

SECTION OUTLINE ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN (PSALM 119)

This elaborate alphabetical psalm has 22 eight-verse stanzas that extol the Word of God. It is the longest chapter in the Bible (176 verses).

- I. THE NAMES FOR GOD'S WORD: What It Is Called (119:1, 3–37, 39–40, 42–69, 71–116, 119–120, 123–131, 133–148, 150–164, 166–176)
 - A. **His law or laws** (119:1, 7, 13, 18, 20, 29–30, 34, 39, 43–44, 51–53, 55, 61–62, 70, 72, 77, 85, 91–92, 97, 102, 106, 108–109, 113, 126, 136, 142, 150, 153, 160, 163–165, 174–175): We must keep, not break, his laws—for our own good.
 - B. **His decrees** (119:2, 14, 22, 24, 31, 36, 46, 79, 88, 95, 99, 111, 119, 125, 129, 138, 144, 146, 152, 157, 167–168): They provide us with discernment.
 - C. **His light** (119:3, 105): God's word provides light for our way.
 - D. **His commands/commandments** (119:4, 6, 10, 15, 19, 21, 27, 32, 35, 40, 45, 47–48, 56, 60, 63, 66, 69, 73, 78, 86–87, 93–94, 96, 98, 100, 104, 110, 115, 127–128, 131, 134, 141, 143, 151, 159, 166, 168, 172–173, 176): We must love them, not forget them, and study them.
 - E. **His principles** (119:5, 8, 12, 16, 23, 26, 33, 48, 54, 64, 68, 71, 80, 83, 112, 117–118, 124, 135, 145, 155, 171): We must let God teach us and then obey him.
 - F. **His rules** (119:9) : Following them will keep us pure.
 - G. **His ways** (119:15) : We should reflect on them.
 - H. **His statutes** (119:59) : If we follow them, they will give us direction.
 - I. **His judgments or decisions** (119:120, 137): God's decisions are fair, and we are to live by them.

- II. THE NATURE OF GOD'S WORD: What It Accomplishes (119: 1–2, 9, 11, 24, 28–29, 37–38, 41–42, 45–46, 49–50, 62, 67, 70, 98–100, 103, 105, 111, 114, 116, 120–122, 132, 139, 141, 149, 165, 170)
- A. **It brings blessing and happiness** (119:1–2, 122).
 - B. **It keeps us pure** (119:9) .
 - C. **It keeps us from sin** (119:11, 29, 121).
 - D. **It gives wise advice** (119:24) .
 - E. **It encourages the grieving** (119:28) .
 - F. **It reassures us of his promises for those who honor him** (119:38) .
 - G. **It provides answers, even for those who taunt us** (119:42) .
 - H. **It gives freedom** (119:45) .
 - I. **It offers hope** (119:49) .
 - J. **It comforts and revives** (119:50) .
 - K. **It provides a thankful heart** (119:62) .
 - L. **It brings us back to God** (119:37, 67): God will discipline us if we turn from him.
 - M. **It instructs and gives wisdom** (119:98–100).
 - N. **It nourishes** (119:103) : God's word is sweeter than honey.
 - O. **It enlightens** (119:105) : God's word provides a light for our path.
 - P. **It protects** (119:114) : God's word is a refuge.
 - Q. **It sustains our hope** (119:116) .
 - R. **It brings delight** (119:70, 111).
 - S. **It brings peace** (119:165) : We do not have to fear stumbling.
 - T. **It delivers** (119:170) : God promises to rescue us.
 - U. **It brings love and salvation** (119:41, 149).
 - V. **It shows mercy to all who love his name** (119:132) .
 - W. **It deserves respect** (119:46, 120).
 - X. **It is important to remember** (119:141) ¹

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