

Delighting in God's Path: The Cleansing Power of God's Word

Psalm 119:9-16



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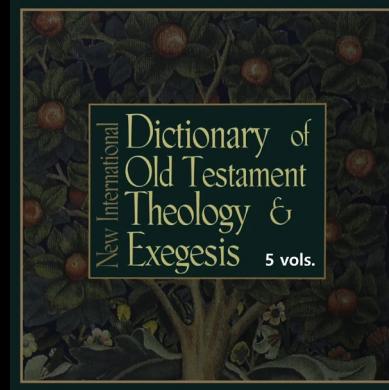
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Psalm 119:9 (NASB 2020)

The word is used to cover a wide range of age-groups, from an unborn child (Judg 13:5, 7, 8, 12), to one just born (1 Sam 4:21), to a three-month-old child (Exod 2:6), to a child not yet weaned (1 Sam 1:22), to a child recently weaned (1 Sam 1:24), to a seventeen-year-old (Gen 37:2 [NIV, “a young man”]), to a thirty-year-old (Gen 41:12; cf. v. 46, [NIV “a young Hebrew”]). There seems to be no case where a נער was married.

Thus, we may conclude that one meaning of נער is that it refers to any young person from infancy to just before marriage.



⁶For at the window of my house I
looked out through my lattice,

⁷And I saw among the naive, And
discerned among the youths **A young
man** lacking sense,

Proverbs 7:6–7 (NASB 2020)

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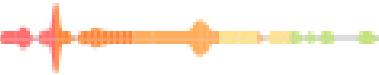
שָׁמַר (šāmar)

1. to keep, watch over
2. to take care of, preserve, protect
3. to take care of, save, retain
4. to keep > to watch, observe
5. together with a second vb., meaning to do something carefully
6. to watch over
7. שָׁמַר used with a cognate sbst. as a term for keeping watch, or alternatively for maintaining the prescribed watch:
8. with acc., to observe an order, stick to an agreement, keep an appointment



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perform, performed, performing

protect, protected, protects

watch, watched, watches...

guard, guarded, guards

kept

care, careful,
carefully...



keep, keeping, keeps

39 And as the king passed by, he cried out to the king and said, “Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and behold, a man turned aside and brought a man to me and said, ‘**Guard** this man; if for any reason he goes missing, then your life shall be *forfeited* in place of his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.’

1 Kings 20:39 (NASB 2020)

⁵Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding! Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

⁶“Do not abandon her, and she will **guard** you; Love her, and she will watch over you.

Proverbs 4:5–6 (NASB 2020)

²⁵Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah,
Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were
gatekeepers **keeping watch** at the
storerooms of the gates.

Nehemiah 12:25 (NASB 2020)

July 4, ~2003





23 Watch over your heart with all
diligence, For from it *flow* the springs
of life.

Proverbs 4:23 (NASB 2020)

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Onlookers capture video of tourists risking their lives at the Grand Canyon: 'Now a rescue team has to get involved and put themselves at risk'

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident.



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10With all my heart I have sought You;
Do not let me wander from Your
commandments.

Psalm 119:10 (NASB 2020)

דָּרַשׁ (dāraš)

1. with acc. **to seek with care**, care for
2. to study and interpret
- 3a. to enquire about
- 3b. to investigate
4. with acc. to require (someone's blood, life)
5. to search
6. with acc. to be intent on



²**Blessed** are those who comply with
His testimonies, And **seek** Him with
all *their* heart.

Psalm 119:2 (NASB 2020)

45 And I will walk at liberty, For I seek
Your precepts.

Psalm 119:45 (NASB 2020)

³¹Do not worry then, saying, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear for clothing?’ ³²For the **Gentiles eagerly seek all these things**; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But **seek first His kingdom and His righteousness**, and all these things will be provided to you.

Matthew 6:31–33 (NASB 2020)

13 And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 ‘I will let Myself be found by you,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.’ Jeremiah 29:13–14 (NASB 2020)

¹Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ, **keep seeking the things *that are* above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.** ²Set your minds on the things *that are* above, not on the things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Colossians 3:1–4 (NASB 2020)

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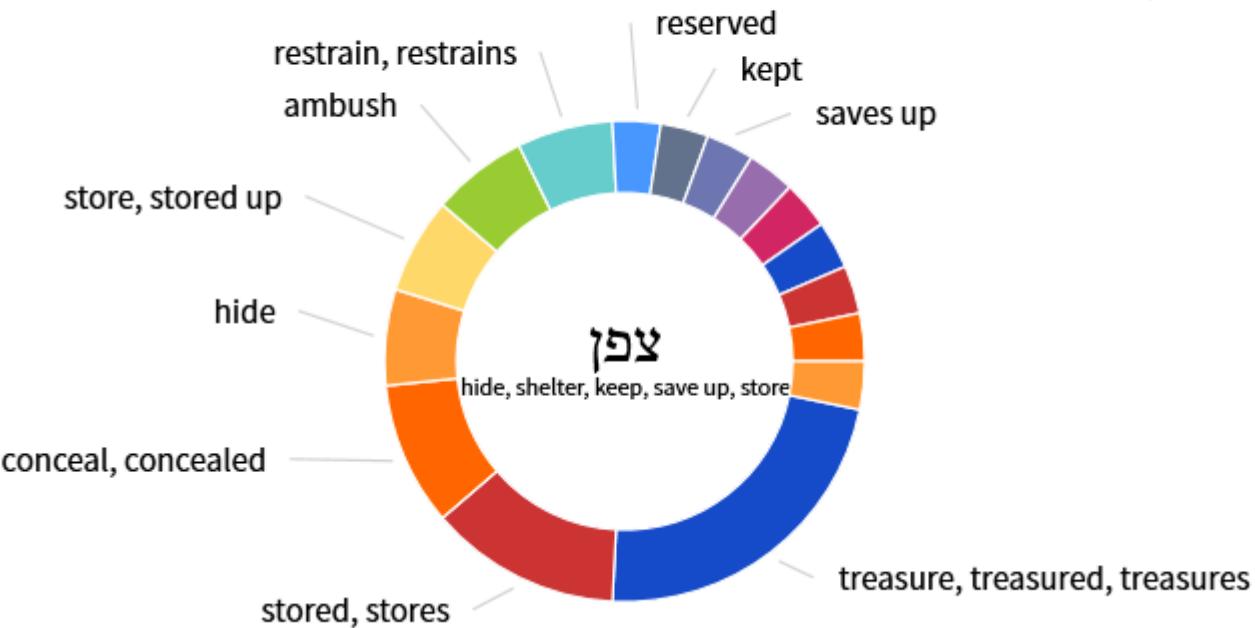
Psalm 119:14 (NASB 2020)

11 I have treasured Your word in my heart, So that I may not sin against You.

Psalm 119:11 (NASB 2020)

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²¹when I saw among the spoils a beautiful robe from Shinar, two hundred shekels of silver, and a bar of gold fifty shekels in weight, then I wanted them and took them; and behold, they are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

Joshua 7:21 (NASB 2020)

44“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid *again*; and from joy over it he goes and **sells everything that he has**, and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44 (NASB 2020)

12“I have not failed the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

Job 23:12 (NASB 2020)

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1²Blessed are You, LORD; Teach me
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Psalm 119:12 (NASB 2020)

28“Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

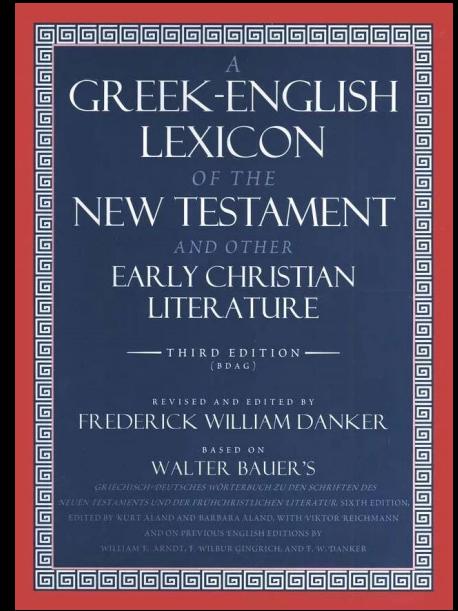
Matthew 11:28–29 (NASB 2020)

24“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. 25It is enough for the disciple that he may become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more *will they insult* the members of his household!

Matthew 10:24–25 (NASB 2020)

μαθητής (*mathētēs*)

- ① one who engages in learning through instruction from another, *pupil, apprentice*
- ② one who is rather constantly associated with someone who has a pedagogical reputation or a particular set of views, *disciple, adherent*



¹⁵Take pains with these things; be *absorbed* in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. ¹⁶Pay close attention to yourself and to the teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

1 Timothy 4:15–16 (NASB 2020)

²⁶I have told of my ways, and You
have answered me; Teach me Your
statutes.

Psalm 119:26 (NASB 2020)

33 Teach me, the way of Your statutes,
LORD, And I shall comply with it to the
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Psalm 119:33 (NASB 2020)

64 The earth is full of Your goodness,
LORD; Teach me Your statutes.

Psalm 119:64 (NASB 2020)

68 You are good and You do good;
Teach me Your statutes.

Psalm 119:68 (NASB 2020)

108 Be pleased to accept the voluntary
offerings of my mouth, LORD, And
teach me Your judgments.

Psalm 119:108 (NASB 2020)

124 Deal with Your servant according to
Your graciousness, And teach me
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Psalm 119:124 (NASB 2020)

135 Make Your face shine upon Your
servant, And teach me Your statutes.

Psalm 119:135 (NASB 2020)

171 Let my lips pour out praise, For
You teach me Your statutes.

Psalm 119:171 (NASB 2020)

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13With my lips I have told of
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Psalm 119:13 (NASB 2020)

45 The good person out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil *person* out of the evil *treasure* brings forth what is evil; for his mouth **speaks from that which fills his heart.**

Luke 6:45 (NASB 2020)

13But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written: “I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE,” we also believe, therefore we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and will present *us* with you.

2 Corinthians 4:13–14 (NASB 2020)

¹⁹But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, make your own judgment; ²⁰for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

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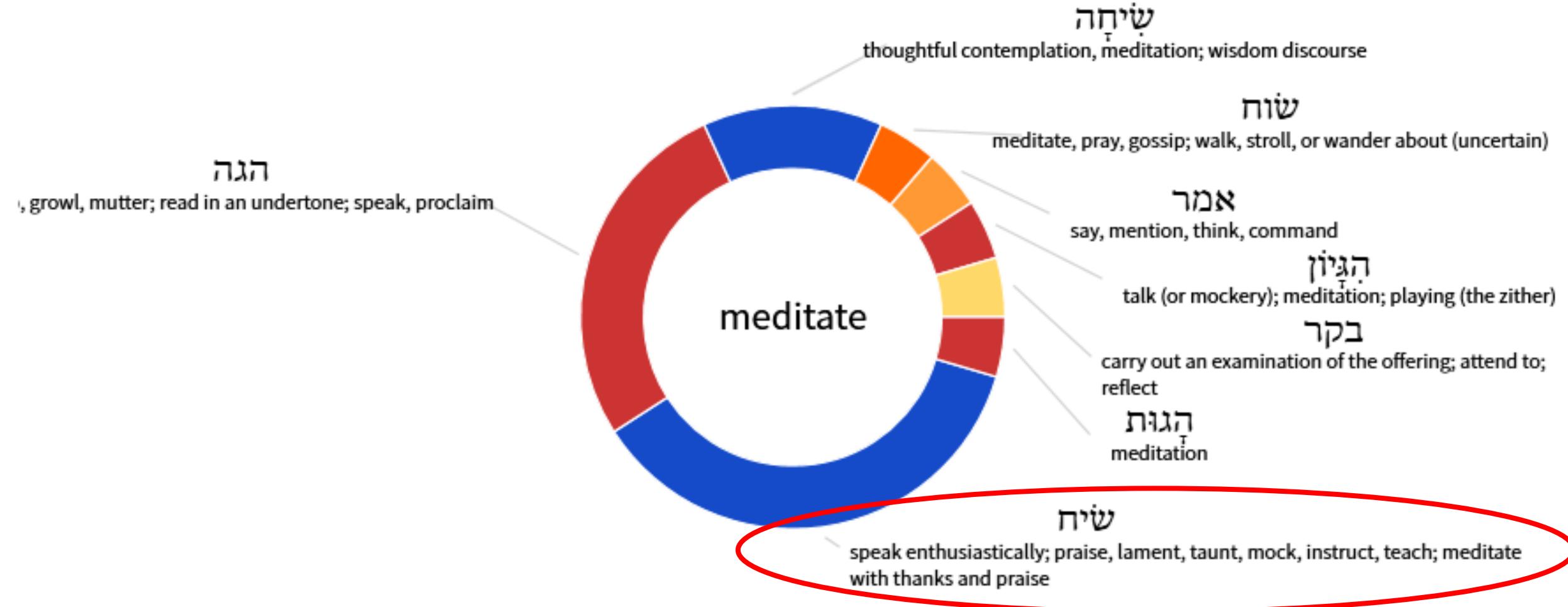
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¹⁶Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16 (NASB 2020)





¹Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. ²And do not be conformed to this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1–2 (NASB 2020)

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