

Psalm 119

A

Happy are those whose way is undefiled,
Who walk each day in the Law of the LORD:
Those who observe His testimonies too,
Who seek the LORD with their whole heart and mind!

They also do not practise what is wrong
But they are walking in His ways each day.
You, LORD, have given Your precepts to us:
Let us observe them all with diligence!

Would that I was established in my way
To keep Your statutes heartily each day:
Then I would have no need to be ashamed
When I keep Your commandments in my view!

I give You thanks with uprightness of heart
As I hear of Your righteous judgments now,
For I will keep Your statutes carefully:
O LORD, do not forsake me utterly!

B

How can a young man keep his pathway pure?
He must observe Your Word from day to day:
With all my heart I seek You, do not let
Me stray away from Your commandments, LORD!

For I have hid Your sayings in my heart
So that I might not sin against You, LORD,
For You are truly worthy to be praised:
Teach me Your statutes, LORD, I humbly pray!

With my lips I enumerate each day
All of the judgments which Your mouth has said,
And in Your testimonies I rejoice,
Far more than in the riches of this world!

And on Your precepts I will meditate:
I will respect the ways we learn from You,
And in Your statutes I will take delight,
And I will not forget Your holy Word!

C

Deal bountifully with me: let me live:
I am Your servant: I will keep Your Word.
Open my eyes that I may look upon
The wonders that we find within Your Law!

For I am like a stranger in the land,
So do not hide Your commandments from me:
My soul is overwhelmed with deep desire
To know Your righteous judgments at all times!

For You rebuke the proud and arrogant
Who stray from Your commandments with a curse,
So roll reproach away from me, O LORD,
Your testimonies I have well observed!

Though rulers sit, and then speak against me,
Your servant thinks upon Your statutes, LORD:
Your testimonies give me great delight -
They are my counsellors by day and night!

D

My soul is clinging to the dust of death:
Now give me life according to Your Word:
I counted all my ways: You answered me:
Teach me Your statutes, LORD, I humbly pray.

Make me to grasp the way Your precepts work
And on Your wonders I will meditate.
My soul is weeping, washed away with grief:
Now raise me up according to Your Word!

Remove from me the way of lying lips
And grant to me the grace of Your great Law,
For I have chosen now the way of truth:
I have assimilated Your judgments!

I cling to Your testimonies, O LORD,
Never let me be put to shame, I pray:
For Your commandments guide me as I run:
You have enlarged my understanding now!

E

Teach me, O LORD, the way Your statutes show:
I will observe it to the very end,
And give me understanding in Your Law
And I will keep it now with all my heart.

Make me march on the path that You command
For in it I delight from day to day:
Incline my heart to Your testimonies
Rather than seeking for more earthly gain!

And turn away my eyes from empty things,
But give me life to walk in all Your ways,
And for Your servant make Your sayings firm:
Let them produce more reverence for You!

And turn away reproaches, which I dread,
I know that all of Your judgments are good:
You see I long to grasp Your precepts, LORD,
So in Your righteousness please give me life!

F

So let Your loyal love come to me, LORD,
According to Your sayings save me now,
Then I can answer those reproaching me
For I am fully trusting in Your Word.

Do not withhold from me the word of truth
For in Your judgments all my hope is set,
And I will keep Your Law from day to day
For ever and for ever, all my life!

And I will walk each day in liberty
Because I study Your precepts each day
And of Your testimonies I will speak
To kings, and I shall not be put to shame!

In Your commandments, LORD, I take delight,
Because I love the things which You have taught:
To Your commandments I lift up my hands
And on Your statutes I will meditate!

G

Recall the word You gave Your servant, LORD,
For by that Word You have made me to hope:
In my affliction this will comfort me:
Your sayings have brought life and strength to me!

The arrogant sorely derided me,
But from Your law I have not turned aside:
I have recalled Your judgments from of old
And I am comforted, O LORD, my God!

Hot wrath has seized me, due to evil men:
Those who forsake You and Your holy Word.
Your statutes are to me as songs to sing
Inside the house in which I am a guest!

At night I will recall Your name, O LORD,
And I will keep Your Law with diligence.
It has become my practice day by day:
I have observed Your precepts carefully!

H

Now my allotted portion, may I say,
Is to observe Your words, O LORD my God:
With all my heart I seek Your favour, LORD:
Be gracious to me: do as You have said!

For I have scrutinised my ways with care
And in Your testimonies I will walk:
For I made haste, and I did not delay
To keep all Your commandments day by day!

With evil-doers' snares surrounding me
I still have not forgotten Your great Law:
At midnight, I arise to give You thanks
Because Your judgments are both right and good!

I am a friend to all who fear Your name,
The ones who keep Your precepts in their minds:
The earth is full of Your covenant love:
Teach me Your statutes, LORD, I humbly pray!

I

You have dealt well with me, Your servant, LORD
According to Your promise in Your Word:
Teach me to know and to discern Your will:
In Your commandments I have put my trust!

I was afflicted and I went astray,
But now I keep Your sayings day by day:
For You are good, and You do good to me:
Teach me Your statutes: let me walk in them!

The arrogant have forged lies against me,
But I observe Your precepts from my heart:
Their heart is clogged with fat: their mind is dull:
But, as for me, Your Law is my delight!

I was afflicted: this was good for me,
That I might learn Your statutes thoroughly:
The Law You spoke is better far for me
Than countless coins of silver and of gold!

J

Your hands have made me and have fashioned me:
Help me to understand what You command.
May those who fear You see me and be glad
For all my hope is resting on Your Word!

I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are just:
You have been faithful in afflicting me.
Now may Your loyal love still comfort me,
According to Your sayings to Your men!

May Your compassions come and make me live,
For in Your Law I find all my delight:
But may the arrogant be put to shame,
For they subvert me with their evil lies!

Let those who fear Your name come back to me,
The ones who know Your testimonies well:
May I be blameless in Your statutes, LORD,
So that I never may be put to shame!

K

My soul longs for Your great salvation, LORD,
For in Your Word I have placed all my hope:
My eyes are worn out, waiting for Your Word:
“When will You comfort me?” I ask the LORD.

Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke
I've not forgotten the statutes You made:
How many days will I, Your servant, live
Ere You condemn those persecuting me?

The arrogant have set pit-falls for me,
For they are men who do not keep Your Law:
All Your commandments are reliable:
With lies they persecute me - help me now!

They almost wiped me out from off the earth,
But I did not forsake Your precepts then:
According to Your Law now give me life
That I may keep your testimonies true!

L

O LORD, Your Word stands firm forever more:
It is established in the skies above,
From age to age Your faithfulness endures
For You have made the earth and it still stands!

According to Your judgment they still stand,
For all things are Your servants for all time,
And if Your Word had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my deep distress!

Your precepts, LORD, I never will forget,
For it was by them that You gave me life:
LORD, I am Yours - now save me by Your pow'r,
For I have learned Your precepts thoroughly!

Though evil men are seeking to kill me
Your testimonies I consider now:
Though I have seen a limit to all good,
Yet Your commandment is wide in its scope!

M

O, how I love Your Law, O LORD my God!
I meditate upon it all the day
For Your commandments make me wiser than
My foes, for they are mine for evermore!

I have more wisdom than my teachers had
For on Your testimonies I will think,
And Your commandments make me wiser than
The aged, because Your precepts I observe.

From ev'ry evil path I keep my feet
In order that I may observe Your ways
And from Your judgments I've not turned aside
For You Yourself have taught me thoroughly!

How sweet are Your words to my taste, O LORD,
They are more sweet than honey to my mouth,
For through Your precepts I have gained insight:
Therefore I hate any deceitful path!

N

Your Word is like a lamp upon my path,
A light to show me where to put my feet:
For I have sworn, and now confirm my oath:
Your righteous judgments I will keep with joy!

I am afflicted to a great degree:
LORD, give me life, according to Your Word:
Accept, O LORD, the off'ring of my mouth
And teach me Your just judgments day by day!

My soul is in my hand continually,
And I have not forgotten Your Law, LORD:
Though evil men have set a snare for me
From Your precepts I have not gone astray!

Your testimonies are bequeathed to me:
They are the joy of my heart evermore!
Incline my heart to do Your statutes, LORD,
For evermore, unto the very end!

O

I hate those who are double-minded men :
I love Your Law: in it is my delight.
You are my shield and hiding place, O LORD:
I put my hope in Your most holy Word!

Depart from me, you who do evil deeds:
I will observe the orders of my God:
Sustain me by Your sayings: let me live:
Let me not be ashamed by a false hope!

Uphold me, LORD, that now I might be saved:
I will regard Your statutes at all times.
You have rejected all who stray from them:
Their cleverness is vain: they have no hope!

You count as dross all evil men on earth:
Therefore I love Your testimonies, LORD:
My flesh trembles with fear before Your face:
I am afraid of all Your judgments, too!

P

Since I have done that which is just and right
Do not deliver me now to my foes:
Be surety for Your servant, for my good:
Do not allow my foes to oppress me!

My eyes now long for Your salvation, LORD,
And for Your sayings, which are just and true:
Deal with Your servant in Your loyal love:
Teach me Your statutes: write them on my heart!

I am Your servant: give me wisdom, LORD,
To understand Your testimonies now,
For it is time for the LORD God to act,
For men have violated His own Law.

Therefore I love Your great commandments, LORD
More than the very finest kind of gold:
Therefore I find Your precepts always right,
But all the ways of lying men I hate!

Q

Your testimonies, LORD, are wonderful:
Therefore my soul observes them carefully:
The revelation of Your words gives light
And they give wisdom to the simple soul.

My mouth is open and I pant to know
All Your commandments as I long for You:
Turn to me and be gracious unto me,
For this is right for those who love Your name!

And in Your sayings make my footsteps firm
And do not let some sin rule over me:
Deliver me from slavery to sin,
And I will keep Your precepts with due care;

Make Your face shine upon Your servant, LORD,
And teach Your statutes to me thoroughly!
My eyes are shedding streams of water now
Because of those who do not keep Your law!

R

You are the righteous One, O LORD our God,
And all Your judgments are most upright too:
Your testimonies are in righteousness:
They testify to Your great faithfulness.

Zeal has consumed me, for my enemies
Have quite forgotten all the words You said:
Your sayings pass all tests for purity:
Your servant loves them with sincerity.

Now I am small of stature and despised,
But all Your precepts I have kept in mind:
Your righteousness will last forevermore:
Your Law is truth: I can rely on it!

Anguish and trouble have come upon me,
But Your commandments give delight to me:
Your testimonies are forever just:
Give me true wisdom so that I may live!

S

I cry to You with all my heart, O LORD:
I will observe Your statutes: hear me, LORD!
I cried to You to save me by Your grace,
And I will keep Your testimonies true.

I rose before the dawn, and cried for help,
For in Your Word, O LORD, I set my hope:
I long to see the watches of the night
To meditate upon Your sayings, LORD!

According to Your love, now hear my voice:
According to Your judgments, make me live:
My persecutors have drawn near to me,
But from Your Law these men are far away!

But You are near to me, O LORD my God:
All Your commandments are both true and good:
Of old I've known Your testimonies true,
Because forever You established them!

T

Consider my distress: deliver me,
For I have not forgotten all Your Law.
Now plead my cause, and ransom me, I pray,
According to Your sayings give me life!

Salvation is far from those wicked men:
Who did not learn about Your statutes, LORD:
Your mercies are so many: this I know.
According to Your judgment give me life!

Many are my pursuers and my foes,
But in Your testimonies I abide.
I saw the treacherous and I loathed them,
Because they do not keep Your sayings, LORD!

Consider how I love Your precepts, LORD,
And give me life, according to Your love:
The essence of Your Word is truth indeed:
Your righteous judgments last for evermore!

U

Now rulers persecute me without cause:
My heart is standing in awe of Your words,
And I rejoice to hear Your sayings, LORD,
As one who finds great treasure as his spoil!

Falsehood I hate, and lying I abhor!
I love Your Law: it is most dear to me.
I praise You seven times each passing day
Because Your judgments are upright and true!

Great peace have those who love Your Law, O LORD,
And nothing causes them to stumble now:
I hope for Your salvation, O LORD God,
And practice Your commandments day by day!

My soul has kept your testimonies true,
And I love them with all my heart and mind,
And I have kept Your precepts in my mind,
For all my ways are open to You, LORD!

V

Let my cry come before Your throne, O LORD,
And give me understanding by Your words,
And let my supplication come to You:
According to Your sayings rescue me!

And let my lips now utter praise to You,
For You have taught Your sayings unto me:
And let my tongue sing of Your sayings now
For all of Your commands are just and true!

And let Your right hand be a help to me
For I have chosen Your precepts with joy:
I yearn for Your salvation, O my God,
And in Your Law I find my deep delight!

So let me live, that I might sing Your praise,
And may Your judgments help me on my way:
For like a lost sheep I have gone astray:
Seek me, for I did not forget Your Law!

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