

## Loving the Word of Canal





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2 Tim 2:15, MOUNCE (interlinear)



#### Loving the Word of God, Ps 119

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WHAT THE WORD CAN DO FOR YOU

HOW CAN WE LOVE THE WORD OF GOD?





# 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 <u>rules</u> of your mouth.

In the way of your <u>testimonies</u> I delight as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your <u>precepts</u> and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your <u>statutes</u>; I will not forget your <u>word</u>.

#### 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



#### 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



#### PRECEPTS - piqudim

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently



#### 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:

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כָּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֵד

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!



### COMMANDMENTS - mitzvot

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



## ORDINANCES (Righteous Rules)mishpatim

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



#### WORD - d'bar

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



### PROMISE (word) imra

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





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So What?

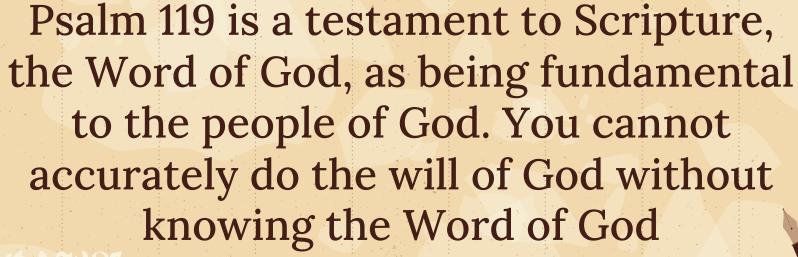
What's the big deal about Psalm 119?

## 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)







### 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



# 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



# 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

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What appeals to you most about the Bible?

What are you most resistant to about the Bible?

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

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