



KATHISMA 17

Psalm 118

Alleluia.

Blessed 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 You have commanded us to keep Your precepts diligently.

5 Oh, that my ways were directed to keep Your statutes!

6 Then I should not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all Your commandments.

7 I will praise You with uprightness of heart, when I shall learn Your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep Your statutes; O, do not utterly forsake me!

9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

10 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

12 Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes.

13 With my lips I have declared all the judgments 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 have respect unto Your ways.

16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your words.
17 Deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live and keep Your word.
18 Open My eyes, that I may behold wondrous things from Your law.
19 I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me.
20 My soul breaks with longing for Your judgments at all times.
21 You rebuke the proud that are cursed, who err from Your commandments.
22 Remove from me reproach and contempt, for I have kept Your testimonies.
23 Princes also sit and speak against me, but Your servant meditates on Your statutes.
24 Your testimonies are also my delight and my counselors.
25 My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.
26 I have declared my ways, and You heard me; Teach me Your statutes.
27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I talk of Your wondrous works.
28 My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.
29 Remove from me the way of lying, and graciously grant me Your law.
30 I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid before me.
31 I cling to Your testimonies; O Lord, do not put me to shame! 32 I will run in the way of Your commandments, for You shall enlarge my heart.
33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
35 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.
36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to covetousness.
37 Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity, and revive me in Your way.
38 Establish Your word to Your servant, who is devoted to fearing You.
39 Turn away my reproach which I fear, for Your judgments are good.
40 Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me in Your righteousness.
41 Let Your mercies also come to me, O Lord, Your salvation according to Your word.
42 So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, for I trust in Your word.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for I have hoped in Your ordinances.

44 So shall I keep Your law continually, forever and ever.

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

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

47 And I will delight myself in Your commandments, which I love.

48 My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on Your statutes.

49 Remember the word to Your servant, upon which You have caused me to hope.

50 This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has quickened me.

51 The proud had me greatly in derision, yet I did not turn away from Your law.

52 I remembered Your judgments of old, O Lord, and have comforted myself.

53 Horror has taken hold of me because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.

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

55 I remember Your name in the night, O Lord, and I keep Your law.

56 This I had, because I kept Your precepts.

57 You are my portion, O Lord; I have said that I would keep Your words.

58 I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; Be merciful to me according to Your word.

59 I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies.

60. I made haste and delayed not to keep Your commandments.

61 The cords of the wicked have bound me, but I have not forgotten Your law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, because of Your righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear You, and of those who keep Your precepts.

64 The earth, O Lord, is full of Your mercy; Teach me Your statutes.

65 You have dealt well with Your servant, O Lord, according to Your word.

66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe Your commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word.

68 You are good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes.

69 The proud have forged a lie against me, but I will keep Your precepts

with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease, 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 in gold and silver.

***Glory** to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia glory to You O God (3x); Lord have mercy (3x); Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.

74 They that fear You will be glad when they see me, because I have hoped in Your word.

75 I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray, Your merciful 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 ashamed, for they treated me wrongfully without a cause; But I will meditate on Your precepts.

79 Let those that fear You turn to me, those who know Your testimonies.

80 Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes, that I may not be ashamed.

81 My soul faints for Your salvation, but I hope in Your word.

82 My eyes fail from seeking Your word, saying: "when will You comfort me?"

83 For I have become like a leather bag in the frost, yet I do not 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, which is not according to Your law.

86 All Your commandments are faithful; They persecute me wrongfully; Help me!

87 They almost consumed me on earth, but I did not forsake Your precepts.

88 Revive me according to Your loving kindness, so that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

89 Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

90 Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.

91 They continue this day according to Your ordinances, for all are Your servants.

92 Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.

93 I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.

94 I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts.

95 The wicked wait for me to destroy me, but I will consider Your testimonies.

96 I have seen the consummation of all perfection, but Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

97 Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

98 You, through Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts.

101 I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.

102 I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

106 I have sworn and confirmed that I will keep Your righteous judgments.

107 I am afflicted very much; Revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.

108 Accept, I pray, the free will offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me Your judgments.

109 My soul is continually in my hand, yet I do not forget Your law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.

111 Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes forever, to the very end.

113 I hate vain thoughts, 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, for I will keep the commandments of my God!

116 Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, and I shall observe Your statutes continually.

118 You reject all them that err from Your statutes, for their deceit is falsehood.

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, and I am afraid of Your judgments.

121 I have done judgment and justice; Do not leave me to my oppressors.

122 Be surety for Your servant for good; Do not let the proud oppress me.

123 My eyes fail for seeking Your salvation and Your righteous word.

124 Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, And teach me Your statutes.

125 I am Your servant; Give me understanding, that I may know Your testimonies.

126 It is time for You Lord to work, O Lord, for they regarded Your law as void.

127 Therefore I love Your commandments above gold, yes, above fine gold!

128 Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way.

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 and panted, for I longed for Your commandments.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia glory to You O God (3x); Lord have mercy (3x); Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

132 Look upon me and be merciful to me, as Your custom is toward those who love Your name.

133 Direct my steps by Your word, and let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Redeem me from the oppression of man, that I may keep Your precepts.

135 Make Your face shine upon Your servant, and teach me Your statutes.

136 Rivers of water run down from my eyes, because men do not keep Your law.

137 Righteous are You, O Lord, and upright are Your judgments.

138 Your testimonies, which You have commanded, are righteous and very faithful.

139 My zeal has consumed me, because my enemies have forgotten Your words.

140 Your word is very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it.

141 I am small and despised, Yet I do not forget Your precepts.

142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold of me, Yet Your commandments are my delights.

144 The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting; Give me understanding and I shall live.

145 I cry out with my whole heart; Hear me, O Lord! I will keep Your statutes.

146 I cry out to You; Save me and I will keep Your testimonies.

147 I rise before the dawning of the morning, and cry for help: I hope in Your word.

148 My eyes are awake through the night watches, that I may meditate on Your word.

149 Hear my voice according to Your loving-kindness; O Lord, quicken me according to Your judgment.

150 They draw near who follow after wickedness; They are far from Your law.

151 You are near, O Lord, and all Your commandments are truth.

152 Concerning Your testimonies, I have known of old that You have

founded them forever.

153 Consider my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget Your law.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek Your statutes.

156 Great are Your tender mercies, O Lord; Revive me according to Your judgments.

157 Many are my persecutors and my enemies, yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.

158 I see the transgressors and I am grieved, because they did not keep Your word.

159 Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O Lord, according to Your loving-kindness.

160 Your word is true from the beginning, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

161 Princes persecute me without a cause, but my heart stands in awe of Your word

162 I rejoice of Your word as one who finds a great treasure.

163 I hate and abhor lying, but I love Your law.

164 Seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments.

165 Great peace have they that love Your law, and nothing shall offend them.

166 Lord, I hoped for Your salvation, and I did Your commandments.

167 My soul kept Your testimonies, and I love them exceedingly.

168 I kept Your precepts and Your testimonies, for my ways are before You.

169 Let my cry come before You, O Lord; Give me understanding according to Your word.

170 Let my supplication come before You; Deliver me according to Your word.

171 My lips shall utter praise, for You taught me Your statutes. 172 My tongue shall speak of Your word, for all Your commandments are righteousness.

173 Let Your hand become my help, for I have chosen Your precepts.

174 I longed for Your salvation, O Lord, and Your law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live and it shall praise You; And let Your judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; Seek Your servant, for I do not

forget Your commandments.

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Prayers after the Seventeenth Kathisma

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who are present everywhere and fulfilling all things, Treasury of Blessings and Source of Life: Come abide in us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us of our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for the glory of Your name.

Lord, have mercy (3x).

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Come, let us worship God our King. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King. Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

And these troparia, Tone 2:

I have sinned against You, O Savior, like the prodigal son: Receive me who repent, O Father, and have mercy on me, O God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

I cry out to You, O Christ Savior, with the plea of the publican. Cleanse me as

You cleansed him and have mercy on me, O God.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Birthgiver of God, do not despise me who am in need of your intercession, for my soul trusts in you; have mercy on me.

Lord, have mercy (*40x*).

Master, Lord Almighty and Creator of all, Father of compassions and God of mercies, Who fashioned man from the earth and showed him to be in Your Image and likeness that Your majestic Name might be glorified upon earth, and, when he was cast out because he transgressed Your commandments, recreated him anew in Your Christ and led him up to heaven; I give You thanks for You have multiplied Your wonders toward me and have not given me over to my enemies who seek to cast me down into the pit of hell, nor have You forsaken me to perish in my sins. Wherefore, O beneficent Lord of many mercies, Who desire not the death of a sinner but rather await his conversion and receive him, Who raise up the fallen and heal the crushed- turn me to repentance as well, raise me who have fallen and heal me who am crushed. Remember Your compassions and Your unfathomable goodness from all ages, and forget my endless sins, committed in word, deed and thought. Forgive the blindness of my heart and grant me tears of tender compunction that will cleanse the filth of my thoughts. Hearken, O Lord; pay heed, O Lover of Man; cleanse, O tender-hearted One; and free my wretched soul from the torment of the passions that rule over it. Let sin have no hold over me, and let not the warring demon overpower me or have his way with me, but by Your powerful hand snatch me from his mastery. Reign in me, O good Lord and Lover of Mankind; be well pleased to make me wholly Yours and live the remainder of my life according to Your will. In Your inexpressible goodness, grant me cleansing of heart, safeguarding of my lips, righteousness in my actions, humility of mind, peace in my thoughts, tranquility in my spiritual powers, spiritual joy, unfeigned love, longsuffering, goodness, meekness, unhypocritical faith, and all-embracing temperance; fill me with every good fruit, by the gift of Your Holy Spirit. Take me not away in the midst of my days nor snatch away my soul unamended or unprepared, but fill me with Your fullness. Thus take me away from this life, that passing by the chiefs and powers of darkness, by Your grace I too might behold the ineffable beauty of Your unapproachable glory together with all Your saints in whom is sanctified and glorified Your all-honorable and majestic Name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.