

Psalm 119

There are 9 different words used throughout Psalm 119 to describe God's "law" or "Word". Make note of their individual definition, each time they're used, and the context in which they're employed. These are not all synonyms that mean the same thing, but communicate something very specific.

1. **Law.** While this most certainly can mean the Bible in general, it's important to note that the Hebrew word for "law" is "torah", which is not just the formal name of the Law given through Moses, but also means "teaching" or "instruction". One of the amazing things to consider is that God provided the Bible as His instruction and personal teaching on how to live.

2. **Testimonies.** Think of this word in the context of "eye witness testimony". It's a powerful statement about the corroboration of the truth of all aspects of God's Word as provided by His personal witness of their detail, effects, and consequences.

3. **Precepts.** These are the responsibilities God has laid upon His people, requirements AFTER one has come to have a relationship with Him.

4. **Statutes.** These are specifically prescribed tasks or boundaries. They are things required (e.g., sacrifices, etc.) or establishing limiting guidelines (e.g. who to marry/associate with, etc.)

5. **Commandments.** These are those things God has spoken which detail the responsibilities of human beings to live in a covenant relationship with the Him. Especially in the Old Testament, commandments defined how Israel was to live in a covenant relationship with God, this being expanded upon in the New Testament.

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