

Getting to Know Psalm 119

Psalm 119 contains almost 2,500 words. It forms the longest chapter the Bible. The psalm is organized around the characters of the Hebrew alphabet. The 22 characters of the Hebrew alphabet are used to create 22 stanzas of eight verses each. Eight different words are used interchangeably in this psalm to put forth the heart and mind of God to us. These eight words are as follows:

'Law' (tôrâ)	'Testimonies'	'Precepts'
'Statutes'	'Commandments'	'Ordinances'
'Word'	'Promise' or 'word'	

The chief term here is *law*, reminding us of the purpose of divine revelation: It is for our *obedience*, not merely our *interest*.

The structure of Psalm 119 is built around the Hebrew alphabet: **Aleph** א (vss. 1-8), **Bet** ב (vss. 9-16), **Gimel** ג – (vss. 17-24), **Dalet** ד (vss. 25-32), **He** ה (vss. 33-40), **Vav** ו (vss. 41-48), **Zayin** ז (vss. 49-56), **Het** ח (vss. 57-64), **Tet** ט (vss. 65-72), **Yod** י (vss. 73-80), **Kaf** ק (vss. 81-88), **Lamed** ל (vss. 89-96), **Mem** מ (vss. 97-104), **Nun** נ (vss. 105-112), **Samekh** ס (vss. 113-120), **Ayin** ע (vss. 121-128), **Pe** פ (vss. 129-136), **Tzadi** צ (vss. 137-144), **Qof** ק (vss. 145-152), **Resh** ר (vss. 153-160), **Shin** ש (vss. 161-168), **Tav** ת (vss. 169-176).



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"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." – The Sermon on the Mount

"The great thing about Christ's words is that He did not say, "Blessed are those who are righteous." He said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness." – Haddon W. Robinson

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