

Psalm 119:1-16

v1 – blessed	(adjective)	favoured by God
v1 – blameless	(adjective)	cannot be accused of wrongdoing before God
v2 – keep	(verb)	obey; follow
v2 – statutes	(noun)	rules or laws that are given by the rulers and formally written down
v2 – seek	(verb)	look for; search for; pursue
v4 – laid down	(phrasal verb)	officially stated that something must be done
v4 – precepts	(noun)	a rule or principle for action; a guide or rule for morals
v5 – steadfast	(adjective)	strong and firm; does not change or weaken
v6 – shame	(noun)	uncomfortable feeling or embarrassment when you do something wrong
v6 – consider	(verb)	think about carefully
v6 – commands	(noun)	instructions that must be obeyed
v7 – upright	(adjective)	careful to do what is morally right
v7 – righteous	(adjective)	just; fair
v8 – decrees	(noun)	official orders or decisions made by the ruler of a country
v8 – utterly	(adverb)	<i>a word used to emphasise that something is very great in extent or amount</i>
v8 – forsake	(verb)	abandon; leave alone
v9 – pure	(adjective)	not mixed with anything else; not containing harmful substances
v10 – stray	(verb)	wander away from where you are supposed to be
v11 – sin	(verb)	rejection of God; rebellion against God
v12 – praise	(noun)	expression of approval and admiration for someone’s qualities or actions
v13 – recount	(verb)	tell and give details about something
v14 – rejoice	(verb)	feel and express great happiness; show by your behaviour that you are very pleased about something
v15 – meditate	(verb)	think over something slowly over a long period of time and in great detail
v16 – delight	(verb)	feel great pleasure at something
v16 – neglect	(verb)	fail to give something the attention it deserves

Matthew 7:24-27

v24 – ‘puts them into practice’		does what they say; obeys them
v24 – wise	(adjective)	showing good judgment
v25 – streams	(noun)	small narrow rivers
v25 – rose	(verb)	moved upwards; became higher
v25 – foundation	(noun)	the layer of a building that the rest of the building is built on
v26 – foolish	(adjective)	showing a lack of good judgment
v27 – crash	(noun)	a sudden, loud noise

Psalm 119 (New International Reader’s Version)

א Aleph

- ¹ Blessed are those who live without blame.
They live in keeping with the law of the LORD.
- ² Blessed are those who obey his covenant laws.
They trust in him with all their hearts.
- ³ They don’t do anything wrong.
They live as he wants them to live.
- ⁴ You have given me rules
that I must obey completely.
- ⁵ I hope I will always stand firm
in following your orders.
- ⁶ Then I won’t be put to shame
when I think about all your commands.
- ⁷ I will praise you with an honest heart
as I learn about how fair your decisions are.
- ⁸ I will obey your orders.
Please don’t leave me all alone.

ב Beth

- ⁹ How can a young person keep their life pure?
By living according to your word.
- ¹⁰ I trust in you with all my heart.
Don’t let me wander away from your commands.
- ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart
so that I won’t sin against you.
- ¹² LORD, I give praise to you.
Teach me your orders.
- ¹³ With my lips I talk about
all the decisions you have made.
- ¹⁴ Following your covenant laws gives me joy
just as great riches give joy to others.
- ¹⁵ I spend time thinking about your rules.
I consider how you want me to live.
- ¹⁶ I take delight in your orders.
I won’t fail to obey your word.

Matthew 7:24-27 (New International Reader’s Version)

²⁴“So then, everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. But it does not fall. It is built on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man. He builds his house on sand. ²⁷The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. And it falls with a loud crash.”

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