

# ALL THE WORDS OF GOD

**Psalm 119:1 – 3** “Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. 2. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart. 3. They also do no iniquity: they walk in His ways.”

In **Psalm 119** the Lord Jesus (prophetically) refers to the Scriptures, that is, to the Written Word of God, by various descriptions.

The Word of God is described as *precepts* (20x), *statutes* (22x), *commandments* (20x), *judgments* (17x), *word* (34x) *words* (3x), *testimonies* (21x), *law* (23x), *way* (1x), and *ordinances* (1x)

**Two Things** we must see:

Firstly we must note how He describes God’s Word; the way those descriptions function along those lines. It is a Person speaking who is pure, gentle, and peaceable. It is God Himself speaking. Christ treated God’s Word as God speaking to Him. It was as real as that to Him. Therefore the Holy Spirit, as a Separate Eternal Person equal to both God on the Throne and Christ, gave due respect to Him as a Person now subordinate in human flesh, and so there was no concern of blasphemy toward the Person of the Holy Spirit!

Second, in every almost case, except in verses 1 – 3, Christ, without effort, refers to precepts as “Thy precepts”, and to judgments as to “Thy judgments” or to “the judgments of Thy mouth” ,v13. If he calls God’s Word commandments, it is to “Thy commandments”. He also uses the word “testimonies” referring to them as “Thy testimonies” and to “statutes” as “Thy statutes”.

Other descriptions are “Thy word”, [37 times including “Thy words” (3 times)], “Thy law”, [23 times], “Thy way” [once], and “Thy ordinances” [once].

From verses 4 to 176 of this great Song to God, where God’s Word is referred to over and over again by these various descriptions used by Christ, God is told clearly, because it is God who is being spoken to, that it all comes from Him!

"Thy word"; "The word of Thy righteousness" [v123]. It is all God's Word. Christ is saying every piece of it is Your Word, now in writing for Me as well as for all men to receive and to live by.

We see from this one Psalm that the written Word of God comes from God directly.

*2 Timothy 3:15 – 17* "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17. That the man of god may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

v16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God". The results then are God's responsibility. We just obey it, and God Himself personally is responsible for what has been written.

*2 Peter 1:19 – 21* "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

God will see to it personally that every written word of His must achieve the Purpose for which He had it written. Only that can save us in our contest with Satan. Christ was quite clear as to what God wanted Him to do. It was not to throw Himself off the pinnacle of the Temple because it happened to be stated, "*For He shall give His angels charge over Thee, to keep Thee in all Thy ways. 12 They shall bear Thee up in their hands, lest Thou dash Thy foot against a stone.*" [Psalm 91:11 – 12]

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*Isaiah 55:6 – 11* "Seek ye the LORD while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: 7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 8. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My

ways, saith the LORD. 9. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. 10. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11. So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

The various descriptions of God's written Word used by the Lord Jesus in **Psalm 119** show us clearly that God intended His written Word to be solely for man's benefit, not for anything else.

*Romans 15:1 – 4* "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. 3. For even Christ pleased not Himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached Thee fell on Me. 4. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

(Paul is quoting *Psalm 69:9b*, "the reproaches of them that reproached Thee, are fallen upon Me")

In **Psalm 119** we see the words "precepts", "judgments", "word", "testimonies", "law", "statutes", and "ordinances" are in current use in man's everyday language.

God intended His written word also, simply to care for, control and cover every aspect of man's life, both in this world as well as in Eternity.

*Deuteronomy 8:1 – 6* "All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers. 2. And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no. 3. And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He

might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. 4. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. 5. Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. 6. Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him.”

All the Scriptures, Christ insists, came directly from God.

*2 Timothy 3:12 – 17* “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

If the Scriptures come from God, then that is why they are able to make us wise unto Salvation! And is why they are holy; they come directly from God! We must experience that they come from God, and then no man can confuse the issue in our minds.

*“...which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*

These are tremendous claims. It means that we get all our Answers from God. So if I am sure that they come from God, I cannot accept any other point of view!

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With the gentle Wisdom of God we find His Word is sufficient for all kind of needs. In Psalm 119 the Lord Jesus has put it in its different settings as being officially from God, as in God’s statutes, God’s precepts, etc.

We will find them applicable to our lives according to the description given to them by Christ, "that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." That is the sole objective of you telling me, 'Look, this comes from God', not because you claim it, but because as you know it comes from God, you expect me to come on God's wavelength when you speak to me.

Do not engage for any time at all with any person who does not accept that this comes from God. You are wasting your time, and it is not beneficial to the person, either, and, moreover, it does not increase your faith!

The natural man doesn't receive the things of the Spirit; they think they're foolish...

*1 Corinthians 2:14a* "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him:"

The "things of the Spirit" are God's Words! He is in a sense the direct Author of it. He moved upon men and they wrote it. He moved upon men and they spoke it, and someone wrote it down.

*1 Corinthians 2:14b* "neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

This is the next part. We can get into spiritual difficulties by engaging in something that God's Word says we shouldn't.

*Matthew 7:6* "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you."

To swine, a pearl is nothing but dirt; they would trample them under their feet, and a dog would turn and rend you.

Many Christians suffer because they disobey that one order of Christ's; they do not consider that God's Word is a wonderful thing. They see me a mocker, but yet they try to convert me by preaching God's Word to me, and they hear me mocking. That's why it is forbidden, because they (the Christians) will only suffer in their hearts.

*2 Chronicles 17:9* "And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people."

This event was under the reign of Jehoshaphat, who, as a king of Judah, was God's servant :

*vs3 – 4* "And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim; 4. But sought to the LORD God of his father, and walked in His commandments, and not after the doings of Israel."

They took it as God speaking to them directly and to the people.

*vs7 – 10* "Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, even to Benhail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. 8. And with them he sent Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nehaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests, 9. And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people. 10. And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat."

The princes, the Levites and the priests taught the people from the book of the law. They taught in Judah, and they took it as God speaking to them, so the "fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat."

It makes a lot of difference if you come to me as speaking God's Word; that does not only affect my intake, but also the results.

*2 Chronicles 34:30 – 31* "And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD. 31. And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD,

and to keep His commandments, and His testimonies, and His statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.”

It was God speaking to the people. Josiah, the king, took it from the LORD. If I take it as God speaking to me when you are preaching from the Bible, it will produce a result in my life – God’s result!

*Nehemiah 8:4 – 18* “And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. ...

v5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up.”

All the people stood up – to God – whose word was to be spoken to them.

v6 “And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.”

Ezra blessed the LORD, and the people answered, “Amen, Amen”. Their God was present to speak to them. They worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

v7 “Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelalah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place.”

All these men went among the people and taught them.

v8 “So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.”

They gave the sense of it to the people. God will reward me if I take the trouble to do this!

v9 "And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law."

The people wept. They believed what they were hearing was God's Word.

v12 "And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them."

*"because they had understood the words that were declared unto them."* When God's Word is accepted as coming from God by people, transformations take place!

v13 "And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law."

They gathered on the second day to understand the words of the law.

v14 "And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month:"

So they did exactly what the Word of God said. The Scriptures come directly from God. If I take it as God speaking, it will bring about a change in my life, which will be faith in God.

According to **Psalm 119**, we see the written Word comes directly from God. That is our rock! Jesus Christ has confirmed that it came directly from God, both by Statement and by what He did in fulfilling every word through His Obedience unto death.

### **References to all the Descriptions the Lord Jesus used of God's Word:**

"Thy precepts" : vs. 4, 15, 27, 40, 45, 56, 63, 69, 78, 87, 93, 94, 100, 104, 110, 128, 134, 141, 159, 173.



"Thy statutes" : vs. 5, 8, 12, 16, 23, 26, 33, 48, 54, 64, 68, 71, 80, 83, 112, 117, 118, 124, 135, 145, 155, 171.

"Thy commandments" : vs. 6, 10, 19, 32, 35, 47, 48, 60, 66, 73, 86, 96 (sing.), 98, 127, 131, 143, 151, 166, 172, 176.

"Thy judgments" : vs. 7, 30, 39, 43, 52, 62, 75, 102, 106, 108, 120, 137, 149 (sing.), 156, 160, 164, 175.

"Thy word" : vs. 9, 11, 17, 25, 28, 38, 41, 42, 50, 57 (plur.), 58, 65, 67, 74, 76, 81, 82, 89, 101, 103, 105, 107, 114, 116, 130 (plur.), 133, 139 (plur.), 140, 147, 148, 154, 158, 160, 161, 162, 169, 170.

"Thy testimonies" vs14, 22, 24, 31, 36, 46, 59, 79, 95, 99, 111, 119, 125, 129, 138, 144, 146, 152, 157, 167, 168

"Thy law" : vs. 18, 29, 34, 44, 51, 53, 55, 61, 70, 77, 85, 92, 97, 109, 113, 126, 136, 142, 150, 153, 163, 165, 174.

"Thy way" v37

"Thy ordinances" v91

**Verses describing the Word of God expressed in other ways without specifying "Thy" :**

v13 "With My lips have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth."

v49 ZAIN "Remember the word unto Thy servant, upon which Thou hast caused Me to hope."

v72 "The law of Thy mouth is better unto Me than thousands of gold and silver."

v84 "How many are the days of Thy servant? when wilt Thou execute judgment on them that persecute Me?"

v88 "Quicken Me after Thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of Thy mouth."

v90 "Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth."

v115 "Depart from Me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of My God."

v121 AIN "I have done judgment and justice: leave Me not to Mine oppressors."

v122 "Be surety for Thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress Me."

v123 "Mine eyes fail for Thy salvation, and for the word of Thy righteousness."

v132 "Look Thou upon Me, and be merciful unto Me, as Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy name."

We see that in only 3 verses, vs 90, 122, and 132, does the Lord Jesus express His anguish on the Cross and His determined obedience to God in other ways than the descriptions of God's Word.

We see also that the Lord Jesus referred to Himself 13 times as "Thy servant" :

"*Thy servant*" vs 13, 49, 72, 84, 88, 90, 115, 121, 122, 123, 132.

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