

The Greatness and Glory of God's Word Psalm 119

The greatness of God's Word is so deep, and the glory of His Word is so profound that an entire collection of words is needed to give it adequate description.

Law (*torah*, used 25 times in Psalm 119): As coming from God it means both 'law' and 'revelation.' It can be used of a single command or of a whole body of law.

Word (*dabar*, used 24 times): The idea is of the spoken word, God's revealed word to man.

Judgments (*mispatim*, used 23 times): The Scriptures lead us to *discern* what is *right* and *wrong*, and *decide* accordingly.

Testimonies (*edut/edot*, used 23 times): To obey His testimonies signifies loyalty to the terms of the covenant made between the Lord and Israel.

Commandments (*miswah/miswot*, used 22 times): This word emphasizes the straight authority of what is said... the right to give orders.

Statutes (*huqqim*, used 21 times): The noun is derived from the root verb "engrave" or "inscribe"; the idea is of the written word of God and the authority of His written word.

Precepts (*piqqudim*, used 21 times): This is a word drawn from the sphere of an officer or overseer, a man who is responsible to look closely into a situation and take action... So, the word points to the particular instructions of the Lord, as of one who cares about detail.

Word (*imrah*, used 19 times): Similar in meaning to *dabar*, yet a different term. The 'word' may denote anything God has spoken, commanded, or promised.

This lengthy description of the Word of God – 176 verses long – is designed to move you toward marveling at the immensity of Scripture.

There is so much in the Bible that is important for people to understand today.

- The Bible is a letter from our Father in heaven.
- The Bible is a picture of our best and most faithful Friend.
- The Bible is the certificate of our adoption into the family of God.
- The Bible is the declaration of our liberty, our freedom from slavery.
- The Bible is the description of our heavenly inheritance.
- The Bible is the evidence of our nobility, for we are made kings and priests to God.
- The Bible is the instruction manual for wise and blessed living.
- The Bible is a statement of what belongs to us by the promises of God.
- The Bible is a telescope where we see the heavenly city that is our destination.

You need the broad reading of the Bible to understand the major themes of Scripture.

You need the deep reading of the Bible to understand how Scripture applies into your life.

When your understanding of the Bible is applied into your life, that's a ministry of the Holy Spirit. At that moment, God is the teacher.

I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. Psalm 119:102

The Bible makes us wise; gives us insight; produces understanding.

But there's more than this. A love for God's Word is deeper than personal benefits...

A love for God and a love for His Word goes hand in hand.