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¹ ALEPH Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the LORD's law. ² Blessed are those who keep his statutes, who seek him with their whole heart. ³ Yes, they do nothing wrong. They walk in his ways. ⁴ You have commanded your precepts, that we should fully obey them. ⁵ Oh that my ways were steadfast to obey your statutes! ⁶ Then I wouldn't be disappointed, when I consider all of your commandments. ⁷ I will give thanks to you with uprightness of heart, when I learn your righteous judgments. ⁸ I will observe your statutes. Don't utterly forsake me. BETH ⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. ¹⁰ With my whole heart I have sought you. Don't let me wander from your commandments. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. ¹² Blessed are you, LORD. Teach me your statutes. ¹³ With my lips, I have declared all the ordinances of your mouth. ¹⁴ I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies, as much as in all riches. ¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts, and consider your ways. ¹⁶ I will delight myself in your statutes. I will not forget your word. GIMEL ¹⁷ Do good to your servant. I will live and I will obey your word. ¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things out of your law. ¹⁹ I am a stranger on the earth. Don't hide your commandments from me. ²⁰ My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times. ²¹ You have rebuked the proud who are cursed, who wander from your commandments. ²² Take reproach and contempt away from me, for I have kept your statutes. ²³ Though princes sit and slander me, your servant will meditate on your statutes. ²⁴ Indeed your statutes are my delight, and my counselors. DALETH ²⁵ My soul is laid low in the dust. Revive me according to your word! ²⁶ I declared my ways, and you answered me. Teach me your statutes. ²⁷ Let me understand the teaching of your precepts! Then I will meditate on your wondrous works. ²⁸ My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. ²⁹ Keep me from the way of deceit. Grant me your law graciously! ³⁰ I have chosen the way of truth. I have set your ordinances before me. ³¹ I cling to your statutes, LORD. Don't let me be disappointed. ³² I run in the path of your commandments, for you have set my heart free. HE ³³ Teach me, LORD, the way of your statutes. I will keep them to the end. ³⁴ Give me understanding, and I will keep your law. Yes, I will obey it with my whole heart. ³⁵ Direct me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in them. ³⁶ Turn my heart toward your statutes, not toward selfish gain. ³⁷ Turn my eyes away from looking at worthless things. Revive me in your ways. ³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant, that you may be feared. ³⁹ Take away my disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. ⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your precepts! Revive me in your righteousness. VAV ⁴¹ Let your loving kindness also come to me, LORD, your salvation, according to your word. ⁴² So I will have an answer for him who reproaches me, for I trust in your word. ⁴³ Don't snatch the word of truth out of my mouth, for I put my hope in your ordinances. ⁴⁴ So I will obey your law continually, forever and ever. ⁴⁵ I will walk in liberty, for I have sought your precepts. ⁴⁶ I will also speak of your statutes before kings, and will not be disappointed. ⁴⁷ I will delight myself in your commandments, because I love them. ⁴⁸ I reach out my hands for your commandments, which I love. I will meditate on your statutes. ZAYIN ⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant, because you gave me hope. ⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction, for your word has revived me. ⁵¹ The arrogant mock me excessively, but I don't swerve from your law. ⁵² I remember your ordinances of old, LORD, and have comforted myself. ⁵³ Indignation has taken hold on me, because of the wicked who forsake your law. ⁵⁴ Your statutes have been my songs in the house where I live. ⁵⁵ I have remembered your name, LORD, in the night, and I obey your law. ⁵⁶ This is my way, that I keep your precepts. HETH ⁵⁷ The LORD is my portion. I promised to obey your words. ⁵⁸ I sought your favor with my whole heart. Be

merciful to me according to your word. ⁵⁹ I considered my ways, and turned my steps to your statutes. ⁶⁰ I will hurry, and not delay, to obey your commandments. ⁶¹ The ropes of the wicked bind me, but I won't forget your law. ⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks to you, because of your righteous ordinances. ⁶³ I am a friend of all those who fear you, of those who observe your precepts. ⁶⁴ The earth is full of your loving kindness, LORD. Teach me your statutes. TETH ⁶⁵ You have treated your servant well, according to your word, LORD. ⁶⁶ Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. ⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted, I went astray; but now I observe your word. ⁶⁸ You are good, and do good. Teach me your statutes. ⁶⁹ The proud have smeared a lie upon me. With my whole heart, I will keep your precepts. ⁷⁰ Their heart is as callous as the fat, but I delight in your law. ⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn your statutes. ⁷² The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver. YODH ⁷³ Your hands have made me and formed me. Give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments. ⁷⁴ Those who fear you will see me and be glad, because I have put my hope in your word. ⁷⁵ LORD, I know that your judgments are righteous, that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. ⁷⁶ Please let your loving kindness be for my comfort, according to your word to your servant. ⁷⁷ Let your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight. ⁷⁸ Let the proud be disappointed, for they have overthrown me wrongfully. I will meditate on your precepts. ⁷⁹ Let those who fear you turn to me. They will know your statutes. ⁸⁰ Let my heart be blameless toward your decrees, that I may not be disappointed. KAPF ⁸¹ My soul faints for your salvation. I hope in your word. ⁸² My eyes fail for your word. I say, "When will you comfort me?" ⁸³ For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke. I don't forget your statutes. ⁸⁴ How many are the days of your servant? When will you execute judgment on those who persecute me? ⁸⁵ The proud have dug pits for me, contrary to your law. ⁸⁶ All of your commandments are faithful. They persecute me wrongfully. Help me! ⁸⁷ They had almost wiped me from the earth, but I didn't forsake your precepts. ⁸⁸ Preserve my life according to your loving kindness, so I will obey the statutes of your mouth. LAMEDH ⁸⁹ LORD, your word is settled in heaven forever. ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness is to all generations. You have established the earth, and it remains. ⁹¹ Your laws remain to this day, for all things serve you. ⁹² Unless your law had been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. ⁹³ I will never forget your precepts, for with them, you have revived me. ⁹⁴ I am yours. Save me, for I have sought your precepts. ⁹⁵ The wicked have waited for me, to destroy me. I will consider your statutes. ⁹⁶ I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commands are boundless. MEM ⁹⁷ How I love your law! It is my meditation all day. ⁹⁸ Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for your commandments are always with me. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged, because I have kept your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I have kept my feet from every evil way, that I might observe your word. ¹⁰² I have not turned away from your ordinances, for you have taught me. ¹⁰³ How sweet are your promises to my taste, more than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts, I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. NUN ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path. ¹⁰⁶ I have sworn, and have confirmed it, that I will obey your righteous ordinances. ¹⁰⁷ I am afflicted very much. Revive me, LORD, according to your word. ¹⁰⁸ Accept, I beg you, the willing offerings of my mouth. LORD, teach me your ordinances. ¹⁰⁹ My soul is continually in my hand, yet I won't forget your law. ¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I haven't gone astray from your precepts. ¹¹¹ I have taken your testimonies as a heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart. ¹¹² I have set my heart to perform your statutes forever, even to the end. SAMEKH ¹¹³ I hate double-minded men, but I love your law. ¹¹⁴ You are my hiding place and my shield. I hope in your word. ¹¹⁵ Depart from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God. ¹¹⁶ Uphold me according to your word, that I may live. Let me not be ashamed of my hope. ¹¹⁷ Hold me up, and I will be safe, and will have respect for your statutes continually. ¹¹⁸ You reject all those who stray from your statutes, for their deceit is in vain. ¹¹⁹ You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross. Therefore I love your testimonies. ¹²⁰ My flesh

trembles for fear of you. I am afraid of your judgments. AYIN ¹²¹ I have done what is just and righteous. Don't leave me to my oppressors. ¹²² Ensure your servant's well-being. Don't let the proud oppress me. ¹²³ My eyes fail looking for your salvation, for your righteous word. ¹²⁴ Deal with your servant according to your loving kindness. Teach me your statutes. ¹²⁵ I am your servant. Give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies. ¹²⁶ It is time to act, LORD, for they break your law. ¹²⁷ Therefore I love your commandments more than gold, yes, more than pure gold. ¹²⁸ Therefore I consider all of your precepts to be right. I hate every false way. PE ¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful, therefore my soul keeps them. ¹³⁰ The entrance of your words gives light. It gives understanding to the simple. ¹³¹ I opened my mouth wide and panted, for I longed for your commandments. ¹³² Turn to me, and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name. ¹³³ Establish my footsteps in your word. Don't let any iniquity have dominion over me. ¹³⁴ Redeem me from the oppression of man, so I will observe your precepts. ¹³⁵ Make your face shine on your servant. Teach me your statutes. ¹³⁶ Streams of tears run down my eyes, because they don't observe your law. TZADHE ¹³⁷ You are righteous, LORD. Your judgments are upright. ¹³⁸ You have commanded your statutes in righteousness. They are fully trustworthy. ¹³⁹ My zeal wears me out, because my enemies ignore your words. ¹⁴⁰ Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them. ¹⁴¹ I am small and despised. I don't forget your precepts. ¹⁴² Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness. Your law is truth. ¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have taken hold of me. Your commandments are my delight. ¹⁴⁴ Your testimonies are righteous forever. Give me understanding, that I may live. QOPH ¹⁴⁵ I have called with my whole heart. Answer me, LORD! I will keep your statutes. ¹⁴⁶ I have called to you. Save me! I will obey your statutes. ¹⁴⁷ I rise before dawn and cry for help. I put my hope in your words. ¹⁴⁸ My eyes stay open through the night watches, that I might meditate on your word. ¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice according to your loving kindness. Revive me, LORD, according to your ordinances. ¹⁵⁰ They draw near who follow after wickedness. They are far from your law. ¹⁵¹ You are near, LORD. All your commandments are truth. ¹⁵² Of old I have known from your testimonies, that you have founded them forever. RESH ¹⁵³ Consider my affliction, and deliver me, for I don't forget your law. ¹⁵⁴ Plead my cause, and redeem me! Revive me according to your promise. ¹⁵⁵ Salvation is far from the wicked, for they don't seek your statutes. ¹⁵⁶ Great are your tender mercies, LORD. Revive me according to your ordinances. ¹⁵⁷ Many are my persecutors and my adversaries. I haven't swerved from your testimonies. ¹⁵⁸ I look at the faithless with loathing, because they don't observe your word. ¹⁵⁹ Consider how I love your precepts. Revive me, LORD, according to your loving kindness. ¹⁶⁰ All of your words are truth. Every one of your righteous ordinances endures forever. SIN AND SHIN ¹⁶¹ Princes have persecuted me without a cause, but my heart stands in awe of your words. ¹⁶² I rejoice at your word, as one who finds great plunder. ¹⁶³ I hate and abhor falsehood. I love your law. ¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day, I praise you, because of your righteous ordinances. ¹⁶⁵ Those who love your law have great peace. Nothing causes them to stumble. ¹⁶⁶ I have hoped for your salvation, LORD. I have done your commandments. ¹⁶⁷ My soul has observed your testimonies. I love them exceedingly. ¹⁶⁸ I have obeyed your precepts and your testimonies, for all my ways are before you. TAV ¹⁶⁹ Let my cry come before you, LORD. Give me understanding according to your word. ¹⁷⁰ Let my supplication come before you. Deliver me according to your word. ¹⁷¹ Let my lips utter praise, for you teach me your statutes. ¹⁷² Let my tongue sing of your word, for all your commandments are righteousness. ¹⁷³ Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. ¹⁷⁴ I have longed for your salvation, LORD. Your law is my delight. ¹⁷⁵ Let my soul live, that I may praise you. Let your ordinances help me. ¹⁷⁶ I have gone astray like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I don't forget your commandments.