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!

**Aleph**

119:1-8

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

1. Like the Lord’s beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-12) these statements of blessedness are statements of happiness ($\psi^{119}$1-2).

2. Asher gives us the word study for this psalm (Gen. 30:13).

3. This strophe agrees with the opening Psalm (Ps. 1:1-3) and indeed all of Scripture (Lk. 11:28; Jas. 1:25).

4. Dedication to God’s Word cannot be half-hearted ($\psi^{119}$2; Deut. 6:5; Josh. 14:8).

5. Dedication to God’s Word prevents the commission of personal sins ($\psi^{119}$3; 1st Jn. 3:6,9; 5:18).

6. Dedication to God’s Word by keeping His precepts must be passed on from generation to generation ($\psi^{119}$4; Deut. 5:28-33).

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 ($\psi^{119}$5; Ps. 51:10; 2nd Thess. 3:5; Heb. 13:21).

8. Dedication to God’s Word will never leave the believer ashamed ($\psi^{119}$6,31,46,78,80,116; Rom. 9:33; 2nd Tim. 2:15; 1st Pet. 2:6).

9. Dedication to God’s Word makes a believer increasingly thankful ($\psi^{119}$7,62 cf. Ps. 86:11-13; Col. 3:15).

10. We can claim His promises as our own commands issued back to Him ($\psi^{119}$8 cf. Deut. 31:6,8).