

Thought for the day – Tuesday 4th May 2021

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You remember I shared some of Malcolm Guite's poems based on the Psalms. One of the most remarkable is the response to Psalm 119.

He explains the italic letters, from A to Z, reflect that each of the sections of the original psalm is headed by a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet in alphabetical sequence.

Psalm 119: CXIX Beati immaculate

I end in my beginning and my source,
The one who is my life, my truth, my way
And *blessed* are the ones who in the course

Of life *desire* to *find* and keep that way,
Who *give* themselves to studying his Word.
Joy shall lead them, *knowledge* *make* their way

So *plain* before their eyes. The *perfect* Lord
Comes down to *quicken* us, *restore* our soul,
Remove the *veil* we place over his Word,

And *fix* our eyes on *mercy*, as the whole
And only meaning of the Law. To *prove*
And to *fulfil* that truth, his heart and soul

Were poured out when he came down from above,

That all the letters in the Law of Zion
Might now become the alphabet of love.

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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119. 105

Thanks be to God for his word.