

Conquer With Gods Word

Seven words were uses to represent God's word.

Psalm 119:1; Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the **law** of the Lord! Law occurs about 220 times in the Old Testament. The word is much broader than the legal implications that our word law might imply. The basic meaning is teaching or instructing. Because God loves us, He has given a body of teaching and laws so that we can know what He expects from us and how we should live.

Psalm 119:2; Blessed are those who keep His **testimonies**, who seek Him with the whole heart! Testimony comes from a verb meaning to bear witness and is used nine times in Psalm 119. The word suggests not only corroboration by testimony, but sometimes includes a warning, as well.

Psalm 119:3,4; They also do no iniquity; they walk in His ways. You have commanded us to keep Your **precepts** diligently. Precepts always appears in the plural; and its twenty-four occurrences are in Psalms, twenty-one in

Psalm 119 alone. The precepts of God are those responsibilities that He has appointed for His people.

Psalm 119:5; Oh, that my ways were directed to keep Your **statutes!** Statute occurs 128 times and comes from a verb meaning engrave or write. In ancient times, statutes were engraved on metal or stone so that people could read and keep them.

Psalm 119:6; Then I would not be ashamed, when I look into all Your **commandments.** God's commands are an expression of His Person and nature. Psalm 119 teaches that these revelations of God's will are faithful or reliable, truth, and righteousness.

Psalm 119:7; I will praise You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous **judgments.** Judgment is derived from a verb-meaning judge or governs, and occurs about four hundred times in the Old Testament, sixteen times in Psalm 119 alone. The general idea is one of justice.

Psalm 119:9; How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your **word.** Word is one of the great words of the Bible. It is such an

idiomatic word in the Old Testament that the King James translators needed eighty-five different English words to translate it. The noun comes from the verb "to say" or "speak." The main idea is that whatever God says is His word.

In nearly every verse of Psalm 119, David magnifies God's word.

One of the pieces of furniture in the Old Testament tabernacle was called the bronze laver. It consisted of a huge upright bronze bole filled with water, resting upon a pedestal. The priests would often stop at this laver and wash. The Word of God may be thought of in terms to that laver, for it too has the power to cleanse. The Old Testament laver could only remove the physical dirt from human hands, but the Scriptures possess the ability to take away our moral filth.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" 1 John 1:9. What areas of my life can the Bible cleanse?

It can cleanse me from wrong thoughts. Sometimes we are tempted to think critically of others; God's Word can prevent this Psalm 1; blessed is the man

whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and in God's word he meditates day and night. On other occasions fearful thoughts may race through our minds; the Scriptures will prevent this. In fact, the Bible will establish our total thought-life if we but allow it to do so.

It can cleanse me from wrong words. Of all the Bible authors, James seems to be God's expert on the sins of the human tongue. In the first chapter of his book, he deals with this very thing and shows the absolute necessity of dependence upon the Scriptures to keep our words true James 1:22-26.

It can cleanse me from wrong actions, Jesus promised us this would be the case: "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."

Finally, God's Word will keep us from wrong thoughts, ~~W~~ords. ~~A~~nd actions; or else wrong thoughts, words, and actions will keep us from God's Word.