

Psalm 119

Psalm 119: 9-
16
Bet



Psalm 119.9-16

- “Wherewithal,” “whole,” “heart,” “blessed,” “lips,” “way,” “precepts,” and “statutes” are the first Hebrew words
- This stanza follows two trains of thought

119.9-16

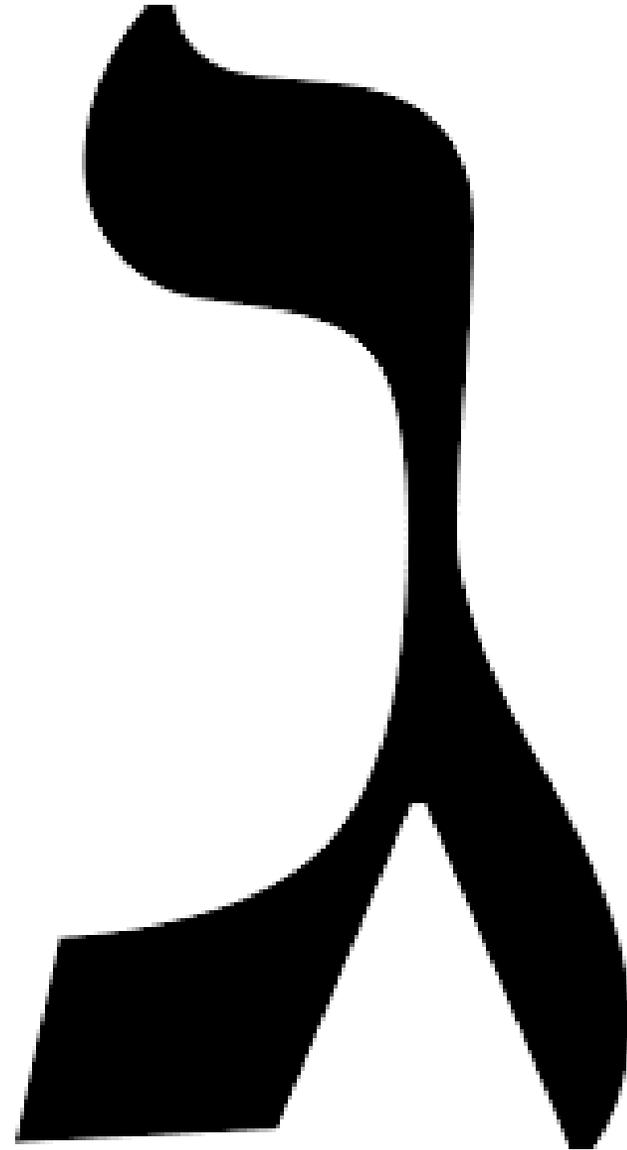
- 119.9-12: the Word of God in the heart of man
- 119.9: how will a young man keep his life clean? By guarding the Word
- Where does that happen?
- In our heart

- 119.10—he has put his entire heart into seeking God.
- 119.11—he has hidden God’s Word in his heart.
- Note: this includes Bible memorization, but it is much more than memorization
- 119.12—God’s Word is valuable, because God is valuable

- 119.13-16: The Word of God on the lips of man. God speaks His Words, our hearts absorb His Words, our lips speak His Words
- This is not about a sermon, or a formal lesson. The word declare means “talk about”
- 119.14—the Word is as valuable as money to him

- 119.15-16--Because the Word is valuable, he will “chew on” God’s Words, respect God’s ways, enjoy God’s statutes, and always remember them

Psalm 119:
17-24
Gimel



119.17-32

- The third (Gimel) and fourth (Daleth) stanzas add a new dimension to the song
- So far, the singer has spoken primarily of his relationship to the Word
- Now he introduces his relationship to the world
- His concern about the Word is not theoretical—he lives in a world hostile to it

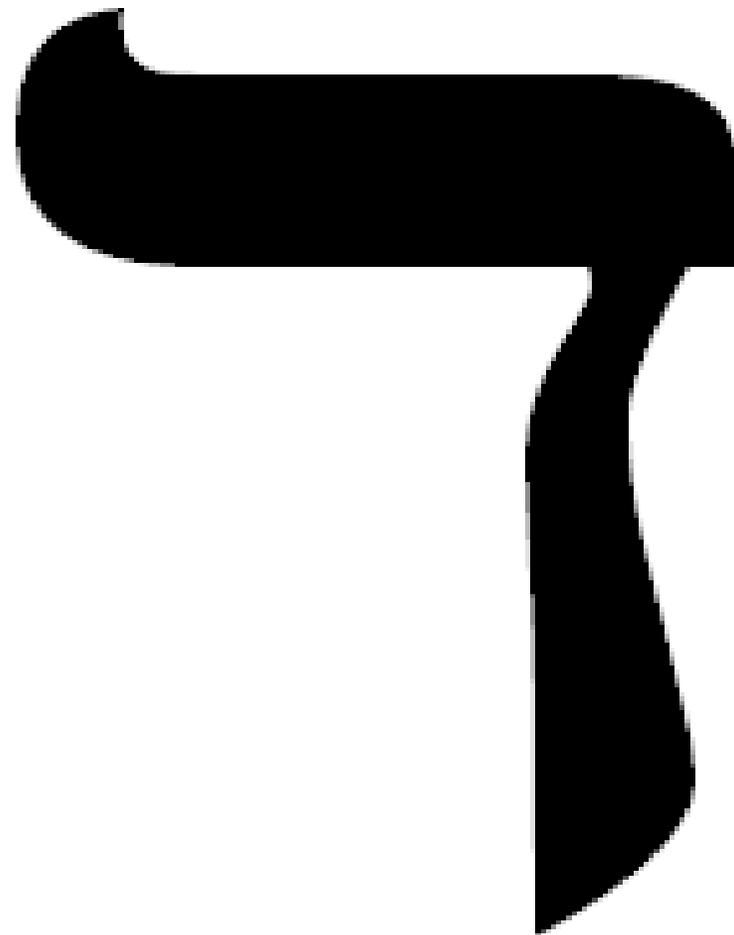
Psalm 119.17-24

- “Deal bountifully,” “open,” “stranger,” “breaketh,” “rebuked,” “remove,” “also,” and “also,” are the first Hebrew words

- 119.17-18—he prays for help to live righteously; able to see the power of God in his life
- 119.19—this because he is a stranger—a sojourner. Wherever he is living, he doesn't belong there.
- 119.20—he is burdened to know the Word
- 119.21-24—and this is because of the hostility of the world in which he lives

- 119.21—God’s Word rebukes the proud
- 119.22-23—who have spoken against the singer
- 119.24—God’s Word is his delight and advisor

Psalm 119:
25-32
Dalet



119.25-32

- “Cleaveth,” “ways,” “way,” “melteth,” “way,” “way,” “stuck,” and “way” are the first Hebrew words

- 119.25-28—The Word is precious to those who are suffering
- He is low (25), and burdened (28)
- Yet he is committed to adhere to and speak God's Words (26, 27)
- 119.29-32—the Word of God is liberating to those who are obedient
- In spite of the burden, committed to the Word, he anticipates the answer to his prayers