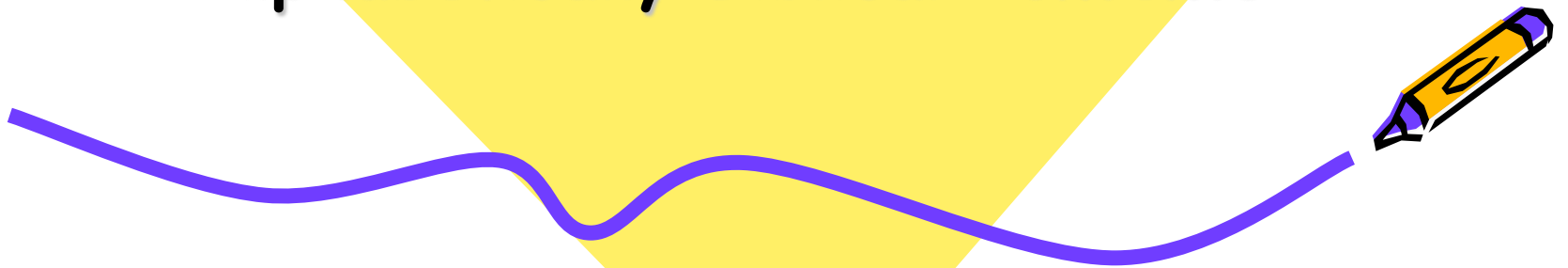




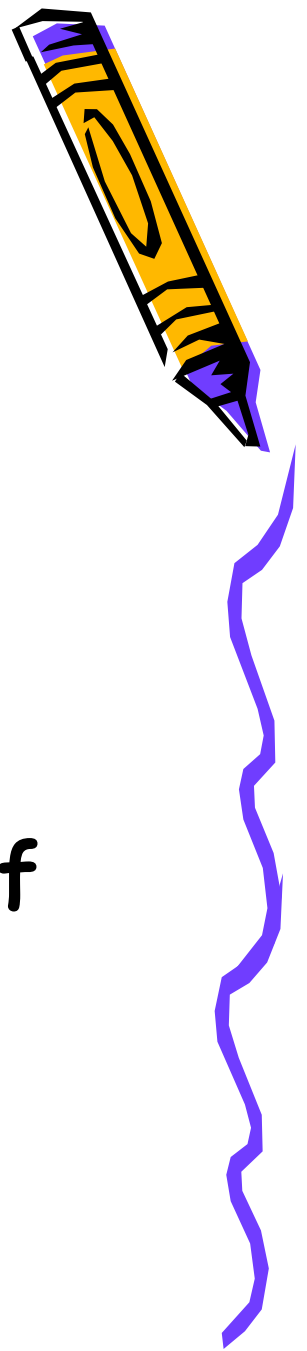
PSALM 119

Alphabetically Biblical Contents



Introducing Psalm 119

- Acrostic (= alphabetical) psalms include Psalms 9-10; 25; 34; 37; 111; 112; 119; and 145.
- Main theme of Psalm 119 is the Word of God mentioned in 169 of its 176 verses.



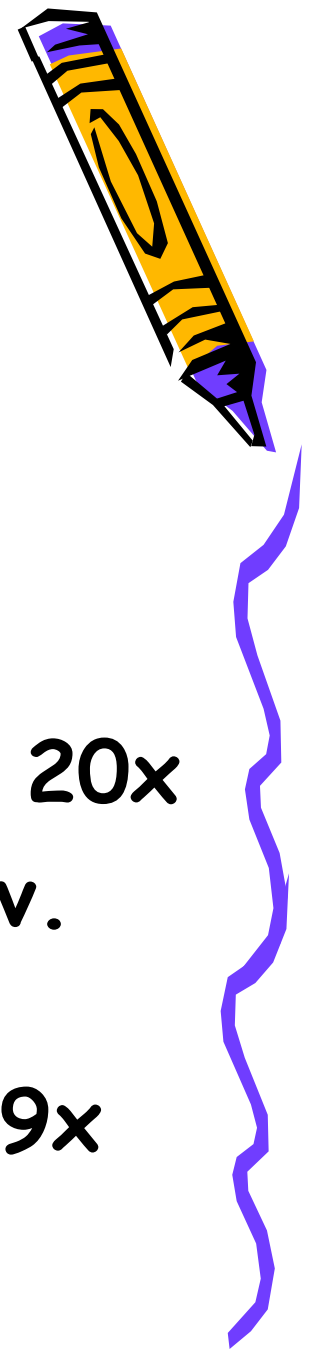
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- “law”: **lei** (*torah*; v. 1), 25x
- “testimonies”: **testemunhos/ prescrições** (*'edut, 'edot*; v. 2), 23x
- “precepts”: **mandamentos** (*piqqudim*, v. 4), 21x
- “statutes”: **mandamentos/estatutos/ preceitos** (*huqqim, huqqot*; v. 5), 22x



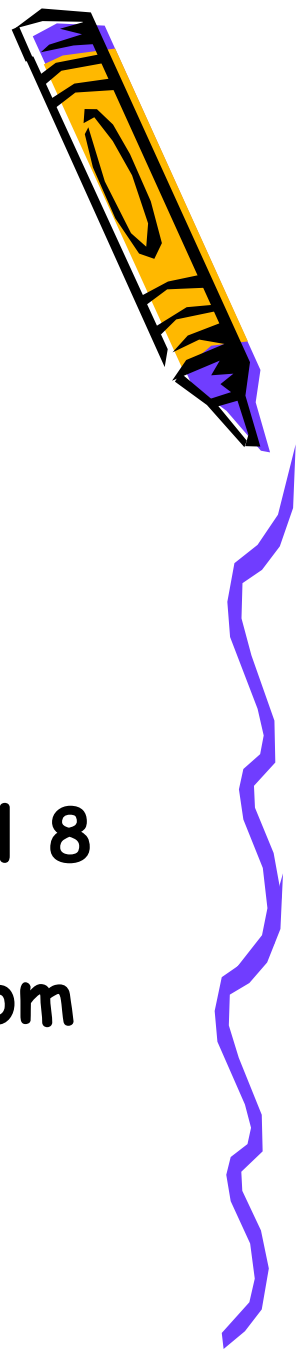
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- "commandments": **mandamentos** (*mitswah, mitswot*; v. 6), 22x
- "judgments"/"ordinances": **juízos** (*mishpat, mishpatim*; vv. 7, 13), 20x
- "word": **palavra** (*davar, devarim*; v. 9), 23x
- "word": **palavra** (*'imrah*; v. 11), 19x



Introducing Psalm 119



- All 8 words occur only:
 - verses 57-64 (*heth*)
 - verses 73-80 (*yodh*)
 - verses 81-88 (*kaph*)
 - Verses 41-48 (*waw*) also contain all 8 words, but verse 43 contains two words, repeating "word" (*davar*) from verse 42.



Introducing Psalm 119



- "SENHOR" (*Yahweh*) appears 24x
- "Deus" once (v. 115)
- "teus" occurs 211x
- God Himself is the central theme of the psalm.
- Psalmist's afflictions form a backdrop for this psalm (vv. 8, 20).



Praying Psalm 119



- Establish my ways so I can keep Your Word. [v. 5]
- Thank You, Father, for helping me learn Your Word. [v. 7]
- Do not let me wander away from Your Word, Lord. [v. 10]
- Teach me Your Word, O God. [v. 12]



Understanding Psalm 119

- I. Abiding by Yahweh's Law
(vv. 1-8)
- II. Behaving According to Yahweh's
Word (vv. 9-16)
- III. Contemplating Yahweh's
Commandments (vv. 17-24)



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- IV. Directing One's Way by
Yahweh's Precepts (vv. 25-32)
- V. Educating a Believer in Yahweh's
Law (vv. 33-40)
- VI. Freeing a Believer by Yahweh's
Word (vv. 41-48)



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- VII.** Generating a Memory of Yahweh's Law (vv. 49-56)
- VIII.** Hastening to Keep Yahweh's Word (vv. 57-64)
- IX.** Increasing Good by Yahweh's Word (vv. 65-72)



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- X. Judging Situations by Yahweh's Word (vv. 73-80)
- XI. Keeping Oriented According to Yahweh's Word (vv. 81-88)
- XII. Living through Yahweh's Precepts (vv. 89-96)



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XIII. Mastering Understanding
through Yahweh's Precepts
(vv. 97-104)

XIV. Negating Affliction by Yahweh's
Ordinances (vv. 105-112)

XV. Obtaining Comfort through
Yahweh's Statutes
(vv. 113-120)



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XVI. Praying in accord with Yahweh's Word (vv. 121-128)

XVII. Quenching One's Thirst with Yahweh's Word (vv. 129-136)

XVIII. Revealing Yahweh's Righteousness by His Word (vv. 137-144)



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- XIX.** Seeking Yahweh's Help According to His Word (vv. 145-152)
- XX.** Tossing Oneself on Yahweh's Mercy by His Word (vv. 153-160)
- XXI.** Uniting Hope with Love for Yahweh's Word (vv. 161-168)



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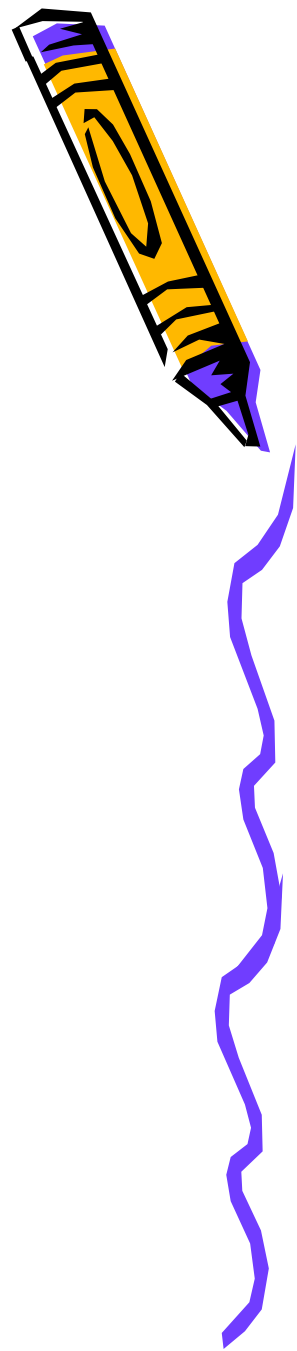
XXII. Voicing One's Plea According to
Yahweh's Word (vv. 169-176)



I. Abiding by Yahweh's Law (vv. 1-8)

✎, *Aleph*

Key verse: v. 2



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vv. 1, 2 “blessed”: Bem-aventurados

- 1st Hebrew word in these 2 verses.
- Begins with the Hebrew alphabet's 1st letter.
- Same Hebrew word as the 1st word of the entire Psalter (1:1).



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vv. 1, 2 "blessed": Bem-aventurados

- The Word of God in the believer's life produces the life of blessing.



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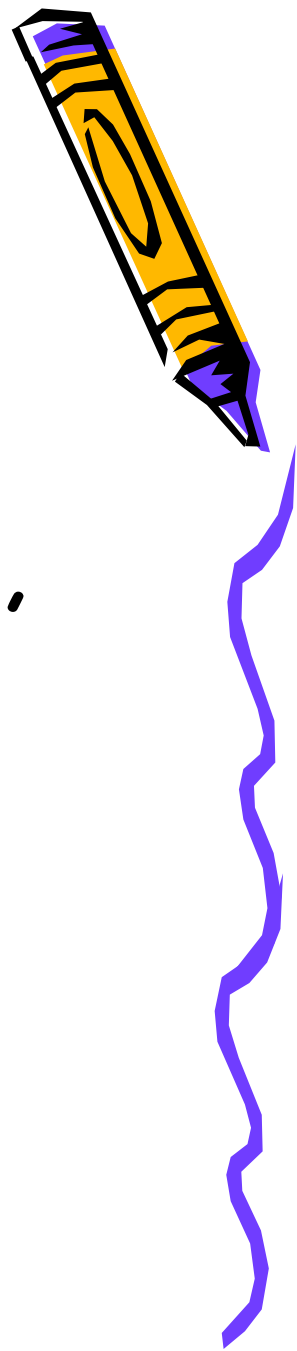
v. 2 “with all *their* heart”:
com todo o coração

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- Compare Deuteronomy 4:29; 5:29; 6:5; etc.



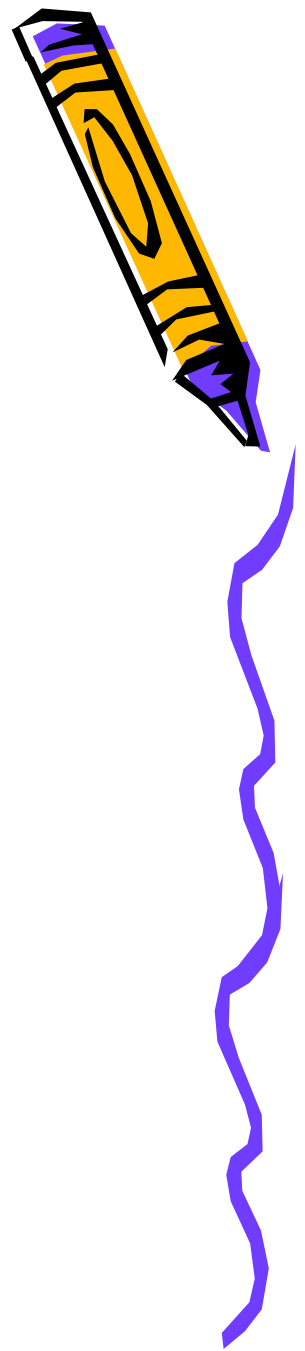
Deuteronomy 4:29

“But from there
you will seek the LORD your God,
and you will find *Him*
if you search for Him
with all your heart
and all your soul.”



Deuteronomy 5:29

Oh that they had
such a heart in them,
that they would fear Me
and keep all My commandments
always,
that it may be well with them
and with their sons forever!



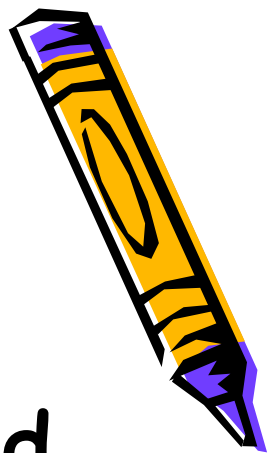
Deuteronomy 6:5

"You shall love the LORD your God

with all your heart

and with all your soul

and with all your might."



Understanding Psalm 119

v. 2 “with all *their* heart”:
com todo o coração

- Phraseology occurs 6 times in Psalm 119.
- Compare Deuteronomy 4:29; 5:29; 6:5; etc.
- One of many phrases and themes that the psalmist draws from the Book of Deuteronomy.



The psalmist knows and thinks with the theology and vocabulary of Deuteronomy. The great exhortation of Deuteronomy 6:1-9 to love the LORD by keeping and teaching his words is the central impulse of the psalmist's religion. — James L. Mays



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v. 3 “His ways”: seus caminhos

- God's “ways” (*derek*) involve who God is with regard to His character.
- God desires His people to reflect His character in how they live.



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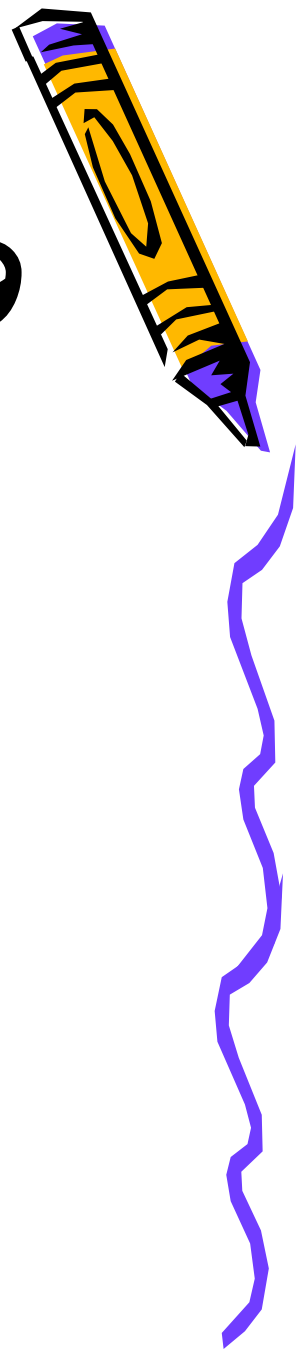
14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, **15** but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; **16** because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."



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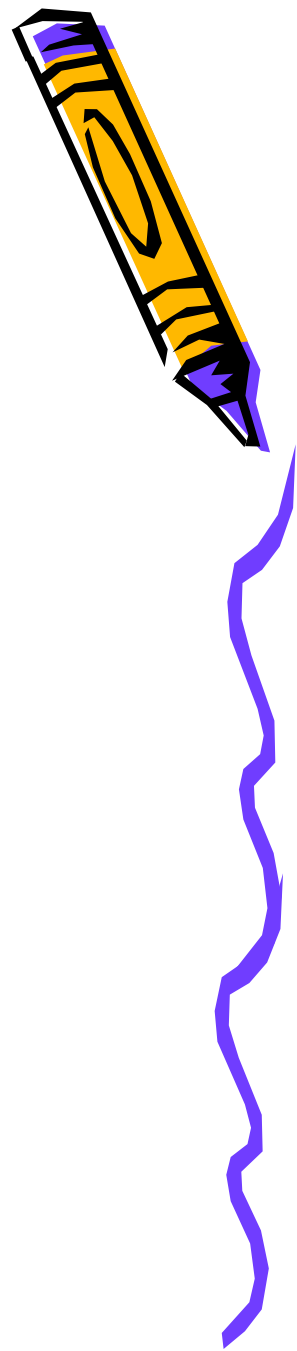
v. 3 "His ways": seus caminhos

- Psalm 119 focuses on living the Word by obeying it, not just knowing it.



James 1:22

But prove yourselves
doers of the word,
and not merely hearers
who delude themselves.



Understanding Psalm 119

v. 4 "You have ordained":
Tu ordenaste

- Literally, "You Yourself have commanded."
- "You" is the 1st word in Hebrew and emphatic.
- God authors, reveals, enjoins obedience to, and fulfills His Word.

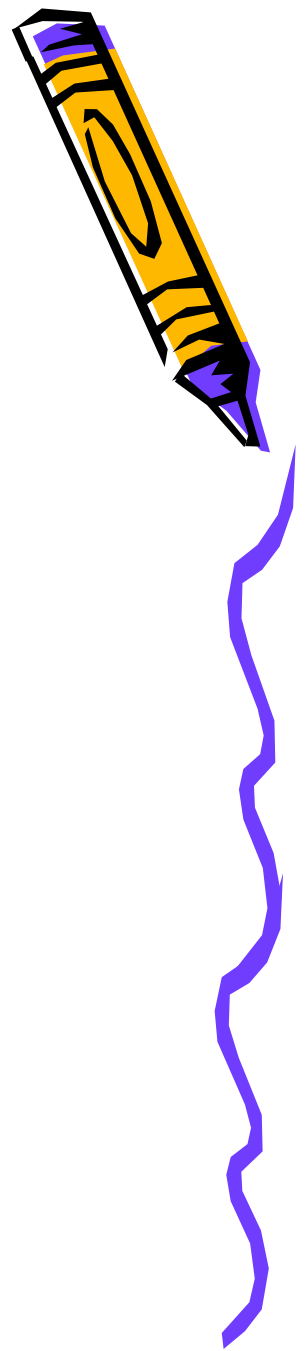


II. Behaving According to Yahweh's Word

(vv. 9-16)

ב, *Beth*

Key verses: vv. 11, 12



Understanding Psalm 119

v. 9 "his way": o seu caminho

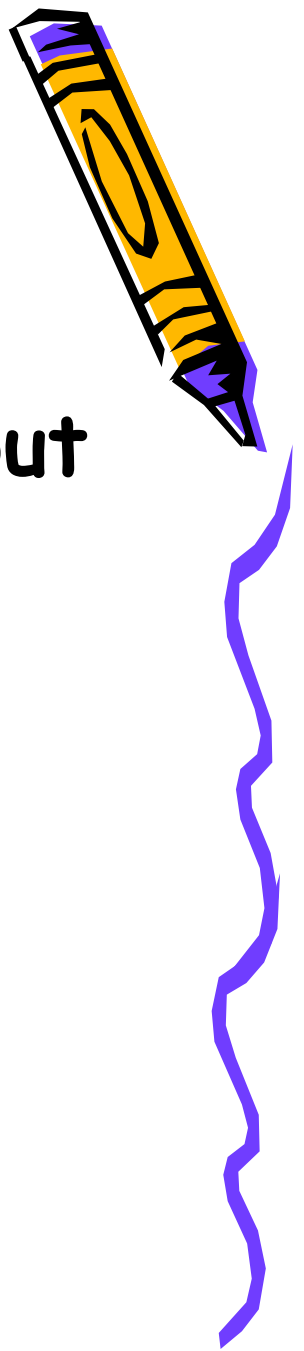
- Distinct (*orach*) from the term used in verse 3.
- Refers more specifically to a course, journey, or pilgrimage.



Psalm 19:5

Which is as a bridegroom coming out
of his chamber;

It rejoices as a strong man to run
his **course**.



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v. 10 “Do not let me wander”:
não me deixes desviar

- Such wandering can be unwitting and accidental
- or knowing and intentional disobedience to the Word of God.



Understanding Psalm 119

v. 11 "Your word I have treasured
in my heart": Escondi a tua palavra
no meu coração

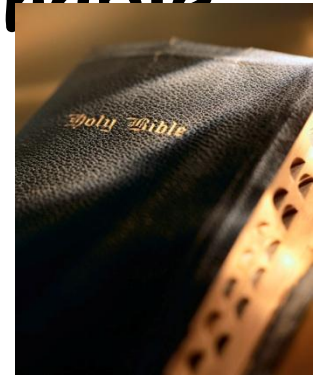
- *Beth* also means "house."
- Focus on making the Word of God a home in our heart.



Understanding Psalm 119

v. 11 "Your word I have treasured
in my heart": Escondi a tua palavra
no meu coração

- Heart: where purity must begin (see v. 9).
- God's Word in our heart will enable us to live without constantly sinning.



Matthew 5:28

but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her **in his heart.**



Matthew 12:34

“You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills **the heart.**”



How to live for God through His Word:

1. Obey the Word of God (v. 9).
2. Seek God wholeheartedly (v. 10).
3. Memorize the Word of God (v. 11).
4. Be taught by God from His Word (v. 12).
5. Teach the Word to others (v. 13).
6. Rejoice in living the Word of God (v. 14).
7. Meditate on the Word of God (v. 15).
8. Delight in the Word of God (v. 16).

