

SYNONYMS

Webster:

“Two or more words or expressions of the same language that have the same or nearly the same meaning in some or all senses.”

Psalm 67:1-2

**“God be merciful to us, and
bless us and cause His face to
shine on us, that Your way may
be known on earth, your
salvation among all nations. Let
the peoples praise You, let all
the peoples praise You.”**

Psalm 2:8

“Ask of me and I will give the nations as your inheritance; the uttermost parts of the earth as your possession.”

Psalm 119 (NAS)

“Your law”	(25)
“Your precepts”	(21)
“Your testimonies”	(23)
“Your ordinances”	(16)
“Your commandments”	(22)
“Your statutes”	(22)
“Your principles”	(4)
“Your Word”	(34)
“Your words”	(7)
“Your decrees”	(1)

Ten terms referring to the Scriptures

Question:

Why is this important?

Answer:

Only when we realize that all these terms are referring in essence to the same thing, only then are we overwhelmed with how precious and indispensable was the written Word of God in the life of the Psalmist.

How precious were the written words of God to the Psalmist?

:11 “Your words I have treasured in my heart”

:14 “I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies as much as in all riches.”

:16 “I shall delight in your statutes.”

:18 “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things out of your laws.”

:24 “Your testimonies...are my delight; they are my counselor.”

:31 “I cleave to your testimonies.”

:35 “Make me walk in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.”

:40 “I long for your precepts.”

:42 “I trust in your word.”

:43 “I hope in your ordinances.”

:45 “I seek your precepts.”

:47 “I shall delight in your commandments which I love.”

:48 “I shall lift up my hands to your commandments which I love.”

:49 “...the word...in which you have made me hope.”

:54 “Your statutes are my song / the music of my life.” (NAS / NLT)

:72 “To me your law is more valuable than thousands of gold and silver pieces.”

:77 “Your law is my delight.”

:82 “My eyes fail with longing for your Word.”

:97 “O how I love your law!”

:103 “How sweet are your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth.”

:111 “Your testimonies are the joy of my heart.”

:113 “I love your law.”

:114 “I wait for your Word.”

:119 “I love your testimonies.”

:123 “My eyes fail with longing...for your righteous Word.”

:127 “I love **your commandments** above gold, **yes**, above fine gold.”

:129 “**Your testimonies** are wonderful.”

:131 “I longed for **your commandments**.”

:140 “**Your word** is very pure. Therefore **your servant** loves it.”

:143 “**Your commandments** are my delight.”

:147 “I hope in **your words**.”

:148 “**My eyes** anticipate the night watches that I may meditate **on your word**.”

:159 “Consider how I love your precepts.”

:161 “My heart stands in awe of your word.”

:162 “I rejoice at your word as one who finds great spoil / treasure.”

:167 “I love your testimonies exceedingly.”

:174 “Your law is my delight.”

**A summary: How the Psalmist felt about
God's written Word:**

“I love it – exceedingly.”

“I treasure it in my heart.”

“It is the music of my life.”

“I cleave to it.”

“I long for it.”

“I seek it.”

“I delight in it.”

“I trust it.”

“I stand in awe of it.”

“I put my hope in it.”

“I see wonderful things in it.”

“It is sweeter to me than honey.”

**“I look forward to nights when I
can meditate on it.”**

**“I rejoice in it more than over
treasure.”**

**“It means more to me than even
purest gold.”**

**“It is more valuable to me than
thousands of pieces of gold and silver.”**

**A. How the Psalmist felt
about God's Word.**

B. Why he felt that way:

God's Word **defends from sin.**

:9 “How shall a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to your Word.”

:11 “I have hid Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.”

**God's Word prevents collapse in
times of severe testing.**

**:92 “If your law had not been my delight,
then I would have perished in my affliction.”**

**God's Word provides hope in
hopeless circumstances.**

:49 "Your promise is my only hope."

:74 "I have put my hope in your Word."

:43 "I hope in your ordinances."

**God's Word gives comfort in
times of deepest grieving.**

**:28 “My soul weeps because of grief;
strengthen me according to your Word.”**

**:50 “Your promise revives me, it
comforts me in all my troubles.”**

God's Word imparts profound wisdom.

:98 “Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies.”

:100 “I understand more than the aged, because I have obeyed your precepts.

:104 “From your precepts I get understanding.”

:130 “The unfolding of your Word gives understanding to the simple.”

**God's Word gives dependable life
guidance.**

**:105 "Your Word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path."**

**:133 "Guide my steps by Your Word."
(NLT)**

God's Word **is life-sustaining.**

:93 “By [your laws] you have kept me alive.” *

:50 “Your promise is my only hope. It keeps me alive.” *

:93 “Keep me alive by your Word.” *

:144 “Your testimonies are righteous....
Give me understanding that I may live.”

* NIV marginal reading

IN SUMMARY

The Psalmist found the very words of God to be essential to spiritual life and spiritual survival.

Jeremiah:

**“Your words were found,
and I ate them,
and your Word became to me
the joy and rejoicing
of my heart.”**

Jeremiah 15:16

Charles Spurgeon:

“...Holy Scripture is [God’s] counsel to [us]. Happy are we to have God’s Word always to guide us! What would the mariner be without his compass? And what would the Christian be without the Bible?”

Doming

(Philippine translator of the Balangao Scriptures)

“It is good that we have the very words of God written down in a Book so we can hold on to them. And besides, that is what God wants, that we should hold on to His words.”

God's Word in Psalm 119:

- * Defends from sin.
- * Prevents spiritual collapse in times of severe testing.
- * Gives hope in otherwise hopeless circumstances.
- * Provides comfort in times of deepest grieving.
- * Imparts profound wisdom.
- * Is life-sustaining.
- * Gives dependable life guidance.

***“Consecrate yourselves,
for tomorrow the Lord will do
wonders among you.”***

**Our lives will glorify God in
direct proportion to our
learning to *“hold on to”*
His very words.**

***Attach your life
to the words of this Book.
Do so as though your very
life depends on it –
because it does.***

***Attach your life's ministry
to the words of this Book.***

***Do so as though the true
success of your ministry***

depends on it --

because it does.