

Delighting in God's Path: The Cleansing Power of God's Word Psalm 119:9-16



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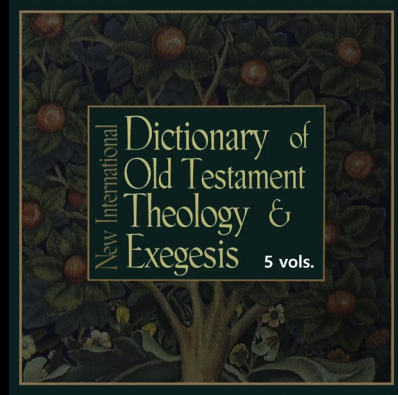
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Psalms 119:9 (NASB 2020)

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 נַעַר was married.

Thus, **we may conclude that one meaning of נַעַר 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)

⁹How can a young man keep his way pure? By **keeping** *it* according to Your word.

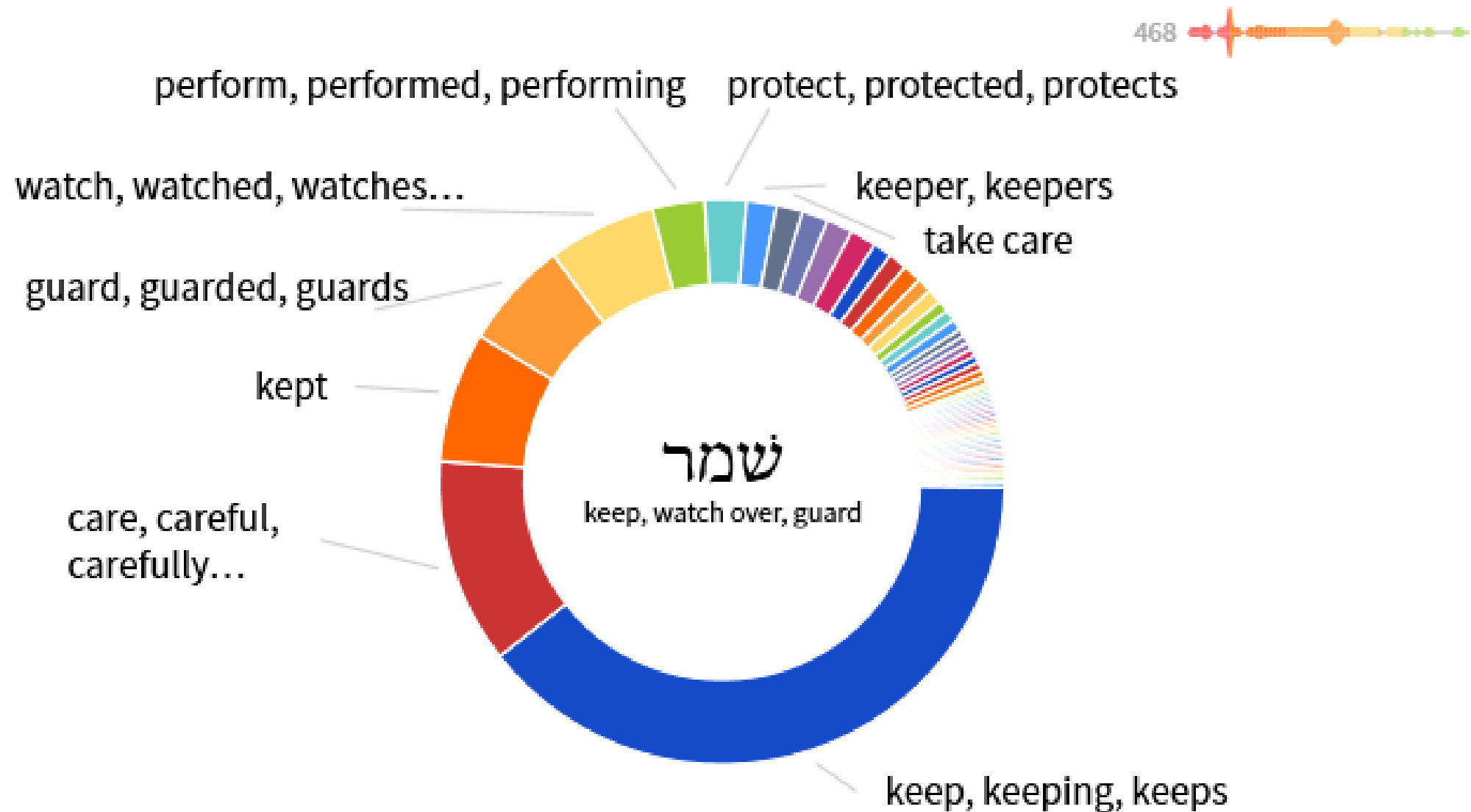
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שָׁמַר (šāmar)

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



Translation NASB 2020



³⁹And 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)

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

Proverbs 4:23 (NASB 2020)

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Psalms 119:9 (NASB 2020)

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.

Psalms 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.*

Psalms 119:2 (NASB 2020)

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

Psalms 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)

¹³And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴I 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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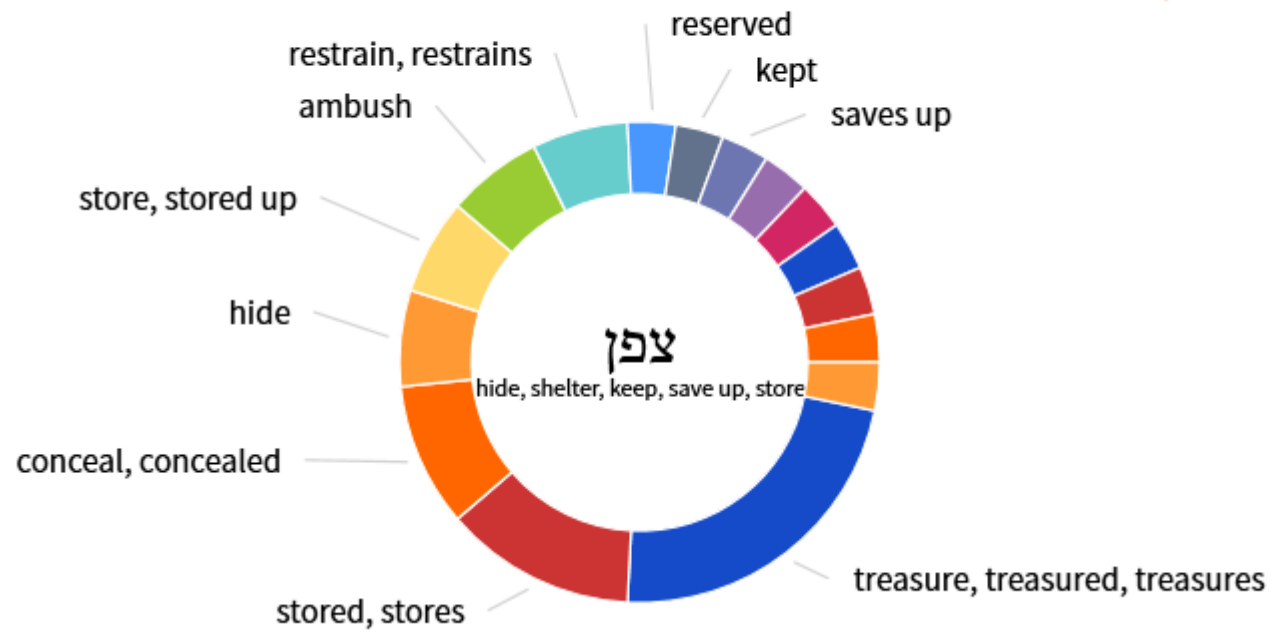
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¹⁴I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, **As much as in all riches.**

Psalms 119:14 (NASB 2020)

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

Psalms 119:11 (NASB 2020)



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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Psalms 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)

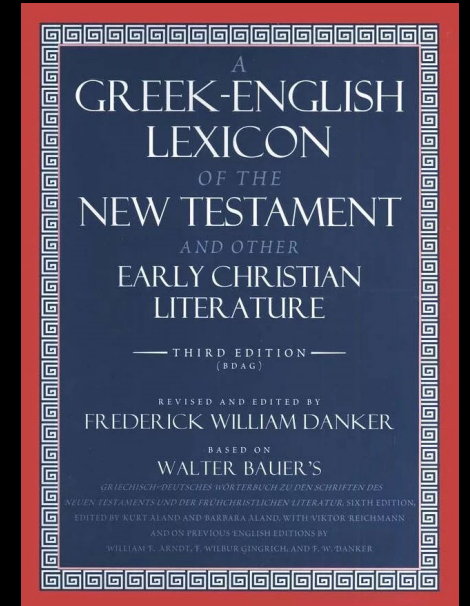
²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple that he may become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more *will they insult* the members of his household!

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.**

Psalms 119:26 (NASB 2020)

³³Teach me, the way of Your statutes,
LORD, And I shall comply with it to the
end.

Psalms 119:33 (NASB 2020)

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

Psalms 119:64 (NASB 2020)

⁶⁸You are good and You do good;
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Psalms 119:68 (NASB 2020)

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

Psalms 119:108 (NASB 2020)

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

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

Psalms 119:135 (NASB 2020)

¹⁷¹Let 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
All the ordinances of Your mouth.

Psalms 119:13 (NASB 2020)

⁴⁵The 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.**”

Acts 4:19–20 (NASB 2020)







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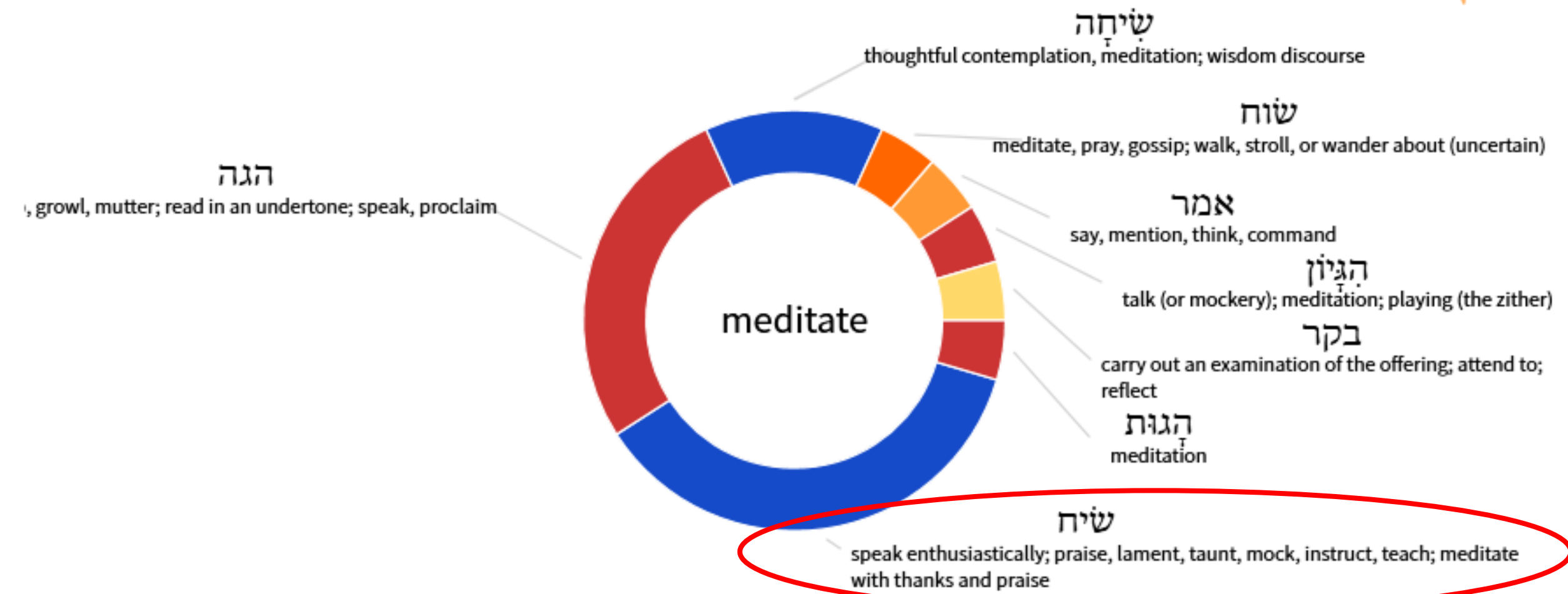
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¹⁶Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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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