

Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet [Psalm 119 – Part 2] (c. David/Solomon/Divided Kingdom)

Psalm 119:73–176

Yod

- 73 Your hands have made me and established me;
give me understanding that I may learn your commands.
- 74 Those who fear you will see me and be glad,
because I hope in your word.
- 75 I know, O Yahweh, that your judgments *are* right,
and *that* in faithfulness you afflicted me.
- 76 Please let your loyal love comfort me,
according to your word to your servant.
- 77 Let your mercies come *to* me, that I may live,
for your law *is* my delight.
- 78 Let the arrogant be put to shame,
because they have wronged me *with* lies.
As for me, I will meditate on your precepts.
- 79 Let 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 may not be ashamed.

Kaph

- 81 My soul languishes for your salvation;
I hope in your word.
- 82 My eyes long for your word,
saying, “When will you comfort me?”
- 83 For I have become like a wineskin in *the* smoke,
yet I have not forgotten your statutes.
- 84 How many *are* the days of your servant?
When will you execute justice against those who persecute me?
- 85 *The* arrogant have dug pits for me,
which *is* not according to your law.
- 86 All your commands *are* faithful.
They persecute me deceitfully; help me!
- 87 They have almost destroyed me on the earth,
but I have not forsaken your precepts.
- 88 According to your loyal love preserve me alive,
so that I may heed the testimony from your mouth.

Lamed

- 89 Forever, O Yahweh,
your word is settled in heaven.
- 90 Your faithfulness *endures* throughout all generations.
You have established *the* earth and it stands.
- 91 By your ordinances they stand today,
for all *are* your servants.
- 92 Unless your law *had been* my delight,
then I would have perished in my misery.
- 93 I will not ever forget your precepts,
for by them you revive me.
- 94 I *am* yours. Save me,
for I have sought your precepts.
- 95 For me *the* wicked *lie in* wait to destroy me.
I give attention to your testimonies.
- 96 I have seen a limit to every perfection;
your command *is* very broad.

Mem

- 97 How I love your law!
The whole day it *is* my meditation.
- 98 Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
because they *are* ever with me.
- 99 I have more insight than all my teachers,
for your testimonies *are* my meditation.
- 100 I understand more than *the* elders,
for I keep your precepts.
- 101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way,
so that I may heed your word.
- 102 I have not turned aside from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.
- 103 How smooth *are* your words to my palate,
more than honey in 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 *an oath* and confirmed *it*,
to heed your righteous ordinances.
- 107 I am very much afflicted;
O Yahweh, revive me according to your word.
- 108 Please accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Yahweh,
and teach me your ordinances.
- 109 My life *is* in danger continually,
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 *The* wicked have laid a snare for me,
yet I do not wander from your precepts.
- 111 I have taken as my own your testimonies forever,
for they *are* the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have inclined my heart to do your statutes
forever, to the end.

Samech

- 113 I hate the double-minded,
but I love your law.
- 114 You *are* my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in your word.
- 115 Turn aside from me, *you* evildoers,
for I will keep the commands 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 delivered,
and have regard for your statutes continually.
- 118 You reject all *who* stray from your statutes,
for their deceit *is* a breach of faith.
- 119 You remove 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 Pledge good for your servant;

do not let *the* arrogant oppress me.

- 123 My eyes long for your salvation,
and your righteous word.
- 124 Deal with your servant according to your loyal love,
and teach me your statutes.
- 125 I *am* your servant; give me understanding,
that I may know your statutes.
- 126 *It is* time for Yahweh to act,
for they have broken your law.
- 127 Therefore I love your commands
more than gold, even fine gold.
- 128 Therefore all *your* precepts of everything I regard as right;
I hate every false way.

Pe

- 129 Your testimonies *are* miracles,
therefore my soul keeps them.
- 130 The unfolding of your words gives light,
giving understanding to *the* simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant,
because I long for your commands.
- 132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as *is* proper for those who love your name.
- 133 Direct my steps in your word,
and do not let any iniquity gain power over me.
- 134 Redeem me from *the* oppression of humankind,
that I may heed your precepts.
- 135 Shine your face on your servant,
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 Streams of water flow down *from* my eyes,
because *people* do not heed your law.

Tsade

- 137 You *are* righteous, O Yahweh,
and your ordinances *are* upright.
- 138 You have ordained your testimonies *in* righteousness,
and *in* exceeding faithfulness.
- 139 My zeal consumes me,
because my enemies have forgotten your words.
- 140 Your word *is* very pure,
and 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 found me;
your commands delight me.
- 144 The righteousness of your testimonies *is* forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

Qoph

- 145 I call with *my* whole heart; answer me, O Yahweh.
I will keep your statutes.
- 146 I call to you. Save me,
and I will heed your testimonies.
- 147 I rise early in the dawn and cry for help;
I hope in your word.
- 148 My eyes anticipate *the* night watches,

that *I may* meditate on your word.

- 149 Hear my voice according to your loyal love;
O Yahweh, preserve my life according to your justice.
150 *Those who* pursue a *wicked* purpose draw near;
they are far from your law.
151 You *are* near, O Yahweh,
and all your commands *are* truth.
152 Concerning your testimonies, I knew long ago
that you have established them forever.

Resh

- 153 See my misery and rescue me,
for I do not forget your law.
154 Plead my cause and redeem me;
preserve my life according to your word.
155 Salvation *is* far from *the* wicked,
for they do not seek your statutes.
156 Your mercies *are* great, O Yahweh;
preserve my life according to your ordinances.
157 My persecutors and enemies *are* many,
yet I do not turn aside from your testimonies.
158 I see *the* treacherous and I feel disgust,
because they do not heed your word.
159 Consider that I love your precepts;
O Yahweh, according to your loyal love preserve my life.
160 The whole of your word *is* truth,
and your every righteous judgment *endures* forever.

Shin

- 161 Princes persecute me without cause,
but my heart trembles because of your word.
162 I *am* rejoicing over your word,
like one who finds great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor falsehood;
I love your law.
164 I praise you seven *times* in the day
for your righteous ordinances.
165 Great peace *is* for those who love your law,
and they do not have a cause for stumbling.
166 I hope for your salvation, O Yahweh,
and do your commands.
167 My soul heeds your testimonies,
and I love them exceedingly.
168 I heed your precepts and testimonies,
because all my ways *are* before you.

Taw

- 169 Let my cry come before you, O Yahweh;
give me understanding according to your word.
170 Let my plea come before you;
Deliver me according to your word.
171 Let my lips pour out praise,
because you teach me your statutes.
172 Let my tongue sing *of* your word,
because all your commands *are* right.
173 Let your hand be my help,
because I have chosen your precepts.
174 I long for your salvation, O Yahweh,

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 wandered like a lost sheep; seek your servant,
because I do not forget your commands.

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