

119 I have accounted all the sinners of the earth prevaricators: therefore have I loved thy testimonies.

120 Pierce thou my flesh with thy fear: for I am afraid of thy judgments.

121 I have done judgment and justice: give me not up to them that slander me.

122 Uphold thy servant unto good: let not the proud calumniate me.

123 My eyes have fainted after thy salvation: and for the word of thy justice.

124 Deal with thy servant according to thy mercy: and teach me thy justifications.

125 I am thy servant: give me understanding that I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time, O Lord, to do: they have dissipated thy law.

127 Therefore have I loved thy commandments above gold and the topaz.

128 Therefore was I directed to all thy commandments: I have hated all wicked ways.

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore my soul hath sought them.

130 The declaration of thy words giveth light: and giveth understanding to little ones.

131 I opened my mouth, and panted: because I longed for thy commandments.

132 Look thou upon me, and have mercy on me according to the judgment of them that love thy name.

133 Direct my steps according to thy word: and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Redeem me from the calumnies of men: that I may keep thy commandments.

135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: and teach me thy justifications.

136 My eyes have sent forth springs of water: because they have not kept thy law.

137 Thou art just, O Lord: and thy judgment is right.

138 Thou hast commanded justice thy testimonies: and thy truth exceedingly.

139 My zeal hath made me pine away: because my enemies forgot thy words.

140 Thy word is exceedingly refined: and thy servant hath loved it.

141 I am very young and despised; but I forget not thy justifications.

142 Thy justice is justice for ever: and thy law is the truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have found me: thy commandments are my meditation.

144 Thy testimonies are justice for ever: give me understanding, and I shall live.

145 I cried with my whole heart, hear me, O Lord: I will seek thy justifications.

146 I cried unto thee, save me: that I may keep thy commandments.

147 I prevented the dawning of the day, and cried: because in thy words I very much hoped.

148 My eyes to thee have prevented the morning: that I might meditate on thy words.

149 Hear thou my voice, O Lord, according to thy mercy: and quicken me according to thy judgment.

150 They that persecute me have drawn nigh to iniquity; but they are gone far off from thy law.

151 Thou art near, O Lord: and all thy ways are truth.

152 I have known from the beginning concerning thy testimonies: that thou hast founded them for ever.

153 See my humiliation and deliver me for I have not forgotten thy law.

154 Judge my judgment and redeem me: quicken thou me for thy word's sake.

155 Salvation is far from sinners; because they have not sought thy justifications.

156 Many, O Lord, are thy mercies: quicken me according to thy judgment.

157 Many are they that persecute me and afflict me; but I have not declined from thy testimonies.

158 I beheld the transgressors, and pined away; because they kept not thy word.

159 Behold I have loved thy commandments, O Lord; quicken me thou in thy mercy.

160 The beginning of thy words is truth: all the judgments of thy justice are for ever.

161 Princes have persecuted me without cause: and my heart hath been in awe of thy words.

162 I will rejoice at thy words, as one that hath found great spoil.

163 I have hated and abhorred iniquity; but I have loved thy law.

164 Seven times a day I have given praise to thee, for the judgments of thy justice.

165 Much peace have they that love thy law, and to them there is no stumbling block.

166 I looked for thy salvation, O Lord: and I loved thy commandments.

167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies and hath loved them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy commandments and thy testimonies: because all my ways are in thy sight.

169 Let my supplication, O Lord, come near in thy sight: give me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my request come in before thee; deliver thou me according to thy word.

171 My lips shall utter a hymn, when thou shalt teach me thy justifications.

172 My tongue shall pronounce thy word: because all thy commandments are justice.

173 Let thy hand be with me to save me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

174 I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my meditation.

175 My soul shall live and shall praise thee: and thy judgments shall help me.

176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost: seek thy servant, because I have not forgotten thy commandments.

Chapter 119

In my trouble I cried to the Lord: and he heard me.

2 O Lord, deliver my soul from wicked lips, and a deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be given to thee, or what shall be added to thee, to a deceitful tongue?

4 The sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals that lay waste.

5 Woe is me, that my sojourning is prolonged! I have dwelt with the inhabitants of Cedar:

6 My soul hath been long a sojourner.

7 With them that hated peace I was peaceable: when I spoke to them they fought against me without cause.

Chapter 120

I have lifted up my eyes to the mountains, from whence help shall come to me.

2 My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

3 May he not suffer thy foot to be moved: neither let him slumber that keepeth thee.

4 Behold he shall neither slumber nor sleep, that keepeth Israel.

5 The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy protection upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not burn thee by day: nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord keepeth thee from all evil: may the Lord keep thy soul.

8 May the Lord keep thy coming in and thy going out; from henceforth now and for ever.

Chapter 121

A gradual canticle.

2 Our feet were standing in thy courts, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem, which is built as a city, which is compact together.

4 For thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord: the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

5 Because their seats have sat in judgment, seats upon the house of David.

6 Pray ye for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem: and abundance for them that love thee.

7 Let peace be in thy strength: and abundance in thy towers.

8 For the sake of my brethren, and of my neighbours, I spoke peace of thee.

9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, I have sought good things for thee.

Chapter 122

To thee have I lifted up my eyes, who dwellest in heaven.

2 Behold as the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters, As the eyes of the hand-maid are on the hands of her mistress: so are our eyes unto the Lord our God, until he have mercy on us.

3 Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us: for we are greatly filled with contempt.

4 For our soul is greatly filled: we are a reproach to the rich, and contempt to the proud.

Chapter 123

A gradual canticle. If it had not been that the Lord was with us, let Israel now say:

2 If it had not been that the Lord was with us, When men rose up against us,

3 Perhaps they had swallowed us up alive. When their fury was enkindled against us,

4 Perhaps the waters had swallowed us up.

5 Our soul hath passed through a torrent: perhaps our soul had passed through a water insupportable.

6 Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us to be a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul hath been delivered as a sparrow out of the snare of the fowlers. The snare is broken, and we are delivered.

8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Chapter 124

A gradual canticle. They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Sion: he shall not be moved for ever that dwelleth

2 In Jerusalem. Mountains are round about it: so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth now and for ever.

3 For the Lord will not leave the rod of sinners upon the lot of the just: that the just may not stretch forth their hands to iniquity.

4 Do good, O Lord, to those that are good, and to the upright of heart.

5 But such as turn aside into bonds, the Lord shall lead out with the workers of iniquity: peace upon Israel.