

HOW blest are they who keep God's Word,
And follow His commands;
With all their heart they seek the Lord,
And serve Him with their hands.

2 O that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!

O that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!

3 How shall the young secure their hearts,
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy Word the only power imparts
To keep the conscience clean.

4 My lips with boldness shall declare
Thy statutes and Thy name;
I'll speak Thy Word that all may hear
Of Thy great saving fame.

5 To think upon Thy precepts, Lord,
Shall be my sweet employ:
My heart shall not forget Thy Word—
My chief and precious joy.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748‡