



*The Wonder Of God's Word*  
*Psalm 119*

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*A Psalm That Exalts The Word Of God*

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The general scope of this **Psalm** is to exalt the Word of God. The **Psalm** contains **176 verses** or lines. The lines (verses) are grouped in eights, with each group of eight being a stanza. Each stanza is organized under a Hebrew letter of the Hebrew alphabet, which are grouped in order beginning with **Aleph** and ending with **Tau**. There are **22 letters=22 stanzas of 8 lines each=176 lines (verses)**. Each line (verse) begins with the stanza's Hebrew letter. For example, **verses 1-8**, each begin with the first Hebrew letter, **verses 9-16** each begin with the second Hebrew letter, and so on. So the **Psalm** is written in an acrostic (alphabetical arrangement).

The **Psalm** is made up of the prayers of the **Psalmist** concerning the Word of God, such as **"Let me not wander from your commandments"** [verse 10]. **"Teach me your statutes"** [verses 12, 26, 64, 68, 124, 135]. **"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law"** [verse 18]. **"Quicken thou me according to thy word"** [verse 25]. **"Make me to understand the way of thy precepts"** [verse 27]. **"Strengthen thou me according unto thy word"** [verse 28]. **"Make me to go in the path of thy commandments"** [verse 35]. **"Stablish thy word unto thy servant"** [verse 38].

The **Psalm** is made up of the meditations of the **Psalmist** concerning the Word of God, meditations of the eternity of God's Word [verse 89], of the truthfulness of God's Word [verses 151, 160], of the purity of God's Word [verse 140], of the faithfulness of God's Word [verses 86, 138], of the wonderfulness of God's Word [verse 129], and of the comprehensiveness of God's Word [verse 96].

The **Psalm** is made up of the personal testimony of the **Psalmist** concerning the Word of God, his testimony of hiding the Word in his heart [verse 11], of rejoicing in the Word [verse 14], of choosing the Word [verse 30], of adhering to the word [verse 31], of longing for the Word [verse 40], of trusting in the Word [verse 42], of hoping in the word [verse 43], and of loving the word [verse 47].

The **Psalm** is made up of the determinations or vows of the **Psalmist** concerning the Word of God. He is determined and vows to keep the Word [verses 8, 145], to meditate upon it [verses 15, 78], and to speak of it [verse 46].

Many of these prayers, meditations, testimonies, and determinations of the **Psalmist** concerning the Word of God were made under the stress of difficulties [verses 23, 51, 61, 69, 78, 87, 110, 143, 157, 161]. As you read the **Psalm**, it is unmistakably evident that the Word of God was a central part of the life and thoughts of the **Psalmist**.

Throughout this **Psalm** there are **ten** synonyms used to describe the Word of God, with seven of them found in the first stanza.

1. “**law**” occurring **twenty five** times [verses 1, 18, 29, 34, 44, 51, 53, 55, 61, 70, 72, 77, 85, 92, 97, 109, 113, 126, 136, 142, 150, 153, 163, 165, 174]. The word “**law**” indicates **direction** and **instruction**, a **guide** to make straight. IT IS GOD’S INSTRUCTION FOR LIFE! It is something to aim for and to be conformed to. The **Psalmist** declares that THE WORD OF GOD IS A RULE, A REGULATION, AND REQUIREMENT OF CONDUCT! In **Psalm 19:7** the **Psalmist** spoke of the **character** of the “**law**” as being “**perfect**” meaning “*whole, complete, sufficient, comprehensive*” and the **benefit** of such “**converting**” (transforming) **the soul**” (the inner person). The Word of God can **mold a soul into precisely what God wants it to be!**

2. “**testimonies**” occurring **twenty two** times in the plural [verses 2, 14, 22, 24, 31, 36, 46, 59, 79, 95, 99, 111, 119, 125, 129, 138, 144, 146, 152, 157, 167, 168], and **once** in the singular [verse 88]. This has the meaning of **bearing witness**. THE WORD OF GOD IS THE DECLARATION, THE WITNESS AND CONFIRMATION OF GOD! In **Psalm 19:7** the **Psalmist** spoke of the **character** of the “**testimony of the LORD**” as being “**sure**” meaning that it is “*unwavering, immovable, unmistakable, reliable*” and the **benefit** of such as “**making wise the simple**” The Word of God can **make one skilled in the matters of practical godly living!**

3. “**ways**” occurring **two** times in the plural [verses 3, 15], and **seven** times in the singular [verses 1, 14, 27, 30, 32, 33, 37]. The word is used to describe **a pattern of life marked out by God’s Word**. THE WORD OF GOD IS A PATTERN, AN ORDER, AND METHOD FOR LIVING!

4. “**precepts**” occurring **twenty one** times [verses 4, 15, 27, 40, 45, 56, 63, 69, 78, 87, 93, 94, 100, 104, 110, 128, 134, 141, 159, 168, 173]. The word is indicative of **a general rule to regulate behavior and thought**. “**Precepts**” take **oversight** and **superintend!** “**Precepts**” are something entrusted to man, implying responsibility on the part of man! THE WORD OF GOD IS A BOOK TO CONTROL AND MANAGE ONE’S LIFE!

5. “**statutes**” occurring **twenty two** times verses 5, 8, 12, 16, 23, 26, 33, 48, 54, 64, 68, 71, 80, 83, 112, 117, 118, 124, 135, 145, 155, 171]. The word refers to **a directive that is inscribed or engraved**. THE WORD OF GOD IS A DEFINITE, LASTING, PRESCRIBED WRITTEN RULE OF CONDUCT! In **Psalm 19:8** the **Psalmist** spoke of the **character** of the “**statutes**” as being “**right**” meaning “*proper, correct, suitable, and appropriate*” and the **benefit** of such, “**rejoicing the heart**” **The child of God can find relief, deliverance, and happiness from what is prescribed in God’s Word!**

6. “**commandments**” occurring **twenty one** times in the plural [verses 6, 10, 19, 21, 32, 35, 47, 48, 60, 66, 73, 86, 98, 115, 127, 131, 143, 151, 166, 172, 176], and **once** in the singular [verse 96]. The word signifies a **law** or **ordinance**, implying **a definite, authoritative order**. THE WORD OF GOD IS AUTHORITATIVE! In **Psalm 19:8**, the **Psalmist** speaking of the **character** of the “**commandments**” said that they were “**pure**”

meaning “*clear, not mystifying or confusing*” and the **benefit** of such, “*enlightening the eyes*”  
**The Word of God makes aware and gives discernment concerning right and wrong!**

7. “*judgments*” occurring **eighteen** times in [verses 7, 13, 20, 30, 39, 43, 52, 62, 75, 102, 106, 108, 120, 137, 156, 160, 164, 175]. This word is indicative of **a precedence and binding law**. “*Judgments*” have to do with **regulations, orders, and verdicts** THE WORD OF GOD IS THE DETERMINATIONS, AND THE LEGAL SANCTIONS OF GOD! In **Psalm 19:9** the *Psalmist* speaking of the **character** of the “*judgments*” said that they were “*true* (correct and accurate) **and righteous** (virtuous) *altogether*” (completely, entirely, and absolutely).

8. “*word*” occurring **thirty eight** times in [verses 9, 11, 16, 17, 25, 28, 38, 41, 42, 43, 49, 50, 58, 65, 67, 74, 76, 81, 82, 89, 101, 105, 107, 114, 116, 123, 133, 140, 147, 148, 154, 158, 160, 161, 162, 169, 170, 172]. A “*word*” is **the revelation of a thought**. THE WORD OF GOD IS THE REVEALING AND EXPRESSING THE THOUGHTS OF GOD!

9. “*truth*” occurring **once** in [verse 30], as opposed to “*error*” which is an “*inaccuracy, a miscalculation, and a delusion*” THE WORD OF GOD IS FIRMNESS, SECURITY, AND STABILITY!

10. “*righteousness*” [verses 40, 123]. This has reference to that which is **right** and **just**. THE WORD OF GOD IS A BOOK OF HONOR, RESPECTABILITY, AND PURITY!

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No matter what synonym is used to describe the Word of God, this is a **Psalm** that truly exalts the Word and it is presented as an important and indispensable part of everyday life for the child of God. The **Psalm** reveals that the “Christian” life is a life of **conformity, submission, and order!** The **Psalm** was written by one who was in love with God’s Word, and had a proper response to it.

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