

106 I have both sworn and will perform  
That I will keep thy judgements just,  
107 Affliction hath me fore oppress'd,  
O Lord, as thou hast promised,  
108 The free-will-off'rings of my mouth  
Accept, and teach me how I may  
109 My soul is ever in my hand,  
Yet do I not thy law forget,  
110 Altho' the wicked laid t' eir nets  
Yet from thy precepts did I not  
111 Thy law, O Lord, I taken have  
Because such great delight and joy  
112 For evermore I have t'en bent  
Ev'n so likewise unto the end

in truth and faithfulness,  
and them in life expris.  
and brought me to death's door:  
so me to life restore,  
which I to thee do give,  
after thy judgements live.  
great dangers me assail;  
nor it to keep will fail,  
to make of me a prey,  
once swerve or go astray.  
my heritage to be;  
it doth afford to me,  
thy statutes to fulfil,  
I will continue still.

SAMECH.

The Fifteenth Part.

113 All thoughts that vain and wicked are  
But for thy precepts and thy laws  
114 Thou art my hid and secret place,  
Therefore have I thy promises  
115 Therefore ye evil-doers all  
For the commandments w'll I keep  
116 As thou hast promis'd, so perform,  
Never ashamed of the hope  
117 Uphold me, and I shall be safe,  
And in thy statutes pleasure take  
118 Under thy feet thou hast trod such  
For nought avails their subtilty,  
119 Like dross thou cast'st the wicked out  
Therefore can I as thy commands  
120 My flesh doth quake for fear of thee,  
By reason of thy judgements great

I do always detest;  
I ever love them best.  
my shield and strong defence;  
look'd for with confidence.  
away from me be gone,  
of God my Lord alone,  
that I may live and be  
which thou hast given me,  
for ought they do or say,  
I will both night and day,  
as do thy statutes break;  
their counsels are too weak,  
wherever they do dwell;  
love nothing half so well,  
my soul is much dismayed;  
my heart is fore afraid.

AIN.

The Sixteenth Part.

121 I do the thing that lawful is,  
Resign me not to them that would  
122 But for thy servant surety be  
And never let the proud oppress  
123 My eyes do fail with waiting for  
And for thy righteous promise, Lord,  
124 Entreat thy servant lovingly,  
And thy commands most excellent  
125 Thy humble servant, Lord, I am,  
How by thy statutes I may know  
126 It is now time, Lord, to begin,  
Thy law likewise they have made void,  
127 This is the cause wherefore I love  
Or jewels fine which are esteem'd  
128 I thought thy precepts all most just,  
All crafty and malicious ways

and give to all men right;  
oppress me with their might;  
in that thing which is right;  
me with their rage and spite.  
thy health which I do crave;  
whereby thou wilt me save,  
and favour to him show;  
teach me also to know,  
grant me to understand  
best what to take in hand.  
for truth doth quite decay:  
and none doth it obey.  
thy laws much more than gold,  
most costly to be sold,  
and so them kept in store:  
I greatly do abhor.

PE.

The Seventeenth Part.

129 Thy covenants are wonderful,  
My soul therefore doth keep them sure,  
130 The entrance of thy word doth give  
The simple likewise understand  
131 My mouth I open'd and did pant,  
For thy commandments, which always  
132 With mercy and compassion look  
As thou art wont such to behold  
133 Direct my footsteps by thy word,  
And never let iniquity  
134 From slanderous tongues & deadly harms  
Thy precepts then will I observe,

and full of things profound;  
when they are try'd and found,  
to men a light most clear,  
when they it read or hear.  
because my soul did long  
do guide my heart and tongue,  
upon me from above,  
as thy Name fear and love.  
that I thy will may know;  
thy servant overthrow.  
preserve and keep me sure:  
with heart upright and pure,

135 Thy countenance which doth surpass  
Let shine on me, and by thy law  
136 Rivers of waters from my eyes  
Because I see how wicked men

the sun in its bright hue  
teach me what to eschew.  
incessantly do fall;  
thy laws keep not at all.

ZADE.

The Eighteenth Part.

137 In ev'ry thing, Lord, thou art just,  
And when thou dost tence pronounce,  
138 To render right and flee from guile  
And such as thou hast in thy law  
139 My zeal hath ev'n consumed me,  
Because my foes thy word forget,  
140 Thy word is very pure, and doth  
Therefore thy servant nothing more  
141 And though I be nothing set by,  
Yet do I not thy laws forget,  
142 Thy truth and righteousness, O Lord,  
Also thy law is truth itself,  
143 Anguish and grief have seiz'd on me  
Yet all thy precepts do I still  
144 The righteousness of thy commands  
Then teach them me, because in them

although the wicked grudge:  
thou art a righteous judge,  
are two chief points most high;  
commanded us strictly.  
and I am pin'd away,  
and will it not obey,  
greatly my heart rejoice;  
can love or make my choice.  
as one of base degree;  
nor shrink away from thee.  
for ever shall endure;  
most constant and most pure,  
and brought me very low;  
delight to hear and know.  
doth last for evermore;  
my life lies up in store.

KOPH.

The Nineteenth Part.

145 With fervent heart I call'd and cry'd,  
That thy commandments to observe  
146 To thee, my God, I make my suit,  
Thy testimonies then will I  
147 To thee do I cry in the morn  
For in thy word I put my trust,  
148 My eyes prevent the night-watches,  
That meditating on thy word  
149 Incline thine ear to hear my voice,  
As thou wast wont, so quicken me,  
150 My foes draw near, and greedily  
Far from thy law they are gone back,  
151 Therefore, O Lord, approach thou near,  
For all thy precepts are most true,  
152 Concerning thy commandments I  
That they remain for evermore,

now answer me, O Lord,  
I fully may accord,  
save me, I humbly pray;  
always keep and obey.  
before the day appear;  
and thee alone do fear:  
before they call, I wake,  
I might some comfort take,  
and pity on me take;  
left life should me forsake,  
do after mischief run;  
and wickedly it shun.  
since need doth so require;  
then help, I thee desire,  
have learned long ago,  
thou hast them grounded so.

RESH.

The Twentieth Part.

153 My trouble and affliction, Lord,  
Deliver me, for of thy law  
154 Defend my good and righteous cause,  
From death as thou hast promised,  
155 As for the wicked, they are far  
Because the way thy laws to know  
156 Great are thy mercies, Lord, I grant,  
According to thy judgements good  
157 Though many men did trouble me  
Yet from thy laws I never shunk,  
158 The great transgressors I behold,  
Because they do not keep thy word  
159 Behold how I do love thy laws  
Then quicken me, O Lord, for thou  
160 Thy word from the beginning hath  
Thy righteous judgements ev'ry one

consider and behold;  
I ever take fast hold,  
with speed some succour send;  
Lord, ever me defend,  
from saving health and grace:  
they enter not the trace.  
what tongue can them explain?  
let me my life obtain.  
and persecute me fore,  
nor went aside therefore,  
which is a grief to me;  
nor ever seek to thee.  
with a most upright heart;  
most good and gracious art,  
been ever true and just;  
always continue must.

SCHIN.

The Twenty-first Part.

161 Princes have persecuted me  
It was in vain, for of thy word  
162 And surely of thy word I was  
Than he that of rich spoils and prey

without a cause, but saw  
my heart did stand in awe,  
more joyful and more glad,  
great store and plenty had.