



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 יִכְנּוּ דַרְכֵי לְשֹׁמֵר חֻקֶיךָ:
- 6 אֲזִי לֹא-אֲבֹשׁ בְּהַבִּיטִי אֶל-כָּל-מִצְוֹתֶיךָ:
- 7 אֲוֹדֶךָ בְּיִשָּׁר 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"> 1. Like the Lord's beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-12) these statements of blessedness are statements of happiness (ψ¹¹⁹1-2). 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). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Dedication to God's Word cannot be half-hearted (ψ¹¹⁹2; Deut. 6:5; Josh. 14:8). 5. Dedication to God's Word prevents the commission of personal sins (ψ¹¹⁹3; 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 (ψ¹¹⁹4; Deut. 5:28-33). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (ψ¹¹⁹5; Ps. 51:10; 2nd Thess. 3:5; Heb. 13:21). 8. Dedication to God's Word will never leave the believer ashamed (ψ¹¹⁹6,31,46,78,80,116; Rom. 9:33; 2nd Tim. 2:15; 1st Pet. 2:6). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Dedication to God's Word makes a believer increasingly thankful (ψ¹¹⁹7,62 cf. Ps. 86:11-13; Col. 3:15). 10. We can claim His promises as our own commands issued back to Him (ψ¹¹⁹8 cf. Deut. 31:6,8). |
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