

**I Have Hidden Your Word in My Heart [Psalm 119 – Part 2] (c. 998 BC)**

Psalm 119:73–176

**Yod**

- 73 Your hands made me and fashioned me;  
Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.
- 74 May those who fear You see me and be glad,  
Because I wait for Your word.
- 75 I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are righteous,  
And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
- 76 O may Your lovingkindness comfort me,  
According to Your word to Your servant.
- 77 May Your compassion come to me that I may live,  
For Your law is my delight.
- 78 May the arrogant be ashamed, for they subvert me with a lie;  
*But* I shall meditate on Your precepts.
- 79 May those who fear You turn to me,  
Even those who know Your testimonies.
- 80 May my heart be blameless in Your statutes,  
So that I will not be ashamed.

**Kaph**

- 81 My soul languishes for Your salvation;  
I wait for Your word.
- 82 My eyes fail *with longing* for Your word,  
While I say, “When will You comfort me?”
- 83 Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,  
I do not forget Your statutes.
- 84 How many are the days of Your servant?  
When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?
- 85 The arrogant have dug pits for me,  
*Men* who are not in accord with Your law.
- 86 All Your commandments are faithful;  
They have persecuted me with a lie; help me!
- 87 They almost destroyed me on earth,  
But as for me, I did not forsake Your precepts.
- 88 Revive me according to Your lovingkindness,  
So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

**Lamed**

- 89 Forever, O LORD,  
Your word is settled in heaven.
- 90 Your faithfulness *continues* throughout all generations;  
You established the earth, and it stands.
- 91 They stand this day according to Your ordinances,  
For all things are Your servants.
- 92 If Your law had not been my delight,  
Then I would have perished in my affliction.
- 93 I will never forget Your precepts,

For by them You have revived me.

- 94 I am Yours, save me;  
For I have sought Your precepts.
- 95 The wicked wait for me to destroy me;  
I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.
- 96 I have seen a limit to all perfection;  
Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

### Mem

- 97 O how I love Your law!  
It is my meditation all the day.
- 98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies,  
For they are ever mine.
- 99 I have more insight than all my teachers,  
For Your testimonies are my meditation.
- 100 I understand more than the aged,  
Because I have observed Your precepts.
- 101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way,  
That I may keep Your word.
- 102 I have not turned aside from Your ordinances,  
For You Yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are Your words to my taste!  
Yes, *sweeter* than honey to my mouth!
- 104 From Your precepts I get understanding;  
Therefore I hate every false way.

### Nun

- 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path.
- 106 I have sworn and I will confirm it,  
That I will keep Your righteous ordinances.
- 107 I am exceedingly afflicted;  
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.
- 108 O accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,  
And teach me Your ordinances.
- 109 My life is continually in my hand,  
Yet I do not forget Your law.
- 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
Yet I have not gone astray from Your precepts.
- 111 I have inherited Your testimonies forever,  
For they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes  
Forever, *even* to the end.

### Samech

- 113 I hate those who are double-minded,  
But I love Your law.
- 114 You are my hiding place and my shield;  
I wait for Your word.

- 115 Depart from me, evildoers,  
That I may observe the commandments of my God.
- 116 Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live;  
And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.
- 117 Uphold me that I may be safe,  
That I may have regard for Your statutes continually.
- 118 You have rejected all those who wander from Your statutes,  
For their deceitfulness is useless.
- 119 You have removed all the wicked of the earth *like* dross;  
Therefore I love Your testimonies.
- 120 My flesh trembles for fear of You,  
And I am afraid of Your judgments.

**Ayin**

- 121 I have done justice and righteousness;  
Do not leave me to my oppressors.
- 122 Be surety for Your servant for good;  
Do not let the arrogant oppress me.
- 123 My eyes fail *with longing* for Your salvation  
And for Your righteous word.
- 124 Deal with Your servant according to Your lovingkindness  
And teach me Your statutes.
- 125 I am Your servant; give me understanding,  
That I may know Your testimonies.
- 126 It is time for the LORD to act,  
*For* they have broken Your law.
- 127 Therefore I love Your commandments  
Above gold, yes, above fine gold.
- 128 Therefore I esteem right all *Your* precepts concerning everything,  
I hate every false way.

**Pe**

- 129 Your testimonies are wonderful;  
Therefore my soul observes them.
- 130 The unfolding of Your words gives light;  
It gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I opened my mouth wide and panted,  
For I longed for Your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
After Your manner with those who love Your name.
- 133 Establish my footsteps in Your word,  
And do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Redeem me from the oppression of man,  
That I may keep Your precepts.
- 135 Make Your face shine upon Your servant,  
And teach me Your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of water,  
Because they do not keep Your law.

**Tsade**

- 137 Righteous are You, O LORD,  
And upright are Your judgments.
- 138 You have commanded Your testimonies in righteousness  
And exceeding faithfulness.
- 139 My zeal has consumed me,  
Because my adversaries have forgotten Your words.
- 140 Your word is very pure,  
Therefore Your servant loves it.
- 141 I am small and despised,  
Yet I do not forget Your precepts.
- 142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,  
And Your law is truth.
- 143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me,  
Yet Your commandments are my delight.
- 144 Your testimonies are righteous forever;  
Give me understanding that I may live.

**Qoph**

- 145 I cried with all my heart; answer me, O LORD!  
I will observe Your statutes.
- 146 I cried to You; save me  
And I shall keep Your testimonies.
- 147 I rise before dawn and cry for help;  
I wait for Your words.
- 148 My eyes anticipate the night watches,  
That I may meditate on Your word.
- 149 Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness;  
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your ordinances.
- 150 Those who follow after wickedness draw near;  
They are far from Your law.
- 151 You are near, O LORD,  
And all Your commandments are truth.
- 152 Of old I have known from Your testimonies  
That You have founded them forever.

**Resh**

- 153 Look upon my affliction and rescue me,  
For I do not forget Your law.
- 154 Plead my cause and redeem me;  
Revive me according to Your word.
- 155 Salvation is far from the wicked,  
For they do not seek Your statutes.
- 156 Great are Your mercies, O LORD;  
Revive me according to Your ordinances.
- 157 Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,  
Yet I do not turn aside from Your testimonies.
- 158 I behold the treacherous and loathe *them*,  
Because they do not keep Your word.

159 Consider how I love Your precepts;  
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.  
160 The sum of Your word is truth,  
And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

**Shin**

161 Princes persecute me without cause,  
But my heart stands in awe of Your words.  
162 I rejoice at Your word,  
As one who finds great spoil.  
163 I hate and despise falsehood,  
But I love Your law.  
164 Seven times a day I praise You,  
Because of Your righteous ordinances.  
165 Those who love Your law have great peace,  
And nothing causes them to stumble.  
166 I hope for Your salvation, O LORD,  
And do Your commandments.  
167 My soul keeps Your testimonies,  
And I love them exceedingly.  
168 I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,  
For all my ways are before You.

**Taw**

169 Let my cry come before You, O LORD;  
Give me understanding according to Your word.  
170 Let my supplication come before You;  
Deliver me according to Your word.  
171 Let my lips utter praise,  
For You teach me Your statutes.  
172 Let my tongue sing of Your word,  
For all Your commandments are righteousness.  
173 Let Your hand be ready to help me,  
For I have chosen Your precepts.  
174 I long for Your salvation, O LORD,  
And Your law is my delight.  
175 Let my soul live that it may praise You,  
And let Your ordinances help me.  
176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant,  
For I do not forget Your commandments.