**PSALM 118**

Beati immaculate.

*Of the excellence of virtue consisting in the love and observance of the commandments of God.*

Alleluia.

ALEPH

**1** Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

**2** Blessed are they that search his testimonies: that seek him with their whole heart.

**3** For they that work iniquity, have not walked in his ways.

**4** Thou hast commanded thy commandments to be kept most diligently.

**5** O! that my ways may be directed to keep thy justifications.

**6** Then shall I not be confounded, when I shall look into all thy commandments.

**7** I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned the judgments of thy justice.

**8** I will keep thy justifications: O! do not thou utterly forsake me.

BETH

**9** By what doth a young man correct his way? by observing thy words.

**10** With my whole heart have I sought after thee: let me not stray from thy commandments.

**11** Thy words have I hidden in my heart, that I may not sin against thee.

**12** Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy justifications.

**13** With my lips I have pronounced all the judgments of thy mouth.

**14** I have been delighted in the way of thy testimonies, as in all riches.

**15** I will meditate on thy commandments: and I will consider thy ways.

**16** I will think of thy justifications: I will not forget thy words.

GIMEL

**17** Give bountifully to thy servant, enliven me: and I shall keep thy words.

**18** Open thou my eyes: and I will consider the wondrous things of thy law.

**19** I am a sojourner on the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

**20** My soul hath coveted to long for thy justifications, at all times.

**21** Thou hast rebuked the proud: they are cursed who decline from thy commandments.

**22** Remove from me reproach and contempt: because I have sought after thy testimonies.

**23** For princes sat, and spoke against me: but thy servant was employed in thy justifications.

**24** For thy testimonies are my meditation: and thy justifications my counsel.

DALETH

**25** My soul hath cleaved to the pavement: quicken thou me according to thy word.

**26** I have declared my ways, and thou hast heard me: teach me thy justifications.

**27** Make me to understand the way of thy justifications: and I shall be exercised in thy wondrous works.

**28** My soul hath slumbered through heaviness: strengthen thou me in thy words.

**29** Remove from me the way of iniquity: and out of thy law have mercy on me.

**30** I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments I have not forgotten.

**31** I have stuck to thy testimonies, O Lord: put me not to shame.

**32** I have run the way of thy commandments, when thou didst enlarge my heart.

HE

**33** Set before me for a law the way of thy justifications, O Lord: and I will always seek after it.

**34** Give me understanding, and I will search thy law; and I will keep it with my whole heart.

**35** Lead me into the path of thy commandments; for this same I have desired.

**36** Incline my heart into thy testimonies and not to covetousness.

**37** Turn away my eyes that they may not behold vanity: quicken me in thy way.

**38** Establish thy word to thy servant, in thy fear.

**39** Turn away my reproach, which I have apprehended: for thy judgments are delightful.

**40** Behold I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy justice.

VAU

**41** Let thy mercy also come upon me, O Lord: thy salvation according to thy word.

**42** So shall I answer them that reproach me in any thing; that I have trusted in thy words.

**43** And take not thou the word of truth utterly out of my mouth: for in thy words, I have hoped exceedingly.

**44** So shall I always keep thy law, for ever and ever.

**45** And I walked at large: because I have sought after thy commandments.

**46** And I spoke of thy testimonies before kings: and I was not ashamed.

**47** I meditated also on thy commandments, which I loved.

**48** And I lifted up my hands to thy commandments, which I loved: and I was exercised in thy justifications.

ZAIN

**49** Be thou mindful of thy word to thy servant, in which thou hast given me hope.

**50** This hath comforted me in my humiliation: because thy word hath enlivened me.

**51** The proud did iniquitously altogether: but I declined not from thy law.

**52** I remembered, O Lord, thy judgments of old: and I was comforted.

**53** A fainting hath taken hold of me, because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

**54** Thy justifications were the subject of my song, in the place of my pilgrimage.

**55** In the night I have remembered thy name, O Lord: and have kept thy law.

**56** This happened to me: because I sought after thy justifications.

HETH

**57** O Lord, my portion, I have said, I would keep thy law.

**58** I entreated thy face with all my heart: have mercy on me according to thy word.

**59** I have thought on my ways: and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

**60** I am ready, and am not troubled: that I may keep thy commandments.

**61** The cords of the wicked have encompassed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

**62** I rose at midnight to give praise to thee; for the judgments of thy justification.

**63** I am a partaker with all them that fear thee, and that keep thy commandments.

**64** The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy justifications.

TETH

**65** Thou hast done well with thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word.

**66** Teach me goodness and discipline and knowledge; for I have believed thy commandments.

**67** Before I was humbled I offended; therefore have I kept thy word.

**68** Thou art good; and in thy goodness teach me thy justifications.

**69** The iniquity of the proud hath been multiplied over me: but I will seek thy commandments with my whole heart.

**70** Their heart is curdled like milk: but I have meditated on thy law.

**71** It is good for me that thou hast humbled me, that I may learn thy justifications.

**72** The law of thy mouth is good to me, above thousands of gold and silver.

JOD

**73** Thy hands have made me and formed me: give me understanding, and I will learn thy commandments.

**74** They that fear thee shall see me, and shall be glad : because I have greatly hoped in thy words.

**75** I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are equity: and in thy truth thou hast humbled me.

**76** O! let thy mercy be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

**77** Let thy tender mercies come unto me, and I shall live: for thy law is my meditation.

**78** Let the proud be ashamed, because they have done unjustly towards me: but I will be employed in thy commandments.

**79** Let them that fear thee turn to me: and they that know thy testimonies.

**80** Let my heart be undefiled in thy justifications, that I may not be confounded.

CAPH

**81** My soul hath fainted after thy salvation: and in thy word I have very much hoped.

**82** My eyes have failed for thy word, saying: When wilt thou comfort me?

**83** For I am become like a bottle in the frost: I have not forgotten thy justifications.

**84** How many are the days of thy servant: when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

**85** The wicked have told me fables: but not as thy law.

**86** All thy statutes are truth: they have persecuted me unjustly, do thou help me.

**87** They had almost made an end of me upon earth: but I have not forsaken thy commandments.

**88** Quicken thou me according to thy mercy: and I shall keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

LAMED

**89** For ever, O Lord, thy word standeth firm in heaven.

**90** Thy truth unto all generations: thou hast founded the earth, and it continueth.

**91** By thy ordinance the day goeth on: for all things serve thee.

**92** Unless thy law had been my meditation, I had then perhaps perished in my abjection.

**93** Thy justifications I will never forget: for by them thou hast given me life.

**94** I am thine, save thou me: for I have sought thy justifications.

**95** The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I have understood thy testimonies.

**96** I have seen an end of all perfection: thy commandment is exceeding broad.

MEM

**97** O how have I loved thy law, O Lord! it is my meditation all the day.

**98** Through thy commandment, thou hast made me wiser than my enemies: for it is ever with me.

**99** I have understood more than all my teachers: because thy testimonies are my meditation.

**100** I have had understanding above ancients: because I have sought thy commandments.

**101** I have restrained my feet from every evil way: that I may keep thy words.

**102** I have not declined from thy judgments, because thou hast set me a law.

**103** How sweet are thy words to my palate! more than honey to my mouth.

**104** By thy commandments I have had understanding: therefore have I hated every way of iniquity.

NUN

**105** Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my paths.

**106** I have sworn and am determined to keep the judgments of thy justice.

**107** I have been humbled, O Lord, exceedingly: quicken thou me according to thy word.

**108** The free offerings of my mouth make acceptable, O Lord: and teach me thy judgments.

**109** My soul is continually in my hands: and I have not forgotten thy law.

**110** Sinners have laid a snare for me: but I have not erred from thy precepts.

**111** I have purchased thy testimonies for an inheritance for ever: because they are the joy of my heart.

**112** I have inclined my heart to do thy justifications for ever, for the reward.

SAMECH

**113** I have hated the unjust: and have loved thy law.

**114** Thou art my helper and my protector: and in thy word I have greatly hoped.

**115** Depart from me, ye malignant: and I will search the commandments of my God.

**116** Uphold me according to thy word, and I shall live: and let me not be confounded in my expectation.

**117** Help me, and I shall be saved: and I will meditate always on thy justifications.

**118** Thou hast despised all them that fall off from thy judgments; for their thought is unjust.

**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.

AIN

**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.

PHE

**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.

SADE

**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.

COPH

**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** RES. 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 I 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.

SIN

**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.

TAU

**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.