

# Loving the Word of God



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word of truth**

**2 Tim 2:15, MOUNCE  
(interlinear)**



# Loving the Word of God, Ps 119

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**WORDS FOR  
'THE WORD'**

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**WHAT THE  
WORD CAN  
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**HOW CAN WE LOVE THE  
WORD OF GOD?**





# 01 Words for the Word of God

There are eight major words  
in the acrostic Psalm 119 for  
the Word of God.

## Psalm 119: 1-3 (ALEPH)

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the **law** of the LORD!  
Blessed are those who keep his  
**testimonies**, who seek him with their whole  
heart,  
who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

## Psalm 119: 4-8 (ALEPH)

You have commanded your **precepts** to be kept diligently.

Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your **statutes!**

Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your **commandments.**

I will praise you with an upright heart. When I learn your **righteous rules.**

I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

## Psalm 119: 9-12 (BETH)

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your **word**.

With my whole heart I seek you;

Let me not wander from your commandments!

I have stored up your **word** in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!

## Psalm 119: 13-16 (BETH)

With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.



# LOVING the WORD of GOD, Psa 119

LAW - v1

TESTIMONIES - v2-3

PRECEPTS - v4

STATUTES - v5

COMMANDMENTS - v6

ORDINANCES - v7

WORD - v9

PROMISE (word) - v11

(also: Footsteps v3, Faithfulness v90)

# LAW - torah

Blessed are those whose  
way is blameless, who walk  
in the law of the LORD

Psa 119:1



# TESTIMONIES - edot

Blessed are those who keep  
his testimonies, who seek  
him with their whole heart,  
Who also do no wrong but  
walk in his ways

Psa 119:2



# PRECEPTS - piqudim

You have commanded your  
precepts to be kept  
diligently

Psa 119:4



## Reciting the SHEMA (Deut 6:4)

Eyes covered with right hand:

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:

Hear O Israel, the LORD your God, the LORD is one

Undertone:

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

Blessed be the name of the glory of His kingdom forever and  
ever.

# STATUTES - hakim

Oh that my ways may be  
steadfast in keeping your  
statutes!

Psa 119:5



# COMMANDMENTS - mitzvot

Then I shall not be put to  
shame, having fixed my  
eyes on all your  
commandments.

Psa 119:6



# ORDINANCES (Righteous Rules)- mishpatim

I will praise you with an  
upright heart, when I learn  
your righteous rules.

Psa 119:7





# WORD - d'bar

How can a young man keep  
his way pure?  
By guarding it according to  
your word

Psa 119:9



**PROMISE (word) -  
imra**

I have stored up your word  
in my heart, that I might  
not sin against you

Psa 119:11



02

# So What?

What's the big deal about  
Psalm 119?



# Psalm 119 & the Word of God

There are only three verses in the 176 verses of Psalm 119 that do not contain an explicit expression for the Word of God, vv 84, 121, and 122, and two of these have the word judgment (84, 121), which is very similar to the word for Ordinance.

- Derek Kidner, Psalms (IVP)



Psalm 119 is a testament to Scripture,  
the Word of God, as being fundamental  
to the people of God. You cannot  
accurately do the will of God without  
knowing the Word of God



**As New Testament Believers, Jesus is  
to us the Word of God**

**NB. John 1:1**

I **rejoice** in the **lifestyle** prescribed by  
your rules

As if they were **riches** of all kinds.

I will **meditate** on your precepts and  
**focus** on your **behavior**.

I will find **delight** in your statutes, I **do**  
**not forget** your instructions.

Psalm 119:14-16 NET



**03**

# **What can the Word of God do for you?**

**What's the big deal about the  
Bible?**



# The WORD OF GOD brings us:



## LIBERTY

In contrast to  
slavery to sin



## LIFE

Instead of  
spiritual death



## STABILITY

In a threatening  
world



## LIGHT

In place of  
ignorance



**04**

**How can we  
love the Word  
of God?**

**The Word of God and Me**

I will find delight in your commands,  
which I love.

I will lift my hands to your commands,  
which I love, and I will meditate on  
your statutes.

Psalm 119:47-48

# ME AND THE WORD OF GOD

**01**

**What appeals to you most about the Bible?**

**02**

**What are you most resistant to about the Bible?**

**03**

**What would change in your life if you were to become a person of God's Word?**

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