| 168 | I have kept Thy pikkudim and Thy edot; for all my ways are before Thee.

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| 169 | Let my cry come near before Thee, Hashem; give me understanding according to Thy Dayar.

Thy Davar.

| 170 | Let my techinnah come before Thee; deliver me according to Thy word.

| 171 | My lips shall utter tehillah, when Thou hast taught me Thy chukkot.

| 172 | My leshon shall speak of Thy word; for all Thy mitzvot are tzedek.

| 173 | Let Thine Yad help me; for I have chosen Thy

pikkudim.

| 174 | I have longed for Thy Yeshuah (salvation), Hashem; and Thy torah is my delight.

| 175 | Let my nefesh live, and it shall praise Thee; and let Thy mishpatim sustain me.

| 176 | I have gone astray like a seh oved (lost sheep); seek Thy eved; for I do not forget Thy mitzvot.

#### $120^{\text{(Shir HaMa'a-lot [Song of Ascents])}}$

In my tzoros I cried unto Hashem, and He heard me. |2| Save my nefesh, Hashem, from sefat sheker (lying lips), and from lashon remiyyah (a tongue of deceit).

- |3| What shall be given unto thee? Or what shall be done unto thee, thou lashon remiyyah?
- |4| Sharp khitzim (arrows) of the gibbor, with burning (charcoal) coals of the broom plant.
- |5| Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell in the ohalim of Kedar!
- |6| My nefesh hath long dwelt with him that hateth shalom.
- |7| I am for shalom; but when I speak, they are for milchamah (war).

# 121 (Shir HaMa'alot) I will lift up

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(hills), from whence cometh ezri (my help).

- |2| Ezri (my help) cometh from Hashem, Oseh Shomayim v'Aretz.
- |3| He will not allow thy regel to slip; He that is shomer over thee will not slumber.
- |4| Hinei, He that is shomer over Yisroel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- |5| Hashem is the One shomer over thee; Hashem is thy shade upon thy right hand.
- |6| The shemesh shall not strike thee by day, nor the yarei'ach by night.
- |7| Hashem shall preserve thee from kol rah; He shall preserve thy nefesh.
- |8| Hashem shall be shomer over thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even vad olam.

## $122^{\rm (Shir}_{\rm HaMa'alot,}$ [Song of

Ascents] of Dovid).

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the Bais Hashem.

- |2| Our feet shall stand within thy she'arim, O Yerushalayim.
- |3| Yerushalayim is built as an Ir bound firmly together;
- |4| That is where the Shevatim (tribes) go up, the Shivtei Hashem, according to the edut l'Yisroel (the statute to Yisroel), to give thanks unto the Shem of Hashem.
- |5| For there are set kise'ot l'mishpat (thrones of judgment), the kise'ot of the Bais Dovid.
- |6| Sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim (pray for the peace of Jerusalem); they shall prosper that love thee.

#### |7| Shalom be within thy wall, and security within thy citadels.

- |8| L'ma'an (for the sake of) my achim and companions, I will now say, Shalom be within thee.
- | 9 | L'ma'an the Bais Hashem Eloheinu I will seek thy tov.

### **123**(Shir HaMa'alot, [Song of

Ascents]) Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in Shomayim.

- |2| Hinei, as the eyes of avadim look unto the yad adoneihem, and as the eyes of a shifchah (maiden) unto the yad of her gevirah; so our eyes wait upon Hashem Eloheinu, until He have channun (favor, grace) upon us.
- [3] Channenu Hashem, channenu; for we are more than sated with buz (contempt).
- |4| Nafsheinu (our nefesh) is more than sated with the scorn of those that are at ease, and with the buz (contempt) of the g'eiyonim (proud ones, arrogant ones).

## **124**(Shir HaMa'alot, [Song of

Ascents] of Dovid).

If it had not been Hashem
Who was lanu (for us, on our side), now may Yisroel say;
|2| If it had not been Hashem
Who was lanu, when adam
(man) rose up against us;
|3| Then they had swallowed
us up chayyim (alive); when
their wrath was kindled
against us;

|4| Then the mayim would have overwhelmed us, the torrent would have swept over nafsheinu (our nefesh);