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| **1** | **Psalms 119** What Is The Bible? |
| **2** | **What Is The Bible? Described in Psalms 119 as…**   1. **Law** (v. 1; used 25x in Psalm 119) has the idea of “**teaching**” or “**instruction**” whether a **single command**, or to **all of Scripture & the complete body of direction or instruction.** (As the term, “**the faith**” does in the NT.) The law reveals **God’s will for how His people are to live**… **not just for academic interest.**  * **Psalms 19:7 -** this **“law”** is **“perfect”, “restoring the soul.”** |
| **3** | 1. **Testimonies** (v. 2; used 10x), from a root meaning **“to bear witness.”** It points to the dependability of **the Bible as a witness of things of God**. It also has **the nuance of warning**.  * **Psalms 19:7** - this “***testimony***” is “***sure****…* ***making wise*** *the simple.”* |
| **4** | 1. **Ways (v. 3; used 7x) refers to God’s characteristic manner of acting, as contrasted with our ways (119:5, 26, 29, 59, 168; cf., Isaiah 55:8-9).  It then calls upon us to direct the “course of life” according to God’s way. (cf., 1 Kings 2:4)** |
| **5** | 1. **Precepts** (v. 4; used 21x) comes from a word meaning to **oversee or pay close attention to a matter**. Thus it **“points to the particular instructions of the Lord, as of one who cares about detail”** (Kidner). **What God requires of us**… (Deut. 10:12) **not just matters of prudence or self-interest**. (Psalms 19:8; 103:18)  * Psalms 19:7, “the **precepts of the Lord** are **right**, **rejoicing the heart**.” |
| **6** | 1. **Statutes** (v. 5; used 22x) comes from a word meaning “to **engrave in stone**” and thus they “speak of **the binding force and permanence of Scripture**” (Kidner). It refers to what has been **permanently** “**prescribed**” and represents a **limit or boundary** to our actions and ways. (BDB) (cf., 2 John 9; Galatians 1:6-9). |
| **7** | 1. **Commandments** (v. 6, used 22x) It points to “**the straight authority of what is said**” (Kidner). It has the idea of **giving orders or directives**. (cf., Philemon 8)  * Psalms 19:8, “The **commandment** of the Lord is **pure**, **enlightening** the eyes.” |
| **8** | 1. **Judgments** (v. 7, 13, used 23x) has the idea of **justice** (**judicial pronouncements**) rooted in God’s character. These are “the **decisions of the all-wise Judge** about common human situations” (Kidner).  * Psalms 19:9-10, “The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold…” |
| **9** | 1. **Word** (v. 9; used 23x) is the most general term of all, **emphasizing the fact that God has spoken and revealed**. 2. **Word** (v. 11; 19x in the psalm) is similar to the previous term. It is derived from the verb “to say” and may sometimes have **the nuance of promise** (NASB margin, vv. 38, 41). |
| **10** | **What Is The Goal Of God’s Word?**  **Psalms 19:11, “Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward.”** |