



From The Heart of the Rabbis

Teachings and Instructions to Live By

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The Goodness of God/טובות



Psa 119:65 **Teth.** You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word.

Psa 119:66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.

Psa 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

Psa 119:68 You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

Psa 119:69 The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;

Psa 119:70 their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law.

Psa 119:71 It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

Psa 119:72 The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Psa 119:65 טוב עשית עם־עבדך יהוה כדברך :

Psa 119:66 טוב טעם ודעת למדני כי במצותיך

האמנתי :

Psa 119:67 טרם אענה אני שגג ועתה אמרתך

שמרתי :

Psa 119:68 טוב־אתה ומטיב למדני חקיך :

Psa 119:69 טפלו עלי שקר זדים אני בכל־לב אצר

פקודיך :

Psa 119:70 טפש כחלב לבם אני תורתך שעשעתי :

Psa 119:71 טוב־לי כי־עניתי למען אלמד חקיך :

Psa 119:72 טוב־לי תורת־פיך מאלפי זהב וכסף :

The “Tet” Words of Psalm 119:65-72

Vs 65, 66, 68, 71, 72

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טוב

ṭôv

BDB Definition:

- 1) good, pleasant, agreeable (adjective)
 - 1a) pleasant, agreeable (to the senses)
 - 1b) pleasant (to the higher nature)
 - 1c) good, excellent (of its kind)
 - 1d) good, rich, valuable in estimation
 - 1e) good, appropriate, becoming
 - 1f) better (comparative)
 - 1g) glad, happy, prosperous (of man's sensuous nature)
 - 1h) good understanding (of man's intellectual nature)
 - 1i) good, kind, benign
 - 1j) good, right (ethical)

Vs. 67

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טָרֵם

terem

BDB Definition:

1) before, not yet, before that

Vs 69

H2950

טָפַל

tâphal

BDB Definition:

1) (Qal) to smear, plaster over, stick, glue

Vs 70

H2954

טָפַשׁ

tâphash

BDB Definition:

1) (Qal) to be gross, be insensitive, be fat



Tes or Tet – The Symbol of Goodness

Ancient Picture – Basket, Snake

Numerical Value – 9

The first Tet that appears in the Torah is in the Word TOV, good (Genesis 1:4)

This shows that the letter Tet is a general symbol for goodness. God is the essence of all TOV/Good.

All He created is TOV/Good- (Genesis 1:31).

Whatever His gracious will causes to happen is good. (Psalm 118:1).

Each verse begins with the letter Tet- i.e. theme of this section is the goodness of YHWH

The World He created is TOV/Good. During the 6 days of creation, God evaluated a day’s labor and pronounced Judgment over it. God saw that it was TOV- Genesis 1:12 It was sin that marred what God made to be good/TOV.

Rabbi Monk “When man follows the guidelines set by the Creator, the world remains good. But even when man is unequal to his challenge and pollutes the goodness of the world through evil actions, God grants him the gift of Teshuvah/repentance (From The Wisdom of Hebrew). That gift is found only in Yeshua Ha Mashiach alone In the Talmudic passages that discuss the teaching of the Aleph-Beis, we are told that God manifests Himself as The Good One, who does good.”

Tet stands for Objective Goodness.....

Man longs for a “good” life, “good” health, “good” business, a “good” year. But what is good?

Success is often ephemeral and prosperity corrupting. While setbacks and adversity often set the stage for advancement and triumph, only God knows what is truly, objectively good for man.

Our human concept of good is subjective, because we are limited in our outlook and cannot foresee the future. Man is often attracted by things which are actually not good for him, therefore when we express the wish “May HaShem Fullfill all desires of your heart” we add “for the objective good.

Good/Tov – Strong’s #2896,2898, 2895

Tov- Hebrew-means good, pleasant, beautiful, excellent, lovely, delightful, convenient, joyful, fruitful, precious, sound, cheerful, kind, correct, righteous, the good, the right virtue, happiness or pleasantness. It may refer to practical or economic benefits, wisdom, aesthetic or sensual goodness, happiness or preference. Moral goodness.

Psa 27:13 I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. (Hebrew Name Version)

The Goodness of YHWH/God

Exodus 33:19 & 34: 6-7

Psalms 33:5, 34:8, 119:68, 125: 4, 145:7

Isaiah 63:7

Jeremiah 33:11

Nahum 1:7

Romans 2:4, 11:24

Galatians 5:22-26

Mat 19:16 Behold, one came to him and said, "Good teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?"

Mat 19:17 He said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but one, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the mitzvot."

Yeshua was called "Good Master"

The God who unites heaven & earth is consistent with the word TOV. That which is called good has the ability to unite heaven and earth.

Yeshua is the one who connects heaven and earth

Psa 119:71 It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

Affliction

AFFLIC'TION, n. (Websters Dictionary 1828)

1. The state of being afflicted; a state of pain, distress, or grief.

Some virtues are seen only in affliction.

2. sickness, losses, calamity, adversity, persecution.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous. Psa 34.

We may suffer afflictions, but God has promised us victory over them if we walk according to His Torah and keep our faith In Messiah Yeshua-

Deuteronomy 28

10 Reasons for affliction/Negative

1. Sin
2. Backsliding
3. Misuse of tongue/LaShon Hara
4. Resentment
5. Pride
6. Mistreatment of others
7. Hardness of Heart
8. Idolatry
9. Forgetting God
10. Hypocrisy

Purposes of afflictions/Positive in working God's Goodness in our Lives

God knows what is truly "Tov/Good" for us. In affliction we learn to trust the "Goodness" of God and

Rom 8:28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose.

Purpose of Affliction – Trusting In God's Goodness in times of testing & trouble

1. To Work Good in Us - Psalm 119:71
2. Demonstrate Gods Faithfulness – Psalm 119"75
3. To test sincerity – Mark 4:17, James 5:10-11
4. To refine, purify and increase fruitfulness- Isaiah 48:10, John 15:2, Hebrews 12:10-11
5. To Increase power and graces- Romans 5:1-8, James 1:2-4, 4:7, 1 Peter 5:6-9
6. To bring back to God –Hosea 5:15
7. 7. To humble and correct – 11 Samuel 12:14, Psalm 89:30-32, Hebrews 12:5
8. 8. To make examples – 1 Corinthians 10:5
9. 9. To manifest love – Proverbs 3:11-12, Hebrews 12:5-10, Revelation 3:19

10. 10. TO give reward – Romans 8:17, 11 Cor.
4:17, James 1:12, 1 Peter 1:7, 4:14
11. 11. To learn obedience and truth – Psalm
119:71, Hebrews 5:8, 12:5-10