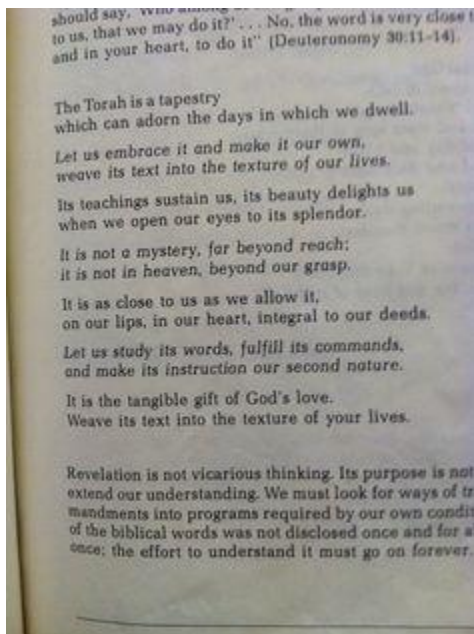




## From The Heart of the Rabbis Teachings and Instructions to Live By

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### Teach Me The Way of Your Statutes

- Psa 119:33 ה (Heh) Teach me, Adonai, the way of your laws; keeping them will be its own reward for me.
- Psa 119:34 Give me understanding; then I will keep your Torah; I will observe it with all my heart.
- Psa 119:35** Guide me on the path of your mitzvot, for I take pleasure in it.
- Psa 119:36 Bend my heart toward your instructions and not toward selfish gain.
- Psa 119:37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things; with your ways, give me life.

- Psa 119:38 Fulfill your promise, which you made to your servant, which you made to those who fear you.
- Psa 119:39 Avert the disgrace which I dread, for your rulings are good.
- Psa 119:40 See how I long for your precepts; in your righteousness, give me life! (CJB)

- Psa 119:33 הורני יהוה דרך חקיך ואצרנה עקב:  
 Psa 119:34 הבינני ואצרה תורתך ואשמרנה בכל-לב:  
 Psa 119:35 הדריכני בנתיב מצותיך כדיבו חפצתי:  
 Psa 119:36 הטילבי אל-עדותיך ואל אל-בצע:  
 Psa 119:37 העבר עיני מראות שוא בדרכך היני:  
 Psa 119:38 הקם לעבדך אמרתך אשר ליראתך:  
**Psa 119:39** העבר חרפתי אשר יגרתי כי משפטך טובים:  
 Psa 119:40 הנה תאבתי לפקדיך בצדקתך היני:

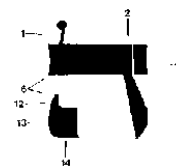
Hei – The symbol of Divinity, Gentility & Specificity

Ancient Symbol – Arms extended – Meaning, Behold, to Reveal

The sound of Hei is a mere exaltation of breath, it requires little effort, no movement of the lip, tongue or mouth. This effortless enunciation symbolizes the effortless creation of the World.

Ps. 33:6,

Col 1:16-17



Hei, with which The World was created (form of the Divine Name is Yud Hei (Yah) stands for freedom of choice. The Talmud expounds, on the form of the hey. It looks like a lobby with 3 Walls, but with one side completely open. This indicates that god does not confine man to a life of Torah's observance, but allows him free choice. He is free to obey or disobey God's will, but if he chooses to leave the safety of the Torah's spiritual & moral boundaries, and he loses his foot hold and slips as it were, through the open space of the hey into the abyss.

Simultaneously however, hey, symbolizes Gods readiness to forgive penitents. God created the

opportunity for a sinner to return to Him (Yeshua) through teshuvah/repentance. That is why the left leg near the top, symbolizes that space always remains through which a repentant sinner can return and be drawn into HaShem/God again (Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet)

**The first Words in this Psalm that begin with the Hebrew letter Hei. There is a “Hei” in front of each of these Hebrew Words.**

הורני<sup>H3384</sup> **H3384**

ירה / ירא

yârâh / yârâ'

**BDB Definition:**

1) to throw, shoot, cast, pour

הביני<sup>H995</sup> **Ha Biyn H995**

בין

bîyn Actual hebrew הביני

**BDB Definition:**

1) to discern, understand, consider

הדריכני<sup>H1869</sup> Darak **H1869**

דרך

dâarak הדריכני<sup>H1869</sup>

**BDB Definition:**

1) to tread, bend, lead, march

הט<sup>H5186</sup>

nâṭâh

**BDB Definition:**

1) to stretch out, extend, spread out, pitch, turn, pervert, incline, bend, bow

העבר<sup>H5674</sup> **H5674**

עבר

ʿâbar

**BDB Definition:**

1) to pass over or by or through, alienate, bring, carry, do away, take, take away, transgress

הקם<sup>H696</sup> **H6965**

קום

qûm

**BDB Definition:**

1) to rise, arise, stand, rise up, stand up

העבר<sup>H56</sup> **H5674**

עבר

ʿâbar

**BDB Definition:**

1) to pass over or by or through, alienate, bring, carry, do away, take, take away, transgress

**Rashi Commentary**

**Vs 38 Fulfill for Your Servant Your word:** that You promised me.

**that is for Your fear:** That I and my children shall fear Your name, for on that condition You promised me ([I Kings 2:4](#)): “if your children take heed in their way, etc.

**Vs 39 Remove my disgrace:** Forgive me for that sin [with Bath-sheba], and my enemies will no longer be able to disgrace me with it.

**for Your judgments are good:** and I already accept upon myself “to repay the ewe-lamb fourfold.”

Proverbs 18:15 An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

Proverbs 15:32 Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.

The greatest reward for us as a Parent is to see our children walk in the Torah, accept Yeshua as their Redeemer and serve God and pass it on to our children and children’s children.

Since Yeshua is the Word made Flesh, can we say that the requests of these Psalms can also be used as a Prayer to know the living Torah Yeshua? To walk out the Torah and live it as He did? To be obedient from the Aleph to the Tav and honor and obey it as He did? To have the Torah in our hearts as he did?

Yes, that would be my prayer and desire, to be able to walk out the Torah as Yeshua did. To serve others in the Spirit of the Torah as Yeshua did. To be a living Torah read by all men that they would desire to have the same relationship with The Word as the Psalmist so beautifully has written.

On the festive holiday of **Simchat Torah (Joy of the Torah)**, the Jewish People are expressing their gratitude to God for giving us the great gift of His Word.

If they only knew that the Word they so joyously celebrate is none other than the Messiah Yeshua.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... **and the Word became flesh** and made His dwelling among us.” (*John 1:1, 14*)

Throughout the Tanakh (Old Testament), the Jewish people read that the Word of God in the **Torah (first five books of Moses)** is everything they need to live a righteous and long live. (Messianic Jewish Bible Society)

As it is written:

### **The Torah (Word) is the Way**

“Teach them the statutes and the laws [torah], and make known to them the **way** in which they are to walk and the work they are to do.” (*Exodus 18:20; see also Psalm 119:1*)

### **The Torah (Word) is Truth**

“Your righteousness is everlasting and your law [torah] is **true**.” (*Psalm 119:142*)

### **The Torah (Word) is Life**

“The teaching [torah] of the wise is a fountain of **life**, turning a person from the snares of death.” (*Proverbs 13:14; see also Deuteronomy 32:47*)

### **The Torah (Word) is Yeshua!**

“**I am the Way and the Truth and the Life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (*John 14:6*)

In fact, whenever Yeshua refers to Himself as “I” we could replace it with “Torah” because they are one just as Father God and Yeshua are one.

“I [Torah] and the Father are one.” (*John 10:30*)

**We also need the help of the Ruach HaKodesh** to gives illumination, revelation and insight into the Word of God. It is not a Novel that you read one time and then toss to the side. It is filled with the Will of God for our lives which can only be assimilated into our lives as we study to do it. Head knowledge is not enough; we must put into actions the Word in our lives.

James 1:22-25

Jas 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Jas 1:23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

Jas 1:24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

Jas 1:25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

### **Receiving the Seed of His Word in Your Heart.**

Mark 4:1-20

**Mar 4:1** Again he began to teach beside the sea.

And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land.

Mar 4:2 And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them:

Mar 4:3 "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.

Mar 4:4 And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it.

Mar 4:5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil.

Mar 4:6 And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away.

Mar 4:7 Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain.

Mar 4:8 And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

Mar 4:9 And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Mar 4:10 And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.

Mar 4:11 And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables,

Mar 4:12 so that "they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven."

Mar 4:13 And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"

Mar 4:14 The sower sows the word.

Mar 4:15 And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.

Mar 4:16 And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy.

Mar 4:17 And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.

Mar 4:18 And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word,

Mar 4:19 but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

Mar 4:20 But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

**Rocky ground** – receives the Word but quickly turns away from God when persecution comes.

**Thorn filled**-The World more important than the Word. Easily deceived by the things of the World.

**Good Soil** – A heart that hungers and thirsts for truth no matter what the cost or sacrifice. They have gotten rid of all the rocks and thorns that would hinder their walk and prepared their hearts via repentance and faith.

They are always bearing fruit in their lives up to a 100%!

What kind of ground do we have? Here Yeshua indicates that the Word will only bear fruit if the ground is well prepared to receive the seed of the Word.