

Psalm 119

All references to God's Word (law, precepts, testimonies, etc.) are underlined.

Every result of God's word, or action or attitude of man towards God's word is in *italics*.

When the King James text says "the law," the Hebrew text means "the Torah." The five books of Moses, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, or the Torah, were together referred to as The Law. As you read this you cannot help but be amazed at the love and respect paid by the author to God's word.

- 1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who *walk in the law of the Lord*.
- 2 Blessed are they that *keep his testimonies*, and that *seek him* with the whole heart.
- 3 They also do no iniquity: they *walk in his ways*.
- 4 Thou hast commanded us *to keep thy precepts* diligently.
- 5 O that my ways were directed *to keep thy statutes*!
- 6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I *have respect unto all thy commandments*.
- 7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have *learned thy righteous judgments*.
- 8 I will *keep thy statutes*: O forsake me not utterly.
- 9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by *taking heed* thereto according to *thy word*.
- 10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me *not wander from thy commandments*.
- 11 Thy word have I *hid in mine heart*, that I might not sin against thee.
- 12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: *teach me thy statutes*.
- 13 With my lips have I *declared all the judgments of thy mouth*.
- 14 I have *rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies*, as much as in all riches.
- 15 I will *meditate in thy precepts*, and *have respect unto thy ways*.
- 16 I will *delight myself in thy statutes*: I will *not forget thy word*.
- 17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and *keep thy word*.
- 18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may *behold wondrous things out of thy law*.
- 19 I am a stranger in the earth: *hide not thy commandments* from me.
- 20 My soul breaketh for the *longing* that it hath *unto thy judgments* at all times.
- 21 Thou hast rebuked *the proud* that are cursed, which *do err from thy commandments*.
- 22 Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have *kept thy testimonies*.
- 23 Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did *meditate in thy statutes*.
- 24 Thy testimonies also *are my delight and my counselors*.
- 25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: *quicken thou me according to thy word*.
- 26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: *teach me thy statutes*.
- 27 *Make me to understand* the way of thy precepts: so shall I *talk of thy wondrous works*.
- 28 My soul melteth for heaviness: *strengthen thou me according unto thy word*.
- 29 Remove from me the way of lying: and *grant me thy law* graciously.
- 30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I *laid before me*.
- 31 I have *stuck unto thy testimonies*: O Lord, put me not to shame.
- 32 I will *run the way of thy commandments*, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.
- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall *keep it unto the end*.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall *keep thy law*; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
- 35 Make me to *go in the path of thy commandments*; for therein do I *delight*.
- 36 *Incline my heart* unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
- 37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and *quicken thou me in thy way*.
- 38 *Stablish thy word* unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.
- 39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments *are good*.
- 40 Behold, I have *longed after thy precepts*: quicken me in thy righteousness.
- 41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word.
- 42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I *trust in thy word*.

- 43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have *hoped in thy judgments*.
- 44 So shall I *keep thy law continually for ever and ever*.
- 45 And I will walk at liberty: for I *seek thy precepts*.
- 46 I will *speak of thy testimonies* also before kings, and will not be ashamed.
- 47 And I will *delight myself in thy commandments*, which I *have loved*.
- 48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will *meditate in thy statutes*.
- 49 Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.
- 50 This *is my comfort* in my affliction: for thy word hath *quicken*ed me.
- 51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I *not declined from thy law*.
- 52 I *remembered thy judgments* of old, O Lord; and have comforted myself.
- 53 Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.
- 54 Thy statutes have *been my songs* in the house of my pilgrimage.
- 55 I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night, and have *kept thy law*.
- 56 This I had, because I *kept thy precepts*.
- 57 Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have *said that I would keep thy words*.
- 58 I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: *be merciful* unto me *according to thy word*.
- 59 I thought on my ways, and *turned my feet unto thy testimonies*.
- 60 I made haste, and *delayed not to keep thy commandments*.
- 61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I *have not forgotten thy law*.
- 62 At midnight I will rise to *give thanks* unto thee *because of thy righteous judgments*.
- 63 I am a *companion* of all them that fear thee, and *of them that keep thy precepts*.
- 64 The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: *teach me thy statutes*.
- 65 *Thou hast dealt* well with thy servant, O Lord, *according unto thy word*.
- 66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have *believed thy commandments*.
- 67 Before I was afflicted *I went astray: but now* have I *kept thy word*.
- 68 Thou art good, and doest good; *teach me thy statutes*.
- 69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will *keep thy precepts with my whole heart*.
- 70 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I *delight in thy law*.
- 71 *It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes*. (!)
- 72 The law of thy mouth is *better* unto me *than* thousands of *gold and silver*.
- 73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may *learn thy commandments*.
- 74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have *hoped in thy word*.
- 75 I *know*, O Lord, that thy judgments *are right*, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
Note: Because God's word testifies of God's goodness and faithfulness, David remains faithful to these truths even in the midst of affliction—a great lesson for us.
- 76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.
- 77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law *is my delight*.
- 78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will *meditate in thy precepts*.
- 79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.
- 80 Let my *heart be sound in thy statutes*; that I be not ashamed.
- 81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I *hope in thy word*.
- 82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
- 83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet *do I not forget thy statutes*.
- 84 How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
- 85 The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.
- 86 All thy commandments *are faithful*: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but *I forsook not thy precepts.*
88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I *keep the testimony of thy mouth.*
89 For ever, O Lord, *thy word is settled in heaven.*
90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.
92 Unless *thy law had been my delights*, I should then have perished in mine affliction.
93 I will *never forget thy precepts*: for with them thou hast quickened me.
94 I am thine, save me; for I *have sought thy precepts.*
95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will *consider thy testimonies.*
96 I have seen an end of all perfection: but *thy commandment* is exceeding broad.
97 O how love I *thy law!* *it is my meditation all the day.*
98 Thou through *thy commandments* hast *made me wiser* than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for *thy testimonies are my meditation.*
100 I understand more than the ancients, because I *keep thy precepts.*
101 I have *refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.*
102 I have *not departed from thy judgments*: for thou hast taught me.
103 How *sweet are thy words* unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
104 *Through thy precepts I get understanding*: therefore I hate every false way.
105 *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*
106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will *keep thy righteous judgments.*
107 I am afflicted very much: *quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.*
108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and *teach me thy judgments.*
109 My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I *not forget thy law.*
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I *erred not from thy precepts.*
111 *Thy testimonies* have I *taken as an heritage for ever*: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.
112 I have *inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes* always, even unto the end.
113 I hate vain thoughts: but *thy law* do I love.
114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I *hope in thy word.*
115 Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will *keep the commandments* of my God.
116 Uphold me according unto *thy word*, that I may live: and let me *not be ashamed* of my hope.
117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will *have respect unto thy statutes* continually.
118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from *thy statutes*: for their deceit is falsehood.
119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love *thy testimonies.*
120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of *thy judgments.*
121 I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.
122 Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.
123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for *the word of thy righteousness.*
124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and *teach me thy statutes.*
125 I am thy servant; *give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.*
126 It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void *thy law.*
127 Therefore I love *thy commandments above gold*; yea, above fine gold.
128 Therefore I *esteem all thy precepts* concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.
129 *Thy testimonies are wonderful*: therefore doth my soul *keep them.*
130 The entrance of *thy words giveth light*; it *giveth understanding unto the simple.*
131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I *longed for thy commandments.*
132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

- 133 *Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.*
134 *Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.*
135 *Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes.*
136 *Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.*
137 *Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgments.*
138 *Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.*
139 *My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.*
140 *Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.*
141 *I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.*
142 *Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.*
143 *Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.*
144 *The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.*
145 *I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep thy statutes.*
146 *I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.*
147 *I prevented [i.e., “came before”, got up before] the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.*
148 *Mine eyes prevent [“come before”; i.e., he gets up in the night hours to pray] the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.*
149 *Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O Lord, quicken me according to thy judgment.*
150 *They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law.*
151 *Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth.*
152 *Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them forever.*
153 *Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.*
154 *Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word. [quicken=give life to]*
155 *Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.*
156 *Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord: quicken me according to thy judgments.*
157 *Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet I do not decline from thy testimonies.*
158 *I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word.*
159 *Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy lovingkindness.*
160 *Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.*
161 *Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.*
162 *I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil [treasure].*
163 *I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love.*
164 *Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.*
165 *Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.*
166 *Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments.*
167 *My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly.*
168 *I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.*
169 *Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word.*
170 *Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.*
171 *My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.*
172 *My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.*
173 *Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.*
174 *I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight.*
175 *Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.*
176 *I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.*