

Recitations



For thus says Jehovah, who created the heavens,
God Himself, who formed the earth and made her;
He has established her;
He has created her not to be a void;
He has formed her to be dwelt in:
I am Jehovah, and there is no one else.

Isaiah 45:18

Why learn recitations?

1. “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children.” (Deut. 6:6-7)
2. In the New Testament, the Lord sets an example for us by often quoting Scripture.
3. By knowing actual statements from the Word, a person is equipped to fight when in temptation, as the Lord did in the wilderness.
4. Knowing scriptural passages is necessary to confirm and uphold the doctrine of genuine truth.
5. Having passages of Scripture in one’s mind provides vessels in which to receive influx from the Lord and be conjoined with Him, for He is the Word made flesh.
6. During the process of learning and reciting passages from the Word, there is a direct association with angels. We have the opportunity to feel their delight, thus developing our affection for the Word.
7. The Word is the only way to learn about the Lord God, life after death, heaven and hell, and how to live and believe in order to be happy forever (AC 8939:3).

Translation

In Old Testament passages that are very familiar, we have used “LORD” with small capitals in place of Jehovah. Though the Heavenly Doctrine always uses Jehovah for this name, it also says that Jehovah is the Lord Himself (AC 14, TCR 82-83).

In modern English, we do not have a way to distinguish “you” – singular from “you” – plural (“you all”). The Writings say that the singular means love, affection and good, while the plural means wisdom, thoughts and truths. To note this difference, which is clear in the Hebrew and Greek, we use “thee, thou, thy” when it is singular.

Words in small italics are not found in the Hebrew or Greek. They are added to make the English easier to read.

1) 38. Wednesday, September 1 – Monday, September 13

And He brought him outside, and said,
Look now toward the heavens and number the stars,
if thou be able to number them;
and He said unto him, So shall thy seed be.
And he believed in Jehovah.

Genesis 15:5-6

2) 45. Tuesday, September 14 – Monday, September 27

The book of this law shall not depart out of thy mouth,
but thou shalt meditate in it day and night,
that thou mayest be on guard to do
according to all that is written in it,
for then thou shalt make thy way to prosper,
and then thou shalt do wisely.

Joshua 1:8

3) 52. Tuesday, September 28 – Monday, October 11

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He guides me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of justice
For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,
I will fear no evil, for Thou *art* with me;
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Psalms 23:1-4

4) 53. Tuesday, October 12 – Monday, October 25

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my
enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil;

My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for length of days.

Psalm 23:5-6

5) 86. Tuesday, October 26 – Monday, November 8

He has told thee, O man, what is good;

And what does the LORD require of thee,

But to do judgment,

And to love mercy,

And to humble thyself to walk with thy God?

Micah 6:8

6) 118. Tuesday, November 9 – Monday, November 15

He who has My commandments and keeps them,

he it is who loves Me;

and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father,

and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.

John 14:21

7) **Booklet. Tuesday, November 16 – Wednesday, Nov. 24**

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness,

And Thy paths drip fatness.

They drip *upon* the sheepfolds of the wilderness,

And the hills gird themselves with rejoicing.

The meadows clothe themselves with the flock,

And the valleys shroud themselves with grain;

They shout, yea, they sing.

Psalm 65:11-13

8) **Booklet. Monday, November 29 – Tuesday, December 7**

ΠΑΤΕΡ ἩΜΩΝ Ὁ ΕΝ ΤΟΙΣ ΟΥΡΑΝΟΙΣ,

Pa – ter hey-*mōn* ho en tois *oo*- ran- ois,
Father of us who in the heavens,

ἌΓΙΑΣΘΗΤΩ ΤΟ ΟΝΟΜΑ ΣΟΥ.

ha-gi-oss-*they*-tō to *on*-om-a soo.
hallowed be the name of Thee.

ΕΛΘΕΤΩ Ἡ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ ΣΟΥ.

el-*theh*-tō hey ba-si-*ley*-a soo.
Let come the kingdom of Thee.

ΓΕΝΗΘΗΤΩ ΤΟ ΘΕΛΗΜΑ ΣΟΥ,

gen-ey-*they*-tō to the-*ley*-ma soo,
Let be done the will of Thee,

ὩΣ ΕΝ ΟΥΡΑΝΩ, ΚΑΙ ΕΠΙ ΤΗΣ ΓΗΣ.

hōs en *oo*-ran-ō, kai epi tace gace.
as in heaven, also upon the earth.

ΤΟΝ ΑΡΤΟΝ ἩΜΩΝ ΤΟΝ ΕΠΙΟΥΣΙΟΝ

ton *ar*-ton hey-*mōn* ton e-pi-*oo*-si-on
the bread of us (the) daily

ΔΟΣ ἩΜΙΝ ΣΗΜΕΡΟΝ.

dos hey-*min* *sey*-mer-on.
give to us today.

Matthew 6:9-11

9) **Christmas Book 3. Wednesday, Dec. 8 – Friday, Dec. 17**

I shall see Him, but not now;
I shall observe Him, but not near;
There shall come a star out of Jacob,
And a scepter shall rise out of Israel,
And shall crush the corners of Moab,
And destroy all the sons of Sheth.

Numbers 24:17

10) **47. Monday, January 3 – Friday, January 14**

And if it be evil in your eyes to serve the LORD,
choose for yourselves today whom you will serve....
But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15

11) **96. Tuesday, January 18 – Monday, January 31**

Ask, and it shall be given you;
Seek, and you shall find;
Knock, and it shall be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives;
And he who seeks finds;
And to him who knocks it shall be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8

12) 119. Tuesday, February 1 – Monday, February 14

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you;
not as the world gives do I give to you.

Let not your heart be disturbed, neither let it be afraid....

These things I have spoken to you that in Me you may have
peace.

In the world you shall have affliction, but have confidence:
I have overcome the world.

John 14:27, 16:33

13) (121¹). Tuesday, February 15 – Tuesday, February 22

This is My commandment, that you love one another,
as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this,
that one lay down his soul for his friends.

You are My friends, if you do whatever I command you.

John 15:12-14

¹ The school will recite the first three verses of the recitation in the worship book.

14) Booklet. Wednesday, February 23 – Friday, March 4

ΚΑΙ ΑΦΕΣ ἩΜΙΝ ΤΑ ΟΦΕΙΛΗΜΑΤΑ ἩΜΩΝ

Kye *ah-fess* hey-*min* ta off-ay-*lay*-ma-ta hey-*mōn*
And forgive us the debts of us,

ΩΣ ΚΑΙ ἩΜΕΙΣ ΑΦΕΙΜΕΝ

hōs kye hey-*mace* a-*fay*-men
as also we forgive

ΤΟΙΣ ΟΦΕΙΛΕΤΑΙΣ ἩΜΩΝ.

tois o-*fay*-leh-tice hey-*mōn*.
the debtors of us.

ΚΑΙ ΜΗ ΕΙΣΕΝΕΓΚΗΣ ἩΜΑΣ ΕΙΣ ΠΕΙΡΑΣΜΟΝ

Kye mey ace-en-*eng*-case hey-*moss* ace pay-*ras*-mon
And do not lead (into) us into temptation,

ΑΛΛΑ ῥΥΣΑΙ ἩΜΑΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΟΝΗΡΟΥ.

al-*la* *hru*-sigh hey-*mas* ap-*aw* too pon-ey-*roo*
but deliver us from (the) evil.

ὍΤΙ ΣΟΥ ΕΣΤΙΝ Ἡ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑ

haw-ti soo *es*-tin hey ba-si-*lay*-a
Because Thine is the kingdom,

ΚΑΙ Ἡ ΔΥΝΑΜΙΣ ΚΑΙ Ἡ ΔΟΞΑ

kye hey *du*-na-mis kye hey *do*-xa
and the power and the glory,

ΕΙΣ ΤΟΥΣ ΑΙΩΝΑΣ. ΑΜΗΝ.

ace tooce eye-*ō*-nas. A-*meyn*.
into the ages. Amen.

Matthew 6:12-13

15) **120. Monday, March 7 – Monday, March 21**

Remain in Me, and I in you.

As the branch cannot bear fruit from itself,
unless it remains in the vine,

no more can you, unless you remain in Me.

I am the Vine, you are the branches.

He who remains in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit;
for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15:4-5

16) **82. Tuesday, March 22 – Monday, April 4**

For I know the thoughts that I am thinking about you,
says the LORD,

Thoughts of peace, and not for evil,
to give you a future and a hope.

And you shall call on Me, and you shall go and pray to Me,
and I will hearken to you.

And you shall seek Me, and find Me,
when you inquire for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

17) **Booklet. Tuesday, April 5 – Tuesday, April 18**

As they were saying these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them; and He says to them, Peace *be* to you. But being terrified and in fear, they thought they beheld a spirit. And He said to them, Why are you disturbed? And why do reasonings arise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you behold Me having.

Luke 24:36-39

18) 114. Wednesday, April 19 – Monday, May 2

A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another;

As I have loved you, that you also love one another.

By this all shall know that you are My disciples,
if you have love among one another.

John 13:34-35

19) 8. Tuesday, May 3 – Monday, May 16

Create for me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a firm spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy face,

And take not the spirit of Thy holiness from me.

Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation,

And let a spirit of freewill uphold me.

O Lord, open my lips,

And my mouth shall tell *of* Thy praise.

Psalms 51:10-12, 15

20) 64. Tuesday, May 17 – Tuesday, May 31

How shall a youth purify his path?

By keeping *it* according to Thy Word.

With all my heart I have sought Thee;

Let me not err from Thy commandments.

In my heart I have hidden Thy sayings,

That I might not sin against Thee.

Psalms 119:9-11

21) 127. Wednesday, June 1 – Friday, June 10

After these things, I saw, and behold,
a crowd of many which no one could number,
of every nation, and *all* tribes, and peoples, and tongues,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
arrayed with white robes, and palms in their hands,
and crying with a great voice, saying,
Salvation to our God who sits upon the throne,
and to the Lamb!

And all the angels stood around the throne,
and the elders, and the four animals,
and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God,
saying, Amen.

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving,
and honor, and power, and strength,
be to our God, for ages of ages. Amen.

Revelation 7:9-12