

Alef
an ox,
strong
or first

Bet
house
family

Alef
an ox,
strong
or first

Lamed
little goat
or first

Alef
in ox,
strong
or first

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teeth,
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Av
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Hey
literally
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Alef



The ox

Each of the verses in the first stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **א** Alef. Because the letter *Alef* symbolizes what is *first* or *strong*, these eight verses tell us that blessing and happiness belong to the person who makes God first in their life and who turns to God and His word for strength.

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Psalm 119: 1 - 8 תהלים קיט

אשרי תמימי דרך קהללים בתורת יי
אשרי נצרי עדתיו בכל לב ידרשוהו
אף לא פעלו עולה בדרךיו הלכו
אתה צויתם פקדיך לשמר מאד
אחלי יכנו דרכי לשמר חקיה
אז לא אבוש בהביטי אל כל מצותיך
אודך בישר לבב בלמדי משפטי צדקך
את חקך אשמר אל תעזבני עד מאד

1 **Blessed** are the undefiled in the way²,
Who walk in the law³ of the LORD⁴.
Esher H835 Eh' Sheh "How happy"

2 **Blessed** are they that keep his testimonies⁵,
and that seek Him with the whole⁶ heart⁷!
Arh H637 "conservation"

3 They **also** do no⁸ iniquity;
They walk in His ways².
AT-Tah 504 H859 "Roman SINGELON"

4 **You** have commanded us
To keep⁹ Your precepts diligently.
AT-Tah 504 H859 "Roman SINGELON"

5 Oh, that my ways were directed
To keep⁹ Your statutes¹⁰!

6 Then I would not⁸ be ashamed,
When I look into all⁶ Your commandments.

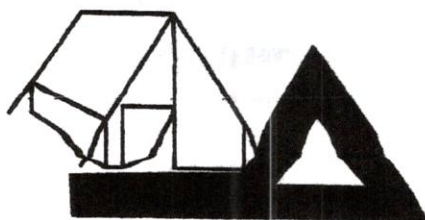
7 I will praise You with uprightness of heart⁷,
When I learn¹¹ Your righteous¹² judgements.

8 I will keep⁹ Your statutes¹⁰;
Oh, do not⁸ forsake me utterly!
H499-ge-KH H2206 "NOUN masculine something PRESUMED ON OWN"

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1. אשר bless 2. דרך way 3. קהלל praise

Bet



A tent
or a house

Each of the verses in the second stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **ב** *Bet*. Because the letter *Bet* means the *house* and what is *inside*, these eight verses tell us that what is inside the person or the family is what matters. To live these verses we must seek God with our whole heart.

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Psalm 119: 9 - 16 תהלים קיט

- 9 **בְּמָה** יִזְכֶּה-נַעַר אֶת-אָרְחוֹ לְשֹׁמֵר כְּדָבָר **How**¹ *can* a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed² according to Your word.
- 10 **בְּכָל-לִבִּי** דִּרְשָׁתִּיךָ אֶל-תִּשְׁגִּי מִמִּצְוֹתֶיךָ **With**³ my whole⁴ heart⁵ I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments.
- 11 **בְּלִבִּי** צִפְנֹתִי אִמְרֹתֶיךָ לְמַעַן לֹא אַחֲטָא **Your word** I have hidden in³ my heart⁵, That I may not⁶ sin against You.
- 12 **בָּרוּךְ** אַתָּה יְהוָה לְמַדְנִי חֻקֶּיךָ **Blessed**⁷ are You, O LORD⁸; Teach⁹ me Your statutes¹⁰.
- 13 **בִּשְׁפָתִי** סִפְרֹתִי כָל מִשְׁפָּטֵי-פִיךָ **With**³ my lips I have declared All⁴ the judgements of Your mouth.
- 14 **בְּדֶרֶךְ** עֲדוּתֶיךָ שָׁשֹׁנִי כֶּעָל כָּל-הוֹן **I have rejoiced** in³ the way¹¹ of Your testimonies¹², As much as in all⁴ riches.
- 15 **בִּפְקֻדֶיךָ** אֲשִׁיחָה וְאִבִּיטָה אֲרֻחֹתֶיךָ **I will meditate** on³ Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.
- 16 **בַּחֲקֹתֶיךָ** אֲשַׁתַּעֲשֶׂע לֹא אֲשַׁכַּח דְּבָרְךָ **I will delight myself in**³ Your statutes¹⁰, I will not⁶ forget Thy word.

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- how 2. שמר keep 3. בְּ- with 4. כל all 5. לב heart 6. לא not 7. בָּרוּךְ bless
8. יהוה God's name 9. למד learn 10. חק statute 11. דרך way 12. עדת testimony

Gimel



The camel

Each of the verses in the third stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **Gimel**. Because the letter *Gimel* means to *lift up*, or *reward* and can symbolize *a lifting up*, in *pride*, *revelation* or *exaltation*, these eight verses tell us that it is God who will lift us up in either reward or rebuke. Those who understand this truth will turn to God and His word.

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Psalm 119: 17 - 24 תהלים קיט

- 17 **גִּמְלָה** עַל-עֲבֹדְךָ אֲחִיָּה וְאַשְׁמְרָה דְּבָרְךָ **Deal bountifully**¹ with Your servant², That I may live³ and keep⁴ Your word.
- 18 **גִּלְעֵינִי** וְאֲבִיטָה נִפְלְאוֹת מִתּוֹרָתְךָ **Open** my eyes, that I may see Wonderous⁵ things from Your law⁶.
- 19 **גֵּר** אֲנִי בָאָרֶץ אֶל-תַּסְתֵּר מִמֶּנִּי מִצְוֹתֶיךָ **I am a stranger**⁷ in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me.
- 20 **גִּרְסָה** נַפְשִׁי לְתַאֲבָה אֶל-מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ בְּכָל-עֵת **My soul breaks** with longing For Your judgements at all⁸ times⁹.
- 21 **גָּעַרְתָּ** זָדִים אֲרוּרִים הַשְׁגִּים מִמִּצְוֹתֶיךָ **You rebuke**¹⁰ the proud - the cursed, Who stray from Your commandments.
- 22 **גָּל מַעְלִי** חֲרָפָה וְבוֹז כִּי עֲדֹתֶיךָ נִצַּרְתִּי **Remove** from me reproach and contempt, For I have kept Your testimonies¹¹.
- 23 **גַּם יֹשְׁבוּ שָׂדִים** בִּי נִדְּפוּ עֲבָדֶיךָ יֵשׁוּחַ פִּזְזוּךָ **Princes**¹² also sit and speak against me, But Your servant² meditates on Your statutes¹³.
- 24 **גַּם-עֲדֹתֶיךָ** שִׁעְשָׁעִי אֲנִשִּׁי עֲצָתִי **Your testimonies**¹¹ also are my delight; And my counselors.

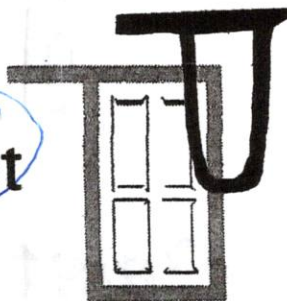
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1. גמל benefit 2. עבד servant 3. חי life 4. שמר keep 5. פלא wonderful 6. תורה Torah 7. גר foreigner
8. כל all 9. עת time 10. גער rebuke 11. עדת testimony 12. שר prince 13. חק statute

Deal bountifully with Your servant

Dalet

The door



U Dalet
door

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door

⊕ head,
person

⌘ Kaf
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open

Each of the verses in the fourth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **Dalet**. Because the letter *Dalet* means the *door*, these eight verses tell us that we must choose between the way of lying and the way of truth. God's way may seem beyond our capabilities, but God can even change the size of our heart.

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Psalm 119: 25 - 32 תהלים קיט

דְּבַקָה לְעֹפֶר נַפְשִׁי חִינִי כְּדִבְרְךָ:

25 My soul **cleaves** to the dust;
Revive¹ me according to Your word.

דְּרָכֵי סִפְרָתִי וְתַעֲנִנִי לְמַדְנִי חֻקֶּיךָ:

26 I have declared of my ways²,
and You answered³ me;
Teach⁴ me Your statutes⁵.

דַּרְךְ-פִּקּוּדֶיךָ הַבִּינֵנִי וְאַשִׁיחָה בְּנִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ:

27 Make me understand
the way² of Your precepts,
So shall I meditate on Your wonderful⁶ works.

דָּלְפָה נַפְשִׁי מִתּוֹגָה קִימֵנִי כְּדִבְרְךָ:

28 My soul **melts** from heaviness;
Strengthen me according to Your word.

דַּרְךְ שֶׁקֶר הִסַּר מִמֶּנִּי וְתוֹרָתְךָ חֲנִנִי:

29 Remove from me the way² of lying⁷,
And grant me Your law⁸ graciously.

דַּרְךְ-אֱמוּנָה בַּחֲרָתִי מִשִּׁפְטֶיךָ שְׂוִיתִי:

30 I have chosen the way² of truth;
Your judgements I have laid before me.

דְּבַקְתִּי בְּעֵדוּתֶיךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי-תִבְשִׁנִּי:

31 I **cling** to Your testimonies⁹;
O LORD¹⁰, do not put me to shame!

דַּרְךְ-מִצְוֹתֶיךָ אֲרוּץ כִּי תִרְחִיב לִבִּי:

32 I will run the course² of Your commandments,
For You shall enlarge my heart¹¹.

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life 2. דרך way 3. עני answer 4. למד learn 5. חק statute 6. פלא wonderful 7. שקר lying
8. תורה Torah 9. עדת testimony 10. יהוה God's name 11. לב heart

Hey



Behold!

ASA window
TO "SYMBOLIZE"

Each of the verses in the fifth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter ה Hey. The letter Hey means *behold*. The concept of behold, is that you are shown something that is distinct and clear, what you behold may even answer your question. These eight verses tell how God's teaching can give us understanding of His statutes. When His word is established in our lives, we revere Him.

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Psalm 119: 33 - 40 תהלים קיט

הורני יהיה דרך חקיה ואצרנה עקב:

33 **Teach me, O LORD**,
the way² of Thy statutes³,
and I shall observe⁴ it to the end.

הבינני ואצרה תורתך ואשמרנה בכל-לב:

34 **Give me understanding**, that I may observe⁴
Thy law⁵, and keep⁶ it with all⁷ my heart⁸.

הדריכני בנתיב מצותיך כי בו חפצתי:

35 **Make me walk**² in the path of Thy
commandments, for I delight in it.

חט-לבי אל-עדותיך ואל אל-בצע:

36 **Incline** my heart⁹ to Thy testimonies¹⁰,
and not to dishonest gain.

העבר עיני מראות שוא בדרךך חייני:

37 **Turn away** my eyes from looking¹⁰ at vanity,
and revive¹¹ me in Thy ways².

הקם לעבדך אמרתך אשר ליראתך:

38 **Establish** Thy word to Thy servant¹²,
as that which produces reverence¹³ for Thee.

העבר חרפתי אשר יגדתי כי משפטך טוב:

39 **Turn away** my reproach which I dread,
for Thine ordinances are good¹⁴.

הנה תאבתי לפקדיך בצדקתך חייני:

40 **Behold**¹⁴ I long for Thy precepts;
revive¹⁵ me through Thy righteousness¹⁶.

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- God's name 2. דרך way 3. חק statute 4. אצר treasure 5. תורה Torah 6. שמר keep 7. כל all
heart 9. עדת testimony 10. ראה see 11. חי life 12. עבד servant 13. ירא fear 14. טוב good 15. רנה behold
16. צדק righteous

Vav



The nail

ALSO USED AS
AND
REPRESENT THE WORDS IN FRONT OF A WORD LIKE A NAIL BRINGS
1
COULD TO BE PART

Each of the verses in the sixth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter Vav. Because the letter Vav is the *nail* that *secures*, these eight verses tell us that the security of God's word and lovingkindness will give us an answer to reproach and will allow us to walk in liberty. That is why we should delight and love God's commandments.

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Psalm 119: 41 - 48 תהלים קיט

ALSO LET COME TO ME
H935 wi-bo' u-wi
ROUT

וַיְבֹאֵנִי חֶסֶדְךָ יְהוָה תְּשׁוּעָתְךָ כְּאִמְרֶיךָ

41 May Thy lovingkindnesses also come to me, O LORD¹, Thy salvation according to Thy word;

וְאֶעֱנֶה חֲרָפִי דָבָר כִּי־בִטַּחְתִּי בְּדִבְרֶיךָ

42 So I shall have an answer² for him who reproaches me, for I trust³ in Thy word.

וְאַל־תִּצַּל מִפִּי דְבַר־אֱמֶת

43 And do not take the word of truth⁴ utterly out of my mouth, for I wait for Thine ordinances.

עַד־מָאֵד כִּי לְמִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ יִחְלָתִי

44 So I will keep⁵ Thy law⁶ continually, forever and ever.

וְאֶשְׁמְרָה תּוֹרָתְךָ תָּמִיד לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

45 And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Thy precepts.

וְאַתְּהִלְכָּה בְּרִחְבָּהּ כִּי פִקְדֶיךָ דִּרְשָׁתִּי

46 I will also speak of Thy testimonies⁷ before kings, and shall not⁸ be ashamed.

וְאֶדְבַּרָה בְּעֵדוּתֶיךָ נֶגֶד מְלָכִים וְלֹא אֶבְזֶה

47 And I shall delight in Thy commandments, which I love⁹.

וְאֶשְׂתַּעֲשֶׂע בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר אֶהְבֵּתִי

48 And I shall lift up my hands to Thy commandments, which I love⁹; and I will meditate on Thy statutes¹⁰.

וְאֶשָּׂא כַּפֵּי אֶל־מִצְוֹתֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר אֶהְבֵּתִי

וְאֶשִׁיתָה בְּחֻקֶיךָ

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God's name 2. בטח trust 3. אמת truth 4. שמר keep 5. תורה Torah 6. עד forever 7. עדות testimony 8. לא no 9. אהב love 10. חק statute

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תהלי

2e-Kor H2142 Upp
PR reply TO MARK
(SO AS TO
Recognize)

for the word to Thy servant¹, TO
Thou has made me hope. MENTION
RE Recognit

y comfort in my affliction,
word has revived² me. Now make TO Be

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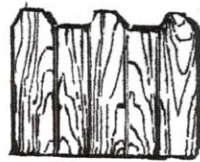
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in which Thou has made me hope. | Rec-
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MENTION
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| זֹאת נַחֲמָתִי בְעָנִי כִי אִמְרָתְךָ חִיָּתָנִי | 50 | This is my comfort in my affliction,
that Thy word has revived ² me. | |
| וְיָדִים הִלְצָנִי עַד־מָאד מִתּוֹרָתְךָ לֹא נִסְתָּו | 51 | <u>The arrogant</u> utterly deride me,
yet I do not ³ turn aside from Thy law ⁴ . | THE PRESUMPTUOUS now MAKE TO
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| זָכַרְתִּי מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ מֵעוֹלָם יְהוָה וְאַתָּה | 52 | I have remembered Thine ordinances from of old,
O LORD ⁵ , and comfort myself. | Insolent, Proud |
| וְלַעֲפָה אֲחֻזָּתָנִי מִרְשָׁעִים עֲזָבִי תוֹרָתְךָ | 53 | Burning indignation has seized me
because of the wicked ⁶ , who forsake Thy law ⁴ . | |
| זִמְרוֹת הַיּוֹדְלִי חֻקֶּיךָ בְּבֵית מְגוּרֵי | 54 | Thy statutes ⁸ are my songs ⁷
in the house of my pilgrimage. | |
| זָכַרְתִּי בַלַּיְלָה שְׁמֶךָ יְהוָה וְאַשְׁמְרָה תוֹרָתְךָ | 55 | O LORD ⁵ , I remember Thy name in the night,
and keep ¹⁰ Thy law ⁴ . | |
| זֹאת הֵיטָהֵרְלִי כִי פִקְדֶיךָ נִצְרָתִי | 56 | This has become mine,
that I observe Thy precepts. | |

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servant 2. חי life 3. לא no 4. תורה Torah 5. יהוה God's name 6. רשע wicked 7. זמר song 8. חק statute
9. שם name 10. שמר keep

"ח" / "ח"

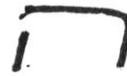
Chet



The fence



looks like "He" sound



SOUNDS

Like "ph"

ROUGH H IN ENGLISH

Each of the verses in the eighth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **Chet**. Because the letter **Chet** means a *fence*, these eight verses tell us that God's favor, grace and Word are a fence that keeps us safe within and keeps our enemies out.

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Psalm 119: 57 - 64 תהלים קיט

חֲלָקִי יְהוָה אִמְרָתִי לִשְׁמֹר דְּבָרֶיךָ

57

The LORD¹ is **my portion**;

I have promised to keep² Thy words. *My SERVING Hel-Qi #9506*

חֲלִיתִי פָנֶיךָ בְּכָל־לֵב חֲנִנִי כְּאִמְרָתְךָ

58

I have **entreated** Thy favor with all³ my heart⁴; be gracious to me according to Thy word.

חֲשַׁבְתִּי דַרְכִּי וְאָשִׁיבָה רַגְלִי אֶל־עֲדֹתֶיךָ

59

I **considered** my ways⁵, and turned my feet to Thy testimonies⁶.

חֲשַׁתִּי וְלֹא הִתְמַהֲמַהְתִּי לִשְׁמֹר מִצְוֹתֶיךָ

60

I hastened and did not⁷ delay to keep² Thy commandments.

חֲבַלִּי רִשְׁעִים עֲוֹנֵי תוֹרָתְךָ לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי

61

The **cords** of the wicked⁸ have encircled me, but I have not forgotten Thy law⁹.

חֲצוֹת־לַיְלָה אָקוּם לְהוֹדוֹת לָךְ עַל מִשְׁפַּטְךָ

62

At **midnight** I shall rise to give thanks to Thee because of Thy righteous¹⁰ ordinances.

חֵבֶר אֲנִי לְכָל־אִשָּׁר יִרְאוּךָ וְלִשְׁמֹר פִּקְדוֹתֶיךָ

63

I¹¹ am a **companion**¹² of all³ those who fear¹³ Thee, and of those who keep² Thy precepts.

חֲסִדְּךָ יְהוָה מְלֵאָה הָאָרֶץ חֲקִידָה לְמִדְּבָרְךָ

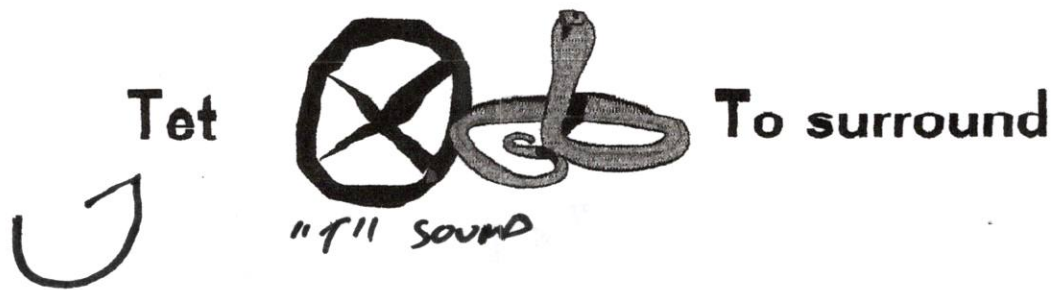
64

The earth is full of Thy **lovingkindness**, O LORD¹; teach¹⁴ me Thy statutes¹⁵.

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God's name 2. שמר keep 3. כל all 4. לב heart 5. דרך way 6. עדת testimony 7. לא no 8. רשע wicked 9. תורה Torah 10. צדק justice 11. אני I 12. חבר companion 13. ירא fear 14. למד teach 15. חק statute

The cords of the wicked have encircled me,



Each of the verses in the ninth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **Tet**. Because the letter **Tet** means to *surround*, these eight verses tell us that when God teaches us discernment and knowledge we will be able to distinguish the good (verses 66,67,71) from the lies (verse 69) that surround us. If we know that God is good and does what is good, we will want to learn His statutes.

The Hebrew word that starts each verse is printed in bold when translated into English. You will notice that often it takes more than one English word to translate the Hebrew.

תהלים קיט 65 - 72 Psalm 119:

- 65 **טוב** עשית עם-עבדך יהוה כדברך: Thou has dealt **well** with Thy servant², O LORD³, according to Thy word. *Handwritten: H-9896, To wb, IF, AS secure, PLEASANT, AGREEABLE, GOOD, BEAUTIFUL, AT EASE, BEST*
- 66 **טוב** טעם ודעת למדני כי במצותיך האמת: Teach⁴ me **good**¹ discernment and knowledge, for I believe in Thy commandments. *Handwritten: AT EASE, BEST*
- 67 **טרם** אפנה אני שגג ועתה אמרתך שמעתי: Before I was afflicted I⁵ went astray, but now⁶ I keep⁷ Thy word.
- 68 **טוב**-אתה ומטיב למדני חקיר: Thou are **good**¹ and doest good¹; teach⁴ me Thy statutes⁸. *Handwritten: UREP*
- 69 **טפלו** עלי שקר ידים אני בכל-לב | אצר כח: The arrogant have **forged** a lie⁹ against me; with all¹⁰ my heart¹¹ I¹² will observe¹² Thy precepts. *Handwritten: SNAKE, PLEASANT, TA-RE-ly, H-9850, (AS OUR LOVE) TO STICK, GLUE, TO IMPURE, FALSELY*
- 70 **טפש** כחלב לבם אני תורתך שעשעתי: Their heart¹¹ is covered with fat, but I⁵ delight in Thy law¹³. *Handwritten: TO WB*
- 71 **טוב**-לי כי-עניתי למען אלמד חקיר: It is **good**¹ for me that I was afflicted that I may learn⁴ Thy statutes⁸. *Handwritten: TO WB*
- 72 **טוב**-לי תורת פיך מאלפי זהב וכסף: The law¹³ of Thy mouth **is better**¹ to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

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good 2. עבד servant 3. יהוה God's name 4. למד teach 5. אני I 6. עתה now 7. שמר keep 8. חק statute 9. שקר lying 10. כל all 11. לב heart 12. אצר treasure 13. תורה Torah

Yood



The hand

As a CONSONANT
it makes the
"ye" sound

TO work
A deed Done
SOMETIMES
FOR A Vowel

Smallest Letter

YOD STANDS IN
AND MAKES THE "ie" SOUND

Each of the verses in the tenth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter Yood. Because the letter Yood means the hand, these eight verses tell us that when we know the hand and the work of God, how He made and fashioned us, we will be able to trust Him to work faithfully in times of trouble. Those who trust in the hand of God trust in His lovingkindness.

The Hebrew word that starts each verse is printed in bold when translated into English. You will notice that often it takes more than one English word to translate the Hebrew.

Psalm 119: 73 - 80 תהלים קיט

- 73 **יְדֵי עֲשׂוּנִי וַיְכַוְנֵנִי הַבִּינֵנִי וְאֶלְמְדָה** *Thy hands made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn¹ Thy commandments.*
- 74 **יִרְאֶיךָ יִרְאוּנִי וַיִּשְׁמְחוּ כִּי לְדִבְרֶךָ** *May those who fear² Thee see³ me and be glad, because I wait for Thy word.*
- 75 **יָדַעְתִּי יְהוָה כִּי צַדִּיק מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ וְאֱמוּנָה** *I know, O LORD⁴, that Thy judgments are righteous⁵, and that in faithfulness Thou has afflicted me.*
- 76 **יְהִי־נָא חֶסֶדְךָ לְנַחֲמֵנִי כְּאִמְרָתְךָ לְעַבְדְּךָ** *O may⁶ Thy lovingkindness comfort me, according to Thy word to Thy servant⁷.*
- 77 **יִבְאֹנִי רַחֲמֶיךָ וְאַחֲיָה כִּי תוֹרָתְךָ שִׁשְׁכֹנִי** *May Thy compassion⁸ come to me that I may live⁹, for Thy law¹⁰ is my delight.*
- 78 **יִבְשׂוּ יָדַימַי כִּי־שָׁקַר עֲוֹנוֹנִי אֲנִי אֲשִׁיחַ** *May the arrogant be ashamed, for they subvert me with a lie¹¹; but I¹² shall meditate on Thy precepts.*
- 79 **יִשׁוּבוּ־לִי יִרְאֶיךָ וַיִּדְעוּ [וַיִּדְעִי] עֲדֹתֶיךָ** *May those who fear³ Thee turn¹³ to me, even those who know Thy testimonies¹⁴.*
- 80 **יְהִי־לִבִּי תָמִים בַּחֲקִיךָ לִמְעַן לֹא אֲבֹשׁ** *May my heart¹⁵ be blameless in Thy statutes¹⁶, that I may not¹⁷ be ashamed.*

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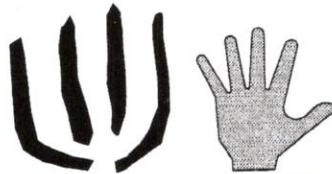
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life 10. תורה Torah 11. שקר lying 12. אני I 13. שוב repent 14. עדת testimony 15. לב heart 16. חק statute 17. לא no

Thy hands made me and fashioned me!

11

3

Kaf



The open hand



1ST OF 5 LETTERS THAT HAVE A "FINAL FORM"
THE SHAPE CHANGES IF ITS THE LAST LETTER OF A WORD



LOOKS LIKE DALET AND RESH BUT EXTENDS

Below BASE AT AN END? FINISHED ACCOMPLISHED ROOT KALAH

Each of the verses in the eleventh stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter כ Kaf. Because the letter Kaf is the *open hand*, these eight verses tell us that we all need the open hand of God. Cry out for His lovingkindness! Remember that it is not the hand of man you need, it is the open hand of God's lovingkindness that will revive your life and soul.

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Psalm 119: 81 - 88 תהלים קיט

TO BE COMPLETE) KALAH H3605

Spent consume LONGS FOR

PERMANENT

NOON

KAL H3605 "The whole" } FULLY ENOUGH ALL TOGETHER FOR ALL

- 81 כָּלִתָּה לְתַשׁוּעָתָךְ נַפְשִׁי לְדַבְרְךָ יְהוָה My soul **languishes** for Thy salvation; I wait for Thy word.
- 82 כָּלֹו עֵינַי לְאַמְרֶתְךָ לֵאמֹר מָתַי תִּנְחַמֵּנִי My eyes **fail** with longing for Thy word, while I say, "When wilt Thou comfort me?"
- 83 כִּי־הֵיִיתִי כְנָאד בְּקִיטֹור חֶקֶךָ לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, I do not¹ forget Thy statutes².
- 84 כַּמָּה יָמִי עֲבָדְךָ מָתַי תַּעֲשֶׂה בְרִדְפֵי מַסַּח How many are the days of Thy servant³? When wilt Thou execute judgment on those who persecute me?
- 85 כָּרוּלִי יָדַיִם שִׁיחֹת אֲשֶׁר לֹא כְתוּבָתָהּ The arrogant **have dug** pits for me, men who are not¹ in accord with Thy law⁴.
- 86 כָּל־מִצְוֹתֶיךָ אֱמוּנָה שֶׁקֶר רִדְפוּנִי עֲזָבְתָּ All⁵ Thy commandments are faithful; they have persecuted me with a lie⁶; help⁷ me!
- 87 כִּמְעֹט כְּלוּנִי בָאֲרֶץ וְאֲנִי לֹא־עֲזַבְתָּ כִּסְדְּךָ They **almost** destroyed me on earth, but as for me I⁸ did not¹ forsake Thy precepts.
- 88 כְּחֶסֶדְךָ חִינִי וְאַשְׁמְרָה עֲדוֹת פִּיךָ Revive⁹ me according to Thy lovingkindness, so that I may keep¹⁰ the testimony¹¹ of Thy mouth.

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- no 2. חק statute 3. עבד servant 4. תורה Torah 5. כל all 6. שקר lying 7. עזר help
8. חי life 9. אני I 10. שמר keep 11. עדת testimony

All Thy commandments are faithful!

Lamed



The staff

12TH Letter

Each of the verses in the twelfth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **Lamed**. Because the letter **Lamed** means the **staff**, these eight verses tell us that God's authority controls and protects us like a shepherd's staff. When we understand that God is sovereign, then we can say with confidence "I am Thine, save me."

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Psalm 119: 89 - 96 תהלים קיט

89 לְעוֹלָם יְהוָה דְּבָרְךָ נִצָּב בַּשָּׁמַיִם:

Forever, O LORD¹,

Thy word is settled in heaven.

90 לְדֹר וָדֹר אֱמוּנָתְךָ כֹּונֶנֶת אֶרֶץ וַתַּעֲבֹד

Thy faithfulness continues throughout all generations:

Thou didst establish the earth, and it stands.

91 לְמַשְׁפָּטֶיךָ עֲמָדוֹ הַיּוֹם כִּי הָכֹל עֲבָדֶיךָ

They stand this day according to Thine ordinances, for all² things are Thy servants³.

92 לִוְלִי תוֹרָתְךָ שִׁעְשָׁעִי אֲזִי אֲבֹדְתִי בָעַד

If Thy law⁴ had not⁵ been my delight, then I would have perished in my affliction.

93 לְעוֹלָם לֹא־אֲשַׁכַּח פְּקוּדֶיךָ כִּי־בָם חֲיֵיתִי

I will never⁵ forget Thy precepts, for by them Thou has revived⁶ me.

94 לִךָ־אֲנִי הוֹשִׁיעֵנִי כִּי פְקוּדֶיךָ דְרָשְׁתִּי

I⁷ am Thine, save me; for I have sought Thy precepts.

95 לִי קוֹו רָשָׁעִים לְאַבְדָּנִי עֵדְתֶךָ אֶתְבַּחֵם

The wicked⁸ wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Thy testimonies⁹.

96 לְכֹל תִּכְלָה רְאִיתִי קֶץ רַחֲבָה מִצִּוְתֶךָ

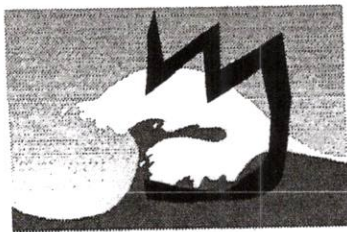
I have seen¹⁰ a limit to all² perfection; Thy commandment is exceedingly broad.

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God's name 2. כל all 3. עבד servant 4. תורה Torah 5. לא no 6. חי life 7. אני I
8. רשע wicked 9. עדת testimony 10. ראה see

Thou didst establish the earth,

Mem



Water

Each of the verses in the thirteenth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **Mem**. Because the letter *Mem* means water, these eight verses tell us that as water in the desert produces life and growth, God's word causes us to flourish. Those who love God's word grow in insight, understanding and wisdom.

מ

The Hebrew word that starts each verse is printed in bold when translated into English. You will notice that often it takes more than one English word to translate the Hebrew.

Psalm 119: 97 - 104

תהלים קיט

97 **O how** ¹ I love ² Thy law ³!
It is my meditation all ⁴ the day.

98 Thy commandments make me wiser **than** my enemies ⁵, for they are ever mine.

99 I have more insight **than** all ⁴ my teachers, for Thy testimonies ⁶ are my meditation.

100 I understand more **than** the aged, because I have observed Thy precepts.

101 I have restrained my feet **from every** ⁴ evil ⁷ way, that I may keep ⁸ Thy word.

102 I have not ⁹ turned aside **from Thine ordinances**, for Thou Thyself hast taught me.

103 How ¹ sweet are Thy words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey ¹⁰ to my mouth!

104 **From Thy precepts** I get understanding; therefore I hate every ⁴ false ¹¹ way.

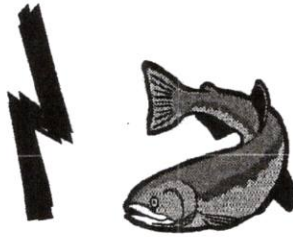
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1. how 2. אהב love 3. תורה Torah 4. כל all 5. איב anger 6. עדת testimony 7. רע evil 8. שמר keep
9. לא no 10. דבש honey 11. שקר false

I understand more than the aged!

14 Letters

Noon



Life

our
"N"

Action or Life

Each of the verses in the fourteenth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **N** Noon. Because the letter *Noon* means action or life, these eight verses tell us that God's word is like a lamp to my feet (allowing action even in the dark). When I am afflicted, I can turn to God to revive me (verse 107).

The Hebrew word that starts each verse is printed in bold when translated into English. You will notice that often it takes more than one English word to translate the Hebrew.

Psalm 119: 105 - 112 תהלים קיט

תהלים קיט
נשבעתי
השבעתי

- 105 **נִרְ-לְרַגְלִי דְבָרְךָ וְאוֹר לְנִתְיָבְתִּי** Thy word is a **lamp** to my feet, and a light to my path.
- 106 **נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי וְאֶקְיָמָה לְשֹׁמֵר מִשְׁפָּטֶי צִדִּיק** I have sworn, and I will confirm it, that I will keep Thy righteous ordinances.
- 107 **נִעְנִיתִי עַד-מָאד יְהוָה חַיִּי כְדְבָרְךָ** I am exceedingly **afflicted**; revive me, O LORD, according to Thy word.
- 108 **נִדְבֹוֹת פִּי רְצֵה-נָא יְהוָה וּמִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ לֹא יִשְׁכַּח** O accept the **freewill offering** of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me Thine ordinances.
- 109 **נַפְשִׁי בְכַפִּי תָמִיד וְתוֹרָתְךָ לֹא שָׁכַחַתִּי** My **life** is continually in my hand, Yet I do not forget Thy law.
- 110 **נִתְּנוּ רַשָּׁעִים פֶּח לִי וּמִפְקוּדֶיךָ לֹא אֶפְקֹד** The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I have not gone astray from Thy precepts.
- 111 **נִחַלְתִּי עֲדוּתֶיךָ לְעוֹלָם כִּי-שִׂשׁוֹן לִבִּי** I have inherited Thy testimonies forever, for they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 **נָטִיתִי לִבִּי לַעֲשׂוֹת חֻקֶּיךָ לְעוֹלָם עַד** I have inclined my heart to perform Thy statutes forever, even to the end.

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lamp 2. שמר keep 3. צדק justice 4. חי life 5. יהוה God's name 6. למד teach 7. לא no
8. תורה Torah 9. רשע wicked 10. עדת testimony 11. לב heart 12. חק statute

Revive me, O LORD,

according to Thy word!

Samech



15th letter



The prop

SUPPORT TO UPHOLD
those who LEAN ON
God completely

Each of the verses in the fifteenth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **Samech**. Because the letter **Samech** means a **prop**, these eight verses tell us how **God supports and upholds those who lean completely, not double-mindedly (verse 113) on His law.**

The Hebrew word that starts each verse is printed in bold when translated into English. You will notice that often it takes more than one English word to translate the Hebrew.

תהלים קיט 120 - 113 Psalm 119:

סַעֲפִים שִׁנְאַתִּי וְתוֹרַתְךָ אֲהַבְתִּי:

113

SA-NE-TI #8130
TO HATE ENEMIES FOR
I (hate) those who are **double-minded**,
but I love¹ Thy law².

(IN MIND)
DIVIDED
HEARTED

סִתְרִי וּמִגְנִי אַתָּה לְדַבְרְךָ יִחְלָתִי:

114

Se-A-Pim #5588
Thou art my **hiding place** and my shield;
I wait for Thy word.

AT
SKIPPED

סוּרוּ מִמֶּנִּי מְרֵעִים וְאַצְרָה מִצּוֹת אֱלֹהֶיךָ:

115

Depart from me, evildoers³, that I may observe⁴ the commandments of my God⁵.

סִמְכֵנִי כְּאִמְרַתְךָ וְאַחֲיָה וְאַל-תִּבְשֵׁן בְּחַיִּי:

116

Sustain⁶ me according to Thy word, that I may live⁷; and do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

סִעֲדֵנִי וְאוֹשַׁעַה וְאַשְׁעָה בְּחֻקֶּיךָ תָּמִיד:

117

Uphold me that I may be safe, that I may have regard for Thy statutes⁸ continually.

סִלִּיתָ כָּל-שׁוֹגִים מִחֻקֶּיךָ כִּי-שָׁקֶר הֵמָּה:

118

Thou has rejected all⁹ those who wander from Thy statutes⁸, for their deceitfulness¹⁰ is useless.

סָגַם הַשֶּׁבֶת כָּל-רָשָׁעִי-אֶרֶץ לֹא אֶתְהַוָּה:

119

Thou has removed all the wicked¹¹ of the earth **like dross**; therefore I love¹ Thy testimonies¹².

סִמְרָה מִפְּחָדְךָ בָּשָׂרִי וּמִמִּשְׁפָּטֶיךָ יִרְאָה:

120

My flesh **trembles** for fear¹³ of Thee, and I am afraid of Thy judgments.

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- love 2. תורה Torah 3. מרע villain 4. אצר treasure 5. אל God 6. סמך support 7. חי life
8. חק statute 9. כל all 10. שקר false 11. רשע wicked 12. עדת testimony 13. ירא fear

Ayin



The eye

Each of the verses in the sixteenth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter ע Ayin. Because the letter Ayin is the eye, these eight verses speak of seeing or understanding. Knowing where to look for salvation (vs 123) is crucial. It is to the God of lovingkindness (vs 124) and precepts (vs 128).



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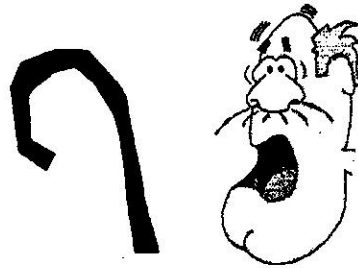
תהלים קיט Psalm 119: 121 - 128

- 121 **עָשִׂיתִי מִשְׁפָּט וְצֶדֶק בְּלִתְנִיחָנִי לֹעֵז** *I have done justice and righteousness¹; do not leave me to my oppressors.*
- 122 **עָרַב עֲבָדְךָ לְטוֹב אֲלֵי־עֲשֻׁקָי זָדִים** *Be surety for Thy servant² for good³; do not let the arrogant oppress me.*
- 123 **עֵינַי כָּלוּ לִישׁוּעָתָךְ וּלְאִמְרַת צִדְקָךְ** *My eyes fail with longing for Thy salvation, and for Thy righteous¹ word.*
- 124 **עֲשֵׂה עִם־עֲבָדְךָ כְּחַסְדְּךָ וְחַקֶּיךָ לִפְנֵי** *Deal with Thy servant² according to Thy lovingkindness, and teach⁴ me Thy statutes⁵.*
- 125 **עֲבָדְךָ אֲנִי הִבִּינִי וְאִדְעָה עֲדוּתֶיךָ** *I⁶ am Thy servant²; give me understanding, that I may know Thy testimonies⁷.*
- 126 **עַתָּה לַעֲשׂוֹת לִיהוָה הִפְרוּ תוֹרָתְךָ** *It is time⁸ for the LORD⁹ to act, for they have broken Thy law¹⁰.*
- 127 **עַל־כֵּן אֶהְבֵּתִי מִצְוֹתֶיךָ מִזָּהָב וּמִפֶּזֶז** *Therefore I love¹¹ Thy commandments above gold, yes, above fine gold.*
- 128 **עַל־כֵּן | כָּל־פְּקוּדֵי כָל יִשְׁרָתִי כָל־אֵת שֶׁקֶר שָׂנֵאתִי** *Therefore I esteem right¹² all¹³ Thy precepts concerning everything¹³, I hate every¹³ false¹⁴ way.*

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justice 2. עַבְדַּי servant 3. טוֹב good 4. לִמַּד teach 5. חֻק statute 6. אֲנִי I 7. עֲדוּת testimony
time 9. יְהוָה God's name 10. תּוֹרָה Torah 11. אֶהְבֵּת love 12. יָשָׁר straight 13. כָּל all 14. שֶׁקֶר false

Pey



The mouth

Each of the verses in the seventeenth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **Pey**. Because the letter *Pey* means a *mouth* or a *source*, these eight verses tell us that God's testimonies, words, commandments and precepts impact our lives. Those who know this truth will open (the word means to gape) their mouth in a sigh of longing for God's commandments.

The Hebrew word that starts each verse is printed in bold when translated into English. You will notice that often it takes more than one English word to translate the Hebrew.

תהלים קיט 129 - 136 Psalm 119:

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| 129 | פְּלֹאוֹת עֲדוֹתֶיךָ עַל־כֵּן נִצְרָתָם נַפְשִׁי | <i>Thy testimonies¹ are wonderful²; therefore my soul observes them.</i> |
| 130 | פֶּתַח דְּבָרֶיךָ יָאִיר מִבֵּין פְּתִיִּים: | <i>The unfolding of Thy words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.</i> |
| 131 | פִּי־פָעַרְתִּי וְאִשְׁאַפָּה כִּי לְמִצְוֹתֶיךָ | <i>I opened³ my mouth wide and panted, for I longed for Thy commandments.</i> |
| 132 | פְּנֵה־אֵלַי וְחַנּוּנִי כַּמִּשְׁפָּט לְאַהֲבֵי שִׁמְךָ | <i>Turn to me and be gracious to me, after Thy manner with those who love⁴ Thy name⁵.</i> |
| 133 | פְּעָמֵי הֶכֶן בְּאַמְרֹתֶךָ וְאַל־תִּשְׁלַט־בִּי כָסֶף | <i>Establish my footsteps in Thy word, and do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.</i> |
| 134 | פְּדֵנִי מֵעֶשֶׂק אָדָם וְאַשְׁמְרָה פְּקוּדֹתֶיךָ | <i>Redeem me from the oppression of man⁶, that I may keep⁷ Thy precepts.</i> |
| 135 | פָּנֶיךָ הָאֵר בְּעִבְדְּךָ וְלִמְדֵנִי אֶת־חֻקֶּיךָ | <i>Make Thy face shine upon Thy servant⁸, and teach⁹ me Thy statutes¹⁰.</i> |
| 136 | פְּלִגְמִים יִרְדּוּ עֵינַי עַל לֹא־שִׁמְרוּ תוֹרָתְךָ | <i>My eyes shed streams of water, because they do not¹¹ keep Thy law¹².</i> |

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1. testimony 2. wonderful פלא 3. gape פער 4. love אהב 5. name שם 6. man אדם 7. keep שמר
8. servant עבד 9. teach למד 10. statute חק 11. no לא 12. Torah תורה

Thy testimonies are wonderful

Tsadik



The hook

Each of the verses in the eighteenth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **צ** **Tsadik**. Because the letter **Tsadik** means a *fish-hook*, these eight verses tell us that we can be hooked by trouble, desire and righteousness (these words all use the hook).

The Hebrew word that starts each verse is printed in bold when translated into English. You will notice that often it takes more than one English word to translate the Hebrew.

תהלים קיט 137-144 Psalm 119:

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| צָדִיק אַתָּה יְהוָה וַיֵּשֶׁר מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ | 137 | Righteous ¹ art Thou, O LORD ² ,
and upright ³ are Thy judgments. |
| צִוִּיתָ צֶדֶק עֲדוּתֶיךָ וְאֱמוּנָה מְאֹד | 138 | Thou has commanded Thy testimonies ⁴
in righteousness ¹ and exceeding faithfulness. |
| צַמְתַּתְנִי קִנְאָתִי כִּי־שָׁכַחוּ דְּבָרֶיךָ | 139 | My zeal ⁵ has consumed me, because my
adversaries ⁶ have forgotten Thy words. |
| צְרוּפָה אִמְרָתְךָ מְאֹד וְעַבְדְּךָ אֶתָּה | 140 | Thy word is very pure ,
therefore Thy servant ⁷ loves ⁸ it. |
| צָעִיר אָנֹכִי וְנִבְזָה פְקָדֶיךָ לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי | 141 | I am small and despised,
yet I do not ⁹ forget Thy precepts. |
| צִדְקָתְךָ צֶדֶק לְעוֹלָם וְתוֹרָתְךָ אֱמֶת | 142 | Thy righteousness ¹ is an everlasting
righteousness ¹ , and Thy law ¹⁰ is truth ¹¹ . |
| צָר־וּמְצוֹק מְצָאוֹנִי מִצּוֹתֶיךָ שִׂשְׂכִּיתִי | 143 | Trouble ⁶ and anguish have come upon me;
yet Thy commandments are my delight. |
| צֶדֶק עֲדוּתֶיךָ לְעוֹלָם הִבִּינֵנִי וְאַתָּה | 144 | Thy testimonies ⁴ are righteous ¹ forever;
give me understanding that I may live ¹² . |

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1. righteous 2. יהוה God's name 3. ישר straight 4. עדת testimony 5. קנא zeal 6. צר trouble 7. עבד servant
8. ארב love 9. לא no 10. תורה Torah 11. אמת truth 12. חי life

Trouble and anguish have come upon me;

and Thy commandments are my delight!

Koof



The back of
the head



Each of the verses in the nineteenth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **ק** *Koof*. Because the letter *Koof* means *what follows*, these eight verses tell us whom to follow and cry out to in a time of distress. If we follow after God we will find Him near in difficult times. Wisdom is knowing whom to follow.

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תהלים קיט 145 - 152 Psalm 119:

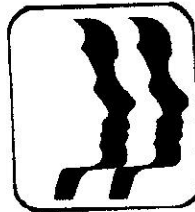
- 145 **קראתי** בכל־לב עֲנֵי יְהוָה חֲקִיךָ *I cried¹ with all² my heart³; answer me, O LORD⁴! I will observe⁵ Thy statutes⁶.*
- 146 **קראתיה** הוֹשִׁיעֵנִי וְאֶשְׁמְרָה עֲדֹתֶיךָ *I cried¹ to Thee; save me, and I shall keep⁷ Thy testimonies⁸.*
- 147 **קדמתי** בַּנֶּשֶׁף וְאֶשׁוּעָה לְדִבְרֶיךָ [לְדַם] *I rise before dawn and cry for help; I wait for Thy words.*
- 148 **קדמו** עֵינַי אֶשְׁמְרוֹת לַלַּיִל לְשֵׁיחַ בְּאִמְרוֹתֶיךָ *My eyes anticipate the night watches, that I may meditate on Thy word.*
- 149 **קולי** שְׁמָעָה כַּחֲסִדֶּךָ יְהוָה כַּמִּשְׁפָּטֶיךָ *Hear⁹ my voice according to Thy lovingkindness; revive¹⁰ me, O LORD⁴, according to Thine ordinances.*
- 150 **קרבו** רִדְפֵי זָמָה מִתּוֹרָתְךָ רַחֲקוּ *Those who follow after wickedness¹¹ draw near; they are far from Thy law¹².*
- 151 **קרוב** אַתָּה יְהוָה וְכָל־מִצְוֹתֶיךָ אֱמֶת *Thou art near, O LORD⁴, and all² Thy commandments are truth¹³.*
- 152 **קדם** יָדַעְתִּי מִעֲדֹתֶיךָ כִּי לְעוֹלָם יִסְדָּד *Of old I have know from Thy testimonies⁸, that Thou has founded them forever.*

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1. cry 2. כל all 3. לב heart 4. יהוה God's name 5. אצר treasure 6. חק statute 7. שמר keep
8. עדת testimony 9. שמע hear 10. חי life 11. זמה bad counsel 12. תורה Torah 13. אמת truth

Thou art near, O LORD!

Reysh



The head

Each of the verses in the twentieth stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **Reysh**. Because the letter *Reysh* means a *head*, a *person* or the *sum* (i.e. what is highest or most important), these eight verses tell us that the wicked miss God's salvation because they do not know what is important. These verses also tell us the sum of God's word is truth and it should have the highest regard in our lives



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תהלים קיט 153 - 160 Psalm 119:

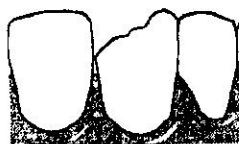
- 153 **רְאֵה-עֲנִי וְחַלְצֵנִי כִּי-תוֹרַתְךָ לֹא** *Look¹ upon my affliction and rescue me, for I do not² forget Thy law³.*
- 154 **רִיבָה רִיבִי וּגְאֹלֵנִי לְאִמְרַתְךָ חַיִּי:** *Plead my cause and redeem⁴ me; revive⁵ me according to Thy word.*
- 155 **רְחוֹק מִרְשָׁעִים יְשׁוּעָה כִּי-חֲקִיךָ לֹא** *Salvation is far from the wicked⁶, for they do not seek Thy statutes⁷.*
- 156 **רַחֲמֶיךָ רַבִּים | יְהוָה כְּמִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ חַיִּי:** *Great⁸ are Thy mercies⁹, O LORD¹⁰; revive⁵ me according to Thine ordinances.*
- 157 **רַבִּים רִדְפִי וְצָרִי מַעֲדוֹתֶיךָ לֹא נָטַשׁ:** *Many⁸ are my persecutors and my adversaries¹¹, yet I do not² turn aside from Thy testimonies¹².*
- 157 **רֵאֵתִי בְגִידִם וְאַתְקוּטָהּ אֲשֶׁר אִמְרַתְךָ לֹא** *I behold¹ the treacherous and loathe them because they do not² keep¹³ Thy word.*
- 158 **רֵאֵה כִּי-פִקּוּדֶיךָ אֶהְבֵּתִי יְהוָה כְּחַסְדֶּךָ** *Consider¹ how I love¹⁴ Thy precepts; revive⁵ me, O LORD¹⁰, according to Thy lovingkindness.*
- 159 **רֵאשִׁי-דְבָרְךָ אֱמֶת וְלִעוֹלָם כָּל-מִשְׁפַּח** *The sum¹⁵ of Thy word is truth¹⁶, and every¹⁷ one of Thy righteous¹⁸ ordinances is everlasting.*

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1. רָאָה see 2. לֹא no 3. תּוֹרָה Torah 4. גָּאַל redeem 5. חַי life 6. רָשָׁע wicked 7. חֻק statute 8. רַב great
9. רַחֲמִים compassion 10. יְהוָה God's name 11. צָר trouble 12. עֵדוּת testimony 13. שָׁמַר keep 14. אָהַב love
15. רֵאשִׁי sum 16. אֱמֶת truth 17. כָּל all 18. צַדִּיק righteous

The sum of Thy word is truth!

Sheen



The tooth

Each of the verses in the twenty-first stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **ש** **Sheen**. Because the letter **Sheen** symbolizes *devouring*, these eight verses tell us that when God devours or destroys, it is in order to bring peace (verse 165). The word picture for peace (shalom שלום in Hebrew) demonstrates that peace comes when we "destroy the authority that establishes the chaos." God destroys those things in our lives that bring chaos, so that we can experience His peace.



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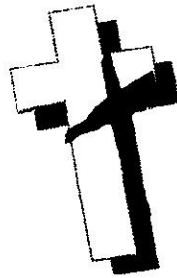
תהלים קיט 161-168 Psalm 119:

- 161 **שָׂרִים רָדְפוּנִי חֵנָם וּמִדְבָּרֶיךָ [וּמִדְבָּרֶיךָ]** *Princes¹ persecute me without cause, but my heart² stands in awe of Thy words.*
- 162 **שֵׁשׁ אָנֹכִי עַל-אִמְרֹתֶיךָ כְּמוֹצֵא שָׁלָל** *I rejoice at Thy word, as one who finds great³ spoil.*
- 163 **שָׂקַר שָׂנְאֹתִי וְאֶתְעֵבָה תּוֹרַתְךָ אֱהָבָה** *I hate and despise falsehood⁴, but I love⁵ Thy law⁶.*
- 164 **שִׁבְעַת בַּיּוֹם הִלְלֵתִיךָ עַל מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ צַדִּיק** *Seven times a day I praise⁷ Thee, because of Thy righteous⁸ ordinances.*
- 165 **שָׁלוֹם רַב לְאֹהֲבֵי תּוֹרַתְךָ וְאֵין לָמָּה יִפְּלוּ** *Those who love⁵ Thy law⁶ have great³ peace⁹, and nothing causes them to stumble.*
- 166 **שִׁבְרָתִי לִישׁוּעָתְךָ יְהוָה וּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ צִוֵּה** *I hope for Thy salvation, O LORD¹⁰, and do Thy commandments.*
- 167 **שָׁמְרָה נַפְשִׁי עֲדוֹתֶיךָ וְאֶהֱבֵם מְאֹד** *My soul keeps¹¹ Thy testimonies¹², and I love⁵ them exceedingly.*
- 168 **שִׁמְרָתִי פְקוּדֶיךָ וְעֲדוֹתֶיךָ כִּי כָל-דִּרְשׁוֹתַי** *I keep¹¹ Thy precepts and Thy testimonies¹², for all¹³ my ways¹⁴ are before Thee.*

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1. שָׂרִים princes 2. לֵב heart 3. רֹב leader 4. שָׂקַר lying 5. אֱהָבָה love 6. תּוֹרָה Torah 7. הִלֵּל praise
8. צַדִּיק righteous 9. שָׁלוֹם peace 10. יְהוָה God's name 11. שָׁמַר keep 12. עֲדוֹת testimony 13. כָּל all 14. דֶּרֶךְ way

Tav



The sign
The cross

Each of the verses in the twenty-second stanza of Psalm 119 starts with the letter **ת** *Tav*. Because the letter *Tav* means a *sign* or *the cross*, these eight verses tell us that when we long for God's salvation, when we have gone astray, it is God alone who can save us!

The Hebrew word that starts each verse is printed in bold when translated into English. You will notice that often it takes more than one English word to translate the Hebrew.

תהלים קיט 169 - 176 Psalm 119:

- 179 **תִּקְרַב רִנָּתִי לִפְנֵיךָ יְהוָה כְּדִבְרֶךָ הֵב** *Let my cry¹ come before Thee, O LORD²; give me understanding according to Thy word.*
- 170 **תָּבוֹא תַּחֲנֻנִּי לִפְנֵיךָ כְּאִמְרָתֶךָ הַצִּילֵנִי** *Let my supplication come before Thee; deliver me according to Thy word.*
- 171 **תִּבְעֶנָה שִׁפְתֵּי תִּהְלֶה כִּי תִלְמַדְנִי וְתִּהְיֶה** *Let my lips utter praise, for Thou dost teach³ me Thy statutes⁴.*
- 172 **תַּעֲזֹב לְשׁוֹנִי אִמְרָתֶךָ כִּי כָּל־מִצְוֹתֶיךָ צֶדֶק** *Let my tongue⁵ sing of Thy word, for all⁶ Thy commandments are righteousness⁷.*
- 173 **תְּהִי־יָדְךָ לְעֻזִּי כִּי בָּחַרְתִּי בְּחֻצֹתֶיךָ** *Let Thy hand be ready to help⁸ me, for I have chosen Thy precepts.*
- 174 **תִּאֲבֹתִי לִישׁוּעָתֶךָ יְהוָה וְתוֹרָתֶךָ שִׂשְׂכֹּן** *I long for Thy salvation, O LORD², and Thy law⁹ is my delight.*
- 175 **תְּחִי־נַפְשִׁי וְתִהְלֶלְךָ וּמִשְׁפָּטֶךָ יִצְרֹנִי** *Let my soul live that it may praise¹⁰ Thee, and let Thine ordinances help⁸ me.*
- 176 **תָּעִיתִי כִּשֶׁה אֲבִד בִּקְשׁ עֲבָדְךָ כִּי מִן־** *I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Thy servant¹¹, for I do not¹² forget Thy commandments.*
לֹא שָׁכַחְתִּי

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1. shout, to 2. יהוה God's name 3. למד teach 4. חק statute 5. לשון tongue 6. כל all 7. צדק justice
8. עזר help 9. תורה Torah 10. הלל praise 11. עבד servant 12. לא no

COMPANION BIBLE. APPENDIX 73.

THE TEN WORDS OF PSALM 119.

The number of the words which are frequently repeated in Ps. 119 has been variously given and enumerated by expositors and commentators. It will be better to give them here on the authority of the Massorah (Ap. 30).

The rubric on verse 122 is as follows : "Throughout the whole of the Great Alphabet [i.e. the Alphabetic Psalm, 119] there is in every verse one of the following ten expressions " DEREK (= Way), 'EDUTH (= Testimony), PIKKUDIM (= Precepts), MIZVAH (= Commandment), 'IMRAH (= Saying), TORAH (= Law), MISHPAT (= Judgment), ZEDEK, ZEDAKAH, and ZADDIK (= Righteousness), HOK, and HUKKAH (= Statutes), DABAR (= Word), which correspond to the Ten Commandments; except one verse, in which there is none of these : viz. verse 122." (Massorah, Ginsburg's Edition, Vol. II.)

The following list includes all the "Ten Words" given above, with every occurrence in the Psalm, together with the first occurrence of each word.

- i. WAY (derek) is from darak, to tread with the feet, and denotes the act of walking. Hence it is used of a going, or way, or journeying. The first occurrence is Gen. 3:24. It occurs in this Psalm thirteen times : vv. 1, 3, 5, 14, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 37, 59, 168.
- ii. TESTIMONIES ('eduth) is from 'ud, to turn back again, to go over again, to reiterate, hence, to testify. The first occurrence is Gen. 21:30 (edah). It occurs in this Psalm twenty-three times; nine times ('eduth), vv. 14, 31, 36, 88, 99, 111, 129, 144, 157; fourteen times ('edah, fem. sing.), vv. 2, 22, 24, 46, 59, 79, 95, 119, 125, 138, 146, 152, 167, 168.
- iii. PRECEPTS (pikkudim) is from pakad, to take oversight or charge : hence, mandates enjoined on others. It occurs only in the Book of Psalms (see 19:8; 103:18; 111:7). In Ps. 119 twenty-one times : vv. 4, 15, 27, 40, 45, 56, 63, 69, 78, 87, 93, 94, 100, 104, 110, 128, 134, 141, 159, 168, 173.
- iv. COMMANDMENTS (mizvah) is from zavah, to set up, constitute. Hence, constitutional commands. First occurrence Gen. 26:5. In Ps. 119 it occurs twenty-two times : vv. 6, 10, 19, 21, 32, 35, 47, 48, 60, 66, 73, 86, 96 (sing.), 98, 115, 127, 131, 143, 151, 166, 172, 176.
- v. WORD ('imrah) is from 'amar, to bring forth to light; hence, to say. The verb is very regularly followed by the words used; hence 'imrah means an utterance and the purport of it. Not the same as dabar (No. x below), which refers to the articulate utterance of it. The first occurrence is in Gen. 4:23, and is rendered "speech". In plural only once, Ps. 12:6 (the only place where the plural is found). In Ps. 119 it occurs nineteen times : viz. 11, 38, 41, 50, 58, 67, 76, 82, 103,

116, 123, 133, 140, 148, 158, 162, 170, 172. With **dabar** the two occur forty-two times.

- vi. **LAW (torah)** is from **yarah**, to project, issue : hence, to point out, to show (Prov. 6:13). Then, to instruct, teach. The Torah contains Jehovah's Instructions to His People, pointing out to them His will. First occurrence is in Gen. 26:5 (pl.). In Ps. 119 it occurs twenty-five times : always in the singular : viz. vv. 1, 18, 29, 34, 44, 51, 55, 61, 70, 72, 77, 85, 92, 97, 109, 113, 126, 136, 142, 150, 153, 163, 165, 174.
- vii. **JUDGMENT (mishpat)** is from **shaphat**, to set upright, erect (cp. Eng. right, and German richten and recht); hence, to judge. Mishpat means judgment. Its first occurrence is in Gen. 18:19 (in Jehovah's mouth). In Ps. 119 it occurs twenty-three times (always in plural, except four times), viz. : vv. 7, 13, 20, 30, 39, 43, 52, 62, 75, 84, 91 (ordinances), 102, 106, 108, 120, 121, 132 (as thou usest to do, see note), 137, 149, 156, 160, 164, 175.
- viii. **RIGHTEOUSNESS, RIGHT, &c. (zedek, masc.)**, is from **zadak**, to be right, upright, just, righteous. Hence the noun means rightness. By comparing the first occurrence (Lev. 19:15) with the second (Lev. 19:36) we get the idea that the word has special reference to equal balancing. Zedek (masc.) occurs twelve times, and is rendered "righteousness" : vv. 123, 142 (second), 144, 172; "right", v. 7, 62, 106, 138, 160, 164; "justice", v. 121. Zedakah (fem.), first occurrence, Gen. 15:6. In Ps. 119, "righteousness", vv. 40, 142 (first). Zaddik (adj.), spoken of a king (2Sam. 23:3), once, in v. 137. The three words fifteen in all.
- ix. **STATUTE (hok and hukka)** is from **hakak**, to hew, cut in, engrave, inscribe; hence, to decree, or ordain. The noun = a decree or ordinance. First occurrence, Gen. 26:5 (hukkah fem.). In Ps. 119 it occurs twenty-two times : viz. : vv. 5, 8, 12, 16 (hukkah, fem.), 23, 26, 33, 48, 54, 64, 68, 71, 80, 83, 112, 117, 118, 124, 135, 145, 155, 171.
- x. **WORD, WORDS (dabar)**, is from **dabar**, to arrange in a row; hence, to set forth in speech. It refers to the articulate form of what is said, whether spoken or written (cp. v above); to the mode or manner by which the ipsissima verba are imparted. The first occurrence is in Gen. 11:1 ("speech"). In Ps. 119 it occurs twenty-four times, three of them in pl., viz. : vv. 9, 16, 17, 25, 28, 42 (twice), 43, 49, 57 (pl.), 65, 74, 81, 89, 101, 105, 107, 114, 130 (pl.), 139 (pl.), 147, 160, 161, 169.

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