

Psalm 119 Glossary

WORD an all-inclusive term which includes all the different ways that God speaks.

Hebrew:

imra = an utterance, a phrase, a speech, a word of God

dabar = an utterance, a phrase, a speech, a word

LAW laws, instructions, directions given by God.

(Can also refer to the first five books of the Bible which are known as the Law of Moses, The Torah.)

Hebrew:

tora = laws, instructions, directions, Mosaic Law

PRECEPTS a principle of living given by the authority of God. Precepts are intended especially as a general rule of action or guidance that will lead to blessing.

Hebrew:

piqqudim = command or precept given by a higher authority and intended especially as a general rule of action for a subordinate official

STATUTES a prescribed task, action, limit, boundary, decree condition given by God.

Hebrew:

khoke = prescribed task, action, limit, boundary, condition

hiqqua = a statute or boundary that is cut into stone

COMMANDMENTS ways of wisdom given by God for righteous living.

Hebrew:

misva = code of wisdom

JUDGMENTS (also translated ordinances) – God’s decision, God’s perspective... God’s actions.

Hebrew:

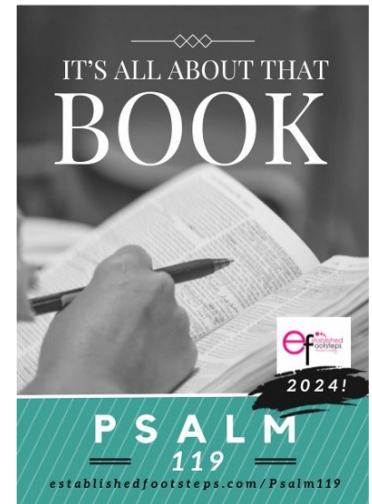
mispat = an act of decision, judgment

TESTIMONIES the witness of God about all that takes place in the universe.

Hebrew:

eda = testimony, witness, Divine witness

edit = testimony, witness



Title all four as God's
LAW

His **PRECEPTS** which communicate principles of living for us.

His **STATUTES** which communicate specific actions of living for us.

His **COMMANDMENTS** which communicate righteous living for us.

*His **JUDGMENTS** which reveal His decisions.

Additional Simplified Distinctions for God's **WORD**

LAW, COMMANDMENTS, STATUTES, PRECEPTS = Instructions for us from God

JUDGMENTS = Decisions from God

TESTIMONIES = Witness from God