

## PSALM 119

ALEPH.

**B**LESSED *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4. Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

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

8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

BETH.

9. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

10. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12. Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes.

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

14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as *much as* in all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

GIMEL.

17. Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live, and keep thy word.

18. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

19. I *am* a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

20. My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath* unto thy judgments at all times.

21. Thou hast rebuked the proud

*that are* cursed, which do err from thy commandments.

22. Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

23. Princes also did sit *and* speak against me: *but* thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

24. Thy testimonies also *are* my delight *and* my counsellors.

DALETH.

25. My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

26. I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

27. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

28. My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

29. Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously.

30. I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid *before me*.

31. I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.

32. I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

HE.

33. Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it *unto* the end.

34. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.

35. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

36. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; *and* quicken thou me in thy way.

38. Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who *is devoted* to thy fear.

39. Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments *are* good.

40. Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

VAU.

41. Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, *even* thy salvation, according to thy word.

42. So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

43. And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

44 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

45. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.

47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

ZAIN.

49. Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

50. This *is* my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

51. The proud have had me greatly in derision: *yet* have I not declined from thy law.

52. I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself.

53. Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

54. Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

55. I have remembered thy

name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law.

56 This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

CHETH.

57. *Thou art* my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.

58. I intreated thy favour with *my* whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

59. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

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

62. At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

63. I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

64. The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

TETH.

65. Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

67. Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

68. Thou *art* good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

69. The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with *my* whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy law.

71. *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

72. The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

JOD.

73. Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74. They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

75. I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76. Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law *is* my delight.

78. Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: *but* I will meditate in thy precepts.

79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.

80. Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

CAPH.

81. My soul fainteth for thy salvation: *but* I hope in thy word.

82 Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

83. For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; *yet* do I not forget thy statutes.

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

85. The proud have digged pits for me, which *are* not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments *are* faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts.

88. Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible, containing 176 verses. Each verse, with the exception of verses 90, 121, 122, and 132, mentions the Word of God under one of these names—Law, Testimony, Judgments, Statutes, Commandments, Precepts, Word, Ordinances, or Ways. This Psalm is known as an acrostic, or alphabetic Psalm. It has 22 stanzas, and in most editions of the Bible its 22 sections are headed by the successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet. The Jews wrote in this fashion to make memorization easier for them. The writer is unknown, but refers to himself some 325 times. He was suffering for His love of God's law (verses 22, 50-53, 95, 98, and 115), yet was determined to obey the Word, regardless of the cost.

The number eight is stamped all over this Psalm. Each section has eight verses; there are eight special names for God's Word listed; there are eight symbols of God's Word given. The word "eight" in Hebrew literally means "abundance, more than enough." It is as though the writer of this great Psalm is saying, "God's Word is enough! If you have the Bible that is all you need." The Bible points us to Christ. He is the living Word, about whom the writer speaks.

## PROVERB FOR TODAY

"For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life" (Proverbs 6:23).

## TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 23:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

## BIRTHDAY TODAY

DWAYNE RIDDELL

## ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

595 B.C.

**EZEKIEL'S VISION AT CHEBAR.**

Ezekiel 1:1.

1801

**ADMIRAL FARRAGUT WAS BORN.**

Admiral Farragut was the first Admiral of the United States Navy.

1865

**WILLIAM BOOTH FOUNDED THE SALVATION ARMY.**

General Booth is one of my heroes. The Salvation Army was founded to reach others for Christ and to help others in need. There are many of his footprints still existing in London. We've grown to appreciate even more his great ministry. It is said that one day he was walking down the street and found a little boy weeping in front of the grocery store. He asked the little boy why he was weeping.

The little boy said, "Mister, I was given some money by my mother to take to the grocery store to buy some groceries. I lost the money," he whimpered with tears flowing down his cheeks, "and I am afraid to go home. That is all the money we have. We are poor."

General Booth replaced the money. The little boy hugged his legs and looked up into his face with such a warm smile that it is said that General Booth walked around the block the rest of the day trying to find another little boy who had lost some money. We can be happy and find real joy only when we lose ourselves in service for others.

1867

**THE DOMINION OF CANADA WAS ESTABLISHED.**

I have grown to love and appreciate the saints in Canada so much! Pray for them today. Pray for God to bless this country and the Christians who serve Him there.

1902

**THE BIRTHDAY OF HENRY CABOT LODGE, JR.**

## ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1975

**ARTHUR ASHE WON THE MEN'S SINGLE CHAMPIONSHIP AT WIMBLEDON,** defeating Jimmy Connors.

**FORTY INJURED IN RACIAL DISTURBANCES** in Miami, Florida.

1966

**NATIONAL GUARD MOBILIZED IN OMAHA** after third night of rioting.

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# The Story of the Psalms

## PSALMS 56 and 57

**AUTHOR: David**

### **THE STORY BEHIND THESE PSALMS:**

David had fled to Gath, a town of Philistines. Saul did not pursue. David asked Achish, the king, if he had a country town where David could hide. He was given Ziklag, where he lived for one year and four months. After a time, the Philistines decided to fight Israel. King Saul saw the host of the Philistines and trembled. David was living with the Philistines and had to fight, whereupon the Philistine princes rebelled and said that David would betray them. Because of this they sent him back. Ziklag was destroyed by the Amalekites, and their wives and children were taken captive. The story is much longer than this, but again David was protected by God.

It is amazing how God takes care of His men. Years ago in the heat of the battle, God gave to me Isaiah 54:17, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord."

Then there is that marvelous promise in the Revelation that reminds us that God holds His preachers in His right hand.

How sweet is that truth concerning the Levites! When the Israelites came to the promised land, each of the 11 tribes received an inheritance of the land. The Levites received no such inheritance. God said to them, "I am thy portion." Ah, what a portion! What a protecting God!

### **THE WAY THESE PSALMS WERE USED BY GOD'S PEOPLE:**

These Psalms were especially effective in ministering to God's people when they were away from home, especially when danger arose.

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# Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

**MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:**

**DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SOLVED: "SOME FOLK CANNOT FORGIVE"**

(Assignment 23)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)

**You must.**

(        ) Matthew 6:15

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**You can.**

(        ) Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

**You will be tormented if you do not.**

(        ) Matthew 18:34

And his Lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

**The heavenly Father will exert this judgment.**

(        ) Matthew 18:35

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

**Able when God's power works in us.**

(        ) Ephesians 3:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.