	5715	testimonies (14, 31, 36, 99, 111, 129, 144, 157), testimony (88)
עֵדָה	'edah	5713	testimonies (2, 22, 24, 46, 59, 79, 95, 119, 125, 138, 146, 152, 167, 168).
אָז	'az	227	then (6, 92)
זֹאת	zo'th	2088	this (50, 56)
אֶלֶף	'elep	505	thousands
עֵת	'eth	6256	time (126), times (20)
אֵל	'el	413	to (6, 36, 48, 59, 132)
סָפַר	caphar	5608	told (13, 26)
לָשׁוֹן	lashown	3956	tongue (172)
בָּגַד	bagad	898	treacherous (158)
צָפַן	tsaphan	6845	treasured (11)
סָמַר	camar	5568	trembles (bristles up from) (120)
צָר	tsar	6862	trouble (143)
בָּטַח	batach	982	trust (42)

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אֱמֶת	'emeth	571	truth (43, 142, 151, 160)
פָּנָה	panah	6437	turn (132)
שׁוּב	shuwb	7725	turn (79), turned (59)
נָטָה	natah	5186	turn aside (51, 157)
עָבַר	'abar	5674	turn away (37, 39)
סוּר	cuwr	5493	turned aside (102)
בִּין	biyn	995	understand (27, 100)
פֶּתַח	pethach	6608	unfolding (130)
עוֹלָה	'avlah	5766	unrighteousness (3)
סָעַד	ca'ad	5582	uphold (117)
יָשָׁר	yashar	3477	upright (137)
יֹשֶׁר	yosher	3476	uprightness (7)
שֶׁקֶר	sheqer	8267	useless (118)
נָבַע	naba'	5042	utter (171)
שׁוֹא	shav'	7723	vanity (37)
קוֹל	qowl	6963	voice (149)
יָחַל	yachal	3176	wait (43, 74, 81, 114, 147)
קָוָה	qavah	6960	wait for (95)
הִלָּךְ	halak	1980	walk (1, 3, 45)
דָּרַךְ	darak	1869	walk (35)
שָׁגָה	shagah	7686	wander (10, 21, 118)
מַיִם	mayim	4325	water (136)
דֶּרֶךְ	derek	1870	way (1, 14, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33), ways (3, 5, 26, 37, 59, 168)
אֹרַח	'orach	734	way (9, 101, 104, 128), ways (15)
דָּלַךְ	dalaph	1811	weeps (drops) (28)
טוֹב	towb	2896	well (65)
שָׁגַג	shagag	7683	went astray (67)
אֲשֶׁר	'asher	834	which (38, 39, 47, 48, 49), who (63, 85), because (158)
רָשָׁע	rasha'	7563	wicked (53, 61, 95, 110, 119, 155)
זִמְמָה	zimmah	2154	wickedness (150)
נֹאֵד	no'd	4997	wineskin (83)
חִנָּם	chinnam	2600	without cause (161)
פֶּלֶא	pele'	6382	wonderful (129)
פְּלֵא	pala'	6381	wonderful things (18), wonders (27)
אִמְרָה	'imrah	565	word (11, 38, 41, 50, 58, 67, 76, 82, 116, 123, 133, 140, 148, 154, 158, 162, 170, 172), words (103)
דָּבָר	dabar	1697	word (9, 16, 17, 25, 28, 42, 43, 49, 65, 74, 81, 89, 101, 105, 107, 114, 160, 169), words (57, 130, 139, 147, 161)
אַתָּה	'attah	859	you (4, 12, 68, 114, 137, 151), you yourself (102)
נָעַר	na'ar	5288	young man (9)
קִנְיָה	qin'ah	7068	zeal (139)

## Appendix E

A presentation of cross-references from the New American Standard Bible (1995 Update). Every New Testament cross reference is presented from the text of Psalm 119.

### Aleph.

3 They also <sup>a</sup>do no unrighteousness; They walk in His (דְרָדָה) ways.

### Beth.

11 Your (אִמְרָה) word I have <sup>a</sup>treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

### Gimel.

19 I am a <sup>a</sup>stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your (מִצְוָה) commandments from me.

### Daleth.

28 My soul weeps because of grief; <sup>b</sup>Strengthen me according to Your (דְבַר) word.

32 I shall run the (דְרָדָה) way of Your (מִצְוָה) commandments, For You will <sup>a</sup>enlarge my heart.

### He.

36 Incline my heart to Your (עֲדוּת) testimonies And not to <sup>b</sup>dishonest gain.

### Vav.

46 I will also speak of Your (עֲדוּת) testimonies <sup>a</sup>before kings And shall not be ashamed.

### Zayin.

50 This is my <sup>a</sup>comfort in my affliction, That Your (אִמְרָה) word has revived me.

55 O LORD, I remember Your name <sup>b</sup>in the night, And keep Your (תּוֹרָה) law.

### Heth.

59 I <sup>a</sup>considered my (דְרָדָה) ways And turned my feet to Your (עֲדוּת) testimonies.

### Teth.

66 Teach me good <sup>a</sup>discernment and knowledge, For I believe in Your (מִצְוָה) commandments.

67 <sup>a</sup>Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your (אִמְרָה) word.

68 You are <sup>a</sup>good and do good; Teach me Your (חֻק) statutes.

70 Their heart is <sup>a</sup>covered with fat, *But* I delight in Your (תּוֹרָה) law.

### Yodh.

75 I know, O LORD, that Your (מִשְׁפָּט) judgments are righteous, And that <sup>b</sup>in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

### Kaph.

84 How many are the days of Your servant? When will You <sup>b</sup>execute (מִשְׁפָּט) judgment on those who persecute me?

### Lamedh.

89 <sup>a</sup>Forever, O LORD, Your (דְבַר) word is settled in heaven.

### Mem.

### Nun.

108 O accept the <sup>a</sup>freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, And teach me Your (מִשְׁפָּט) ordinances.

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

11 <sup>a</sup> Luke 2:19,51

19 <sup>a</sup> Heb 11:13

28 <sup>b</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Pet 5:10

32 <sup>a</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 6:11,13

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

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

50 <sup>a</sup> Rom 15:4

55 <sup>b</sup> Acts 16:25

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

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

67 <sup>a</sup> Heb 12:5–11

68 <sup>a</sup> Matt 19:17

70 <sup>a</sup> Acts 28:27

75 <sup>b</sup> Heb 12:10

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

89 <sup>a</sup> Matt 24:35; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet 1:25

108 <sup>a</sup> Heb 13:15

Appendix E: New Testament Cross References

Samekh.

113 I hate those who are <sup>a</sup>double-minded, But I love Your (תּוֹרָה) law.  
115 <sup>a</sup>Depart from me, evildoers, That I may observe the (מִצְוָה) commandments of my God.  
116 Sustain me according to Your (אִמְרָה) word, that I may live; And <sup>b</sup>do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

Ayin.

122 Be <sup>a</sup>surety for Your servant for good; Do not let the arrogant oppress me.

Pe.

133 Establish my footsteps in Your (אִמְרָה) word, And do not let any iniquity <sup>b</sup>have dominion over me.  
134 <sup>a</sup>Redeem me from the oppression of man, That I may keep Your (פְּקוּדִים) precepts.

Tsadhe.

139 My <sup>a</sup>zeal has consumed me, Because my adversaries have forgotten Your (דְּבָר) words.

Qoph.

152 Of old I have known from Your (עֵדוּת) testimonies That You have founded them <sup>b</sup>forever.

Resh.

Shin.

165 Those who love Your (תּוֹרָה) law have great peace, And <sup>b</sup>nothing causes them to stumble.

Tav.

173 Let Your hand be ready to help me, For I have <sup>b</sup>chosen Your (פְּקוּדִים) precepts.  
176 I have <sup>a</sup>gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, For I do not forget Your (מִצְוָה) commandments.

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113 <sup>a</sup>James 1:8; 4:8

115 <sup>a</sup>Matt 7:23

116 <sup>b</sup>Rom 5:5; 9:33; Phil 1:20

122 <sup>a</sup>Heb 7:22

133 <sup>b</sup>Rom 6:12

134 <sup>a</sup>Luke 1:74

139 <sup>a</sup>John 2:17

152 <sup>b</sup>Luke 21:33

165 <sup>b</sup>1<sup>st</sup> John 2:10

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173 <sup>b</sup>Luke 10:42

176 <sup>a</sup>Matt 18:12; Luke 15:4

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Dan. 6:10,13 <b>ש</b> <sub>5</sub>	Rom. 2:13 <b>ו</b> <sub>5</sub>	Phil. 4:7 <b>ש</b> <sub>6</sub>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pet. 2:19 <b>ו</b> <sub>5c</sub>
Dan. 9:13 <b>ה</b> <sub>4</sub>	Rom. 6:12-19 <b>פ</b> <sub>8</sub>	Col. 1:9-10 <b>ו</b> <sub>3</sub>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pet. 3:7,10,12 <b>ט</b> <sub>7</sub>
Dan. 12:2 <b>ז</b> <sub>6c</sub> <b>ז</b> <sub>6d</sub>	Rom. 7:12 <b>ה</b> <sub>8</sub>	Col. 1:13 <b>ה</b> <sub>5b</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jn. 1:6-7 <b>פ</b> <sub>9</sub>
Hos. 2:21 <b>ו</b> <sub>6</sub>	Rom. 7:14-25 <b>ה</b> <sub>11</sub>	Col. 2:8,18 <b>ג</b> <sub>7</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jn. 1:9 <b>צ</b> <sub>3</sub>
Am. 5:15 <b>מ</b> <sub>8</sub>	Rom. 7:22-24 <b>א</b> <sub>7</sub>	Col. 3:15 <b>א</b> <sub>9</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jn. 2:1 <b>ו</b> <sub>4</sub>
Mic. 7:7 <b>ו</b> <sub>5c</sub>	Rom. 8:28 <b>ט</b> <sub>7c</sub>	Col. 3:16 <b>ז</b> <sub>6</sub> <b>ה</b> <sub>7</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jn. 2:8-11 <b>פ</b> <sub>9</sub>
Mic. 7:9 <b>ו</b> <sub>4</sub>	Rom. 8:36 <b>ג</b> <sub>6</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thess. 5:8 <b>ב</b> <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jn. 2:28 <b>ו</b> <sub>5h</sub>
Hab. 2:3 <b>ה</b> <sub>6</sub>	Rom. 9:33 <b>א</b> <sub>8</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thess. 5:16-18 <b>ש</b> <sub>5</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jn. 3:3 <b>ש</b> <sub>7</sub>
Hag. 1:5,7 <b>ה</b> <sub>5</sub>	Rom. 12:9 <b>מ</b> <sub>8</sub>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thess. 2:16-17 <b>ב</b> <sub>5</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jn. 3:6,9 <b>א</b> <sub>5</sub>
Zech. 8:21-22 <b>ה</b> <sub>4</sub>	Rom. 12:11 <b>צ</b> <sub>4</sub>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thess. 3:5 <b>א</b> <sub>7</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jn. 3:9 <b>צ</b> <sub>9</sub>
Mal. 3:2-3 <b>ט</b> <sub>7</sub>	Rom. 15:4 <b>ז</b> <sub>5</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tim. 6:9,10,17 <b>ה</b> <sub>2b</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jn. 5:4,18 <b>צ</b> <sub>9</sub>
Mal. 3:6 <b>צ</b> <sub>7</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Cor. 4:5 <b>פ</b> <sub>10</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tim. 6:20 <b>ב</b> <sub>11</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jn. 5:18 <b>א</b> <sub>5</sub>
Mt. 5:3-12 <b>א</b> <sub>1</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Cor. 6:9-11 <b>ה</b> <sub>5b</sub>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tim. 2:15 <b>א</b> <sub>8</sub> <b>ו</b> <sub>6</sub>	Jd. 23 <b>מ</b> <sub>8</sub>
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Mt. 6:21 <b>ב</b> <sub>5</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Cor. 10:12 <b>ט</b> <sub>8</sub>	Tit. 2:14 <b>צ</b> <sub>4</sub>	Rev. 2:23 <b>ש</b> <sub>8</sub>
Mt. 6:24 <b>ה</b> <sub>2b</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Cor. 10:13 <b>ב</b> <sub>10</sub>	Tit. 3:4-8 <b>ק</b> <sub>4</sub>	Rev. 3:19 <b>צ</b> <sub>4</sub>
Mt. 7:23 <b>ט</b> <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Cor. 13:13 <b>ו</b> <sub>6</sub>	Philem. 18-19 <b>ע</b> <sub>3</sub>	Rev. 4:4 <b>ז</b> <sub>6b</sub>
Mt. 10:18-19 <b>ו</b> <sub>5g</sub>	1 <sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:31 <b>ג</b> <sub>6</sub>	Heb. 4:13 <b>ו</b> <sub>3a</sub> <b>ש</b> <sub>8</sub>	Rev. 6:10 <b>ב</b> <sub>7</sub>
Mt. 10:28 <b>ב</b> <sub>10</sub>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cor. 3:18 <b>פ</b> <sub>10</sub>	Heb. 10:35-39 <b>ה</b> <sub>6</sub>	Rev. 14:1-3 <b>ז</b> <sub>6b</sub>
Mt. 11:25 <b>פ</b> <sub>4</sub>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cor. 4:6 <b>פ</b> <sub>10</sub>	Heb. 11:13-16 <b>א</b> <sub>4</sub>	Rev. 20:4-6 <b>ז</b> <sub>6c</sub>
Mt. 19:17 <b>ט</b> <sub>3</sub>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cor. 4:7-18 <b>ב</b> <sub>10</sub>	Heb. 12:1 <b>ו</b> <sub>7</sub>	Rev. 20:11-15 <b>ז</b> <sub>6d</sub>