

50 It is my comfort and my joy,
For were my life not by thy word,
51 The proud, and such as God contemn
Yet will I not thy law forsake,
52 But call to mind, Lord, thy great works
Whereby I feel my joy surmount
53 Horror hath taken hold on me,
Forsake thy righteous law, and will
54 But as for me, I fram'd my songs
When I among the strangers dwelt,
55 I thought upon thy Name, O Lord,
Thy law also I kept always,
56 Thy grace I did obtain, because
I did embrace and also keep.

C H E T H.

The Eighth Part.

57 O God, who art my part and lot,
I have decreed and promis'd
58 With my whole heart I humbly su'd,
As thou therefore hast promised,
59 My life I have examined,
Which to thy statutes caused me
60 I did not stay nor linger long,
But hastily thy laws to keep
61 The cruel bands of wicked men
Yet would I not thy law forget,
62 Thy righteous laws and judgements are
That ev'n at midnight I will rise
63 I am companion of all them
O therefore grant I never may
64 Thy mercies, Lord, most plentifully
O teach me how I may obey

T E T H.

The Ninth Part.

65 According to thy promise, Lord,
For of thy grace in sundry sorts
66 Teach me to judge always aright,
For stedfastly I do believe
67 Before that I afflicted was
But now I keep thy holy word,
68 Thou art both good and gracious, Lord,
Thy ordinances how to keep
69 The proud and the ungodly have
Yet thy commandments still observe
70 Their hearts are ev'n like unto brawn,
But in thy law do I delight,
71 O happy time, may I well say,
That I thereby might learn thy laws
72 So that thy word and law to me
Than gold and silver in great sums,
J O D.

The Tenth Part.

73 Thy hands have made and fashion'd me,
Make me to understand thy law,
74 So they that fear thee shall rejoice
Because I've learned by thy word
75 I know, O Lord, thy judgements all,
And that in very faithfulness
76 Now of thy goodness, I thee pray,
And as thou hast me hitherto,
77 Thy tender mercies pour on me,
For joy and consolation both

when troubles me assail;
it suddenly would fail.
still make of me a scorn;
as if I were forlorn;
shew'd to our fathers old;
my grief an hundred-fold.
because the wicked do
have no regard thereto.
thy statutes to exalt,
and grief did me assault.
by night when others sleep;
and ever will it keep.
thy covenants most dear
with reverence and fear.

my comfort and my stay,
thy laws to keep always,
in presence of thy face;
Lord, grant to me thy grace.
and try'd my secret heart,
my feet straight to convert.
as they that stouful are,
I did myself prepare.
have made of me their prey;
nor from thee go astray.
so very great and high,
thy Name to magnify.
who fear thee in their heart;
from thy commandments start.
the earth throughout, do fill;
thy statutes and thy will.

so hast thou with me dealt;
have I thy servant felt.
and give me knowledge sure;
thy precepts are most pure.
I err'd and went astray;
and make it all my stay,
and in thy gifts most free;
therefore, O Lord, teach me,
against me forg'd a lye;
with all my heart will I,
which is exceeding fat;
and nothing seek but that.
when thou didst me correct!
and never them reject.
is dearer manifold,
or ought that can be told.

thy creature, Lord, am I;
and keep it faithfully,
whenever they me see,
to put my trust in thee.
most just and righteous be,
thou hast afflicted me,
some comfort to me send,
O Lord, still me defend.
then shall I surely live,
thy law to me doth give.

78 Confound

78 Confound the proud who do me seek
But as for me, thy laws to know
79 Whose with reverence do thee fear,
And such as know thy covenants,
80 My heart without all wavering
That no confusion come to me,

C A P H.

The Eleventh Part.

81 My soul doth faint, and ceaseth not
And for thy word's sake still I trust
82 My eyes do fail with looking for
Oh, when wilt thou me comfort, Lord?
83 Like as a bottle in the smock,
Yet will I not out of my heart
84 How long, O Lord, shall I yet live
That on my foes which me torment
85 Presumptuous men have digged pits,
Thus quite contrary to thy law
86 But thy commandments are all true,
To thee therefore I do complain,
87 Almost they had me clean destroy'd,
Yet by thy statutes I abide,
88 Restore me, Lord, again to life;
And so shall I thy statutes keep,

L A M E D.

The Twelfth Part.

89 In heav'n, O Lord, where thou dost dwell,
And shall to all eternity,
90 From age to age thy truth abides,
Whose ground-work thou hast laid so sure,
91 Ev'n to this day we may well see
According to thy ordinance;
92 Had it not been that in thy law
Long time e'er now in my distress
93 There will I thy precepts keep
Because that thou by them, O Lord,
94 No man to me can title make,
Save me therefore, for to thy laws
95 The wicked men that seek my bane,
But I will meditate upon
96 For nothing in this world I see,
But thy commandments and thy word

M E M.

The Thirteenth Part.

97 What great desire and fervent love
On it my daily study is,
98 Thy word hath taught me to exceed
For they are ever with me, and
99 My teachers who did me instruct,
Because I do thy statutes keep,
100 In wisdom I do far surpass
And that because I keep thy laws,
101 My feet I have refrain'd likewise
That so I might thy word observe
102 I have not from thy judgements swerv'd
Because thou hast me taught thereby
103 O Lord, how sweet unto my taste
Doubtless no honey in my mouth
104 Thy laws have me such wisdom learn'd,
All wicked and ungodly ways,

N U N.

The Fourteenth Part.

105 Ev'en as a lantern to my feet,
And to my paths where I do go

perverfly to destroy,
I will myself employ.
to me let them retire,
and them alone desire.
let-on thy laws be bent,
nor any discontent.

thy saving health to crave;
my heart's desire to have.
thy word, and thus I say,
why dost thou thus delay?
so am I parch'd and dry'd;
let thy commandments slide.
before I see the hour,
thy vengeance thou wilt pour?
thinking to make me sure;
my hurt they do procure.
and causeless they me grieve;
that thou may'st me relieve.
and brought me quite to ground;
and therein succour found.
thy mercies do excel:
till death my life expel.

thy word is stablish'd sure,
fast settled there endure.
as doth the earth witness;
as no tongue can express.
how thou dost them preserve,
for all things do thee serve.
my soul had comfort sought,
I had been brought to nought.
in memory full fast,
my life restored hast.
for I am only thine;
my ears and heart incline.
for me do lie in wait;
thy testimonies great.
which hath at length no end;
beyond all time extend.

unto thy law I bear!
that so I may thee fear.
in wisdom all my foes;
do give me sweet repose.
in knowledge I excel;
and them to others tell.
the ancient men also;
and so resolve to do.
from ev'ry evil way;
and keep without delay.
nor shrunk, as thou canst tell;
to live godly and well.
I find thy words alway!
doth taste so sweet as they.
that I do hate therefore
and will do evermore.

so doth thy word shine bright,
it is a flaming light.