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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-אֲרָחוּ 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 סִפְרֹתַי כָּל מִשְׁפָּטֵי-כִּוְיֶיךָ :
- 14 בְּדַרְךָ יַעֲדוּתֶיךָ שִׁשְׁתִּי כְּעַל כָּל-הוֹן :
- 15 בְּכִפְדִּיךָ אֲשִׁיחָה וְאֶבִּיטָה אֶרְחֹתֶיךָ :
- 16 בְּחִפְזֶיךָ אֲשַׁתְּעָשֶׂע 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"> 1. Purity in the sight of God is a subject for the oldest of Hebrew poetry (ψ¹¹⁹9; Job 15:14; 25:4). 2. The life of purity according to God’s Word should be instilled in one’s youth (ψ¹¹⁹9; Prov. 1:4; 2nd Tim. 3:15). 3. When purity is lost confession is required (Ps. 51:4; Isa. 1:16). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The continuous pursuit of God prevents the occasional wandering from His commandments (ψ¹¹⁹10). 5. Treasuring doctrine in the inner man prevents even the desire of sin (ψ¹¹⁹11; Prov. 2:1; 7:1; Matt. 6:21). Zephaniah gives us the word study for this strophe. (Zephaniah = Jehovah has treasured fr. צִפְנָ #6845). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. YHWH is blessed for many reasons, but to this psalmist YHWH is blessed as his teacher (ψ¹¹⁹12). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The most common commands in this psalm are teach me, revive me, and make me understand. b. The future blessings of Israel will include God’s teaching (Isa. 54:13; Jer. 31:34). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The ψ¹¹⁹ Psalmist has a series of activities he has done and intends to do based upon the one activity he intends to never do (ψ¹¹⁹13-16). It is in sections like this that the psalmist is the most Davidic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have Told (cf. Ps. 34:11). b. Have Rejoiced (Ps. 19:9-10). c. Will Meditate (Ps. 1:2). d. Will Regard (Ps. 34:5). e. Will Delight (Ps. 40:8). f. Will Not forget (ψ¹¹⁹16, 61, 83, 93, 109, 141, 153, 176, Ps. 103:2; Prov. 3:1; 4:5). |
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