

I Have Hidden Your Word in My Heart [Psalm 119 – Part 1] (c. 998 BC)

Psalm 119:1–72

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!

Beth

- 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.

Gimel

- 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.

Daleth

- 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.

He

- 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.

Waw

- 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.

Zayin

- 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.

Heth

- 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.

Teth

- 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*.

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