

## WORDS IN PSALM 119 WHICH EXPRESS GOD'S REVELATION TO MEN

1. **Law**, to direct, guide, teach, make straight, or even, point forward; because it guides, directs, and instructs in the way of righteousness; makes our path straight, shows what is even and right, and points us onward to peace, truth, and happiness. It is even our school master to bring us to Christ, that we may be justified through faith; and by it is the knowledge of sin. (Psalms 119:1) **Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.**
2. **Statutes**, to mark, trace out, describe, and ordain; because they mark out our way, describe the line of conduct we are to pursue and order or ordain what we are to observe. (Psalms 119:16) **I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.**
3. **Precepts**, to take notice or care of a thing, to attend, have respect to, to appoint, to visit; because they take notice of our way, have respect to the whole of our life and conversation, superintend, overlook, and visit us in all the concerns and duties of life. (Psalms 119:45) **And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.**
4. **Commandments**, to command, order, ordain; because they show us what we should do, and what we should leave undone, and exact our obedience. (Psalms 119:60) **I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.**
5. **Testimonies**, to bear witness, or testimony. The rites and ceremonies of the law; because they point out matters beyond themselves, being types and representations of the good things that were to come (Psalms 119:46) **I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.**
6. **Judgments**, to judge, determine, regulate, order, and discern, because they judge concerning our words and works; show the rules by which they should be regulated; and cause us to discern what is right and wrong, and decide accordingly. (Psalms 119:52) **I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself. (Psalms 119:160) Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.**

7. **Word**, to discourse, utter one's sentiments; Any prophecy or immediate communication from heaven, as well as the whole body of Divine revelation, is emphatically called the word of Jehovah. On the same ground we call the whole Old and New Testament the Word of the Lord, as we term the volume in which they are contained The Bible-The Book. In his revelation God speaks to man; shows him, in a clear, concise, intelligible, and rational way, his interest, his duty, his privileges; and, in a word, the reasonable service that he requires of him. (Psalms 119:11) **Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Psalms 119:105) Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**

8. **Ways**, a well trodden road, path. The way in which God goes in order to instruct and save man; the way in which man must tread in order to be safe, holy, and happy. God's manner of acting or proceeding in providence and grace; and the way that man should take in order to answer the end of his creation and redemption.(Psalms 119:15) **I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.**

9. **Ordinances**, properly a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or (particularly) divine law, individual or collectively), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly justice, including a particular right, or privilege (statutory or customary), (Psalms 119:91) **They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.**

10. **Truth**, to make steady, constant, to settle, trust, believe. The law that is established steady, confirmed, and ordered in all things, and sure; which should be believed on the authority of God, and trusted to as an infallible testimony from Him who cannot lie nor deceive. (Psa 119:142) **Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.**

1. **Law** : That which points us to a straight path. It exposes us as sinners. *(Psalm 119:1) Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.*
2. **Statutes** : That which marks out the conduct we are to observe. It is a map, an instruction book. *(Psalm 119:16) I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.*
3. **Precepts** : That which superintends or overlooks us. It takes note of our way of life. *(Psalm 119:45) And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.*
4. **Commandments** : That which orders us what to do. It is a do's and don't's list. *(Psalm 119:60) I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.*
5. **Testimonies** : That which bears witness of past good things so that we will follow its' ways. It bears witness of our sin, of Jesus and of our need for him. *(Psalm 119:46) I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.*
6. **Judgments** : That which discerns our words, works and thoughts, whether they are right or wrong. Knowing right and wrong and doing right can keep us out of trouble. *(Psalm 119:52) I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself. (Psalm 119:160) Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.*
7. **Word** : That which is the whole body of divine revelation. There is power in the word of God. *(Psalm 119:11) Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Psalm 119:105) Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*
8. **Ways** : That which is God's chosen direction for our life. His ways are higher than our ways. Jesus is the way. *(Psalm 119:15) I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.*
9. **Ordinances** : That which is a verdict, a decree. They are written guidelines for conduct, business, relationships, etc. *(Psalm 119:91) They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.*
10. **Truth** : That which is established and confirmed as the authoritative and infallible testimony of God. It is unchanging. *(Psalm 119:142) Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.*