

Learning the sounds of some consonants

Read the following to become familiar with the sounds of some consonants. Watch out: ש and שׁ have different sounds; a few consonants sound different with and without markers כ versus כּ, כּ versus כּ, פּ versus פּ, while all others sound the same with and without markers ד = דּ, ג = גּ, צ = צּ, שׁ = שׁ, and so on; a few consonants sound similar ת = ט, ח = כ, ק = כ, ס = ש, ב = ו; and a few consonants look different when occurring as last letter in a word כ becomes ך, נו becomes ן, נ becomes ן, פ becomes ף, צ becomes ץ. For now simply focus on the basic sounds of the consonants. Other issues will be handled later.¹

Blessed אָר the פּoor in spirit, פּor theirs is the kingdoם of heaveן.

Blessed are they thaט mouוּרn, for they shaלל be comפּorteד.

Blessed are the נּeek, פּor they שׁall inהּerit the eaרּth.

Blessed are they which do הּungeר and thirט after righתeouסּeסּ: foר they shall בּe filleד.

Blessed are the merciפּul: פּor they שׁall obtaiן מּercy.

Blessed are the פּure in הּeart: for they שׁall שׁee Goד.

Blessed are the פּeaceמּakers: for they shall be caלל the chilדren of Goד.

Blessed אָר they which are perseקuted פּor righתeouסּeסּ' saפּe: foר theirשׁ is the קingdom of הּeaבּen.

Blessed are ye, when men שׁall revile יou, and persecuתe יou, and שׁall שׁay אלל manנּer of eבּil aגּainst יou faללּeלּy, for my sake. Rejoice, anד בּe exceeדing מּad: for גּreat is יour rewarד in heaבּen: for so persecuteד they the פּroפּets which were בּefore יou.

Ye are the salת of the earth: but פּי the סּאטל have lost its saוּר, wherewith shall it be סּאטל? it is thenceforth גּooד for גּothing, but תּo be casת ouט, and תּo be טrodden unדer fooט of men.

Ye are the ליגּht of the worלד. A city thaת is seט on an hiלל cannot be hid. Neither do men lighט a candle, and puת it undeר a bushel, buט on a candleטick; and it giveth lighת unתּo all thaט are in the הּouסּe. Let your ליגּht so שׁine beפּore גּוּם, that they may see יour good workשׁ, and gloriפּy יouר פּatheר who is in heaveן.

¹ For more on the names and sounds of the aleph-bet see http://scriptureworkshop.com/bh/aleph_bet.pdf and see the aleph-bet activities at <http://scriptureworkshop.com/bh/>.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father who is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the street, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

