

428.How Blessed Are the Perfect in the Way

How bles-sed are the per-fect in the way Who, wal-king in -
 O let Thy Spi - rit be my con - stant aid, That all my ways may
 ho-vah's law with plea - sure, Pre - serve their pi - e - ty from day to day.
 e - ver be di - rected To keep Thy sta - tutes, so to be o - beyed,
 How blest are they who make His Word their trea - sure, Who keep His tes - ti -
 That from all er - ror I may be pro - tec - ted. I shall not be a -
 mo - nies and dis - play Their love for Him whose good-ness none can mea - sure.
 shamed then or a - fraid, When Thy com mand-ments I have e'er re - spec - ted.

3.O Lord, how shall a youth preserve his way,
 At every turn by vanity surrounded?
 In truth, if he Thy statutes will obey,
 If on Thy Word his attitudes are founded.
 Thou whom I've sought, O let me never stray
 From Thy commandments, lest I be confounded.

4.Thy precepts have I hid within my heart,
 Lest I should stray and fall into transgression;
 O teach Thou me and unto me impart
 Thy statutes for a permanent possession.
 In all Thy judgments Thou most righteous art;
 Thy truth I praise in rapturous confession.

5.O teach me, Lord, the way that I should go;
Then shall Thy servant walk therein forever.
Give understanding all Thy paths to know;
Then shall I keep Thy law with zealous fervor.
Instruct me in Thy perfect will and, lo,
I shall observe it with my whole endeavor.

6.O Lord, Thou art my portion and my lot;
I said that I would keep Thy Word forever,
Though to my sorrow I have oft forgot.
With all my heart I now entreat Thy favor:
Be merciful to me and chasten not;
According to Thy Word be Thou my Savior.

7.O how I love Thy law! Yea, Thou canst see
Through all the day it is my meditation;
By Thy commandments, Lord, Thou madest me
More wise than all who seek my ruination.
Thy testimonies evermore shall be
The perfect source of all my inspiration.

8.Thy Word is as a lamp unto my feet,
A light upon my pathway unto heaven;
I've sworn an oath, which gladly I repeat,
That I shall keep, as always I have striven,
Thy righteous judgments, holy and complete,
When unto me Thy helping grace is given.

9.Great peace have they who love Thy perfect law;
They shall not swerve from paths of consecration;
Their happiness shall be without a flaw.
Lord, I have ever hoped for Thy salvation;
All Thy commandments I have kept with awe;
Thy precepts are my daily meditation.

10.Grant life unto my soul, O Lord, I pray;
Shed still the brightness of Thy presence o'er me;
Then shall I praise Thee in a perfect way,
Yea, let Thy judgments quicken and restore me.
Thy servant like a sheep has gone astray,
Yet Thy commandments I will keep before me.