

Studies in John 17:17...Expansion of remarks of Numeral III...
elaboration of the subject in the light of Psalm 119.

1. Our concept: When the Lord says.. "They word.." the reference is to the total body of Scripture. It seems, in the light of what it is to do for us, any concept less than this does not credit the Lord's remark. The great commentary on the use and nature of the Word of God is found in Psalm 119 and our idea is that the Psalm shows the Scripture under several different categories and binds us to each as a vehicle of truth. We must discuss briefly the concept of Hebrew parallelism and then note some data.
2. The general presentation in the psalm is to the adequacy of the Word and it does this through the selective acknowledgement of the various parts of the Word. The terms best used (or best known) are:
 - a. The word...involving two Hebrew words:
 - m These words seem to be virtual synonyms due to their frequent proximate use. Here is the reason why we say this:

(1) דבר 9, 16, 17, 25, 28, 42, 49, 57, 65, 74, 81, 100, 105, 107, 114
 (2) אמרה 11, 38, 41, 50, 58, 67, 76, 82, 103, 116

130, 139, 147

160, 161, 169, 176

100, 133 140, 148,

162, 170

The terms seem to encompass all the instructions and the broad content of all the Lord has given.

- b. The law (תורה) (used about 24 times)

Seeming to represent the overall requirement of God and particularly the covenantal law.

- c. The testimonies (עדות) (used about 23 times)

Seemingly the enactments of God that have special merit in public recognition.

- d. The ways (דרכ) 2 main occurrences and I am not sure if it can be used in the treatment of the Psalm due to the limited frequency.

- e. The precepts (פקד) (used 21 times...about)

From the general root I think the precepts refer to the special enactments of judgment of God upon His people.

- f. The Statutes (חקה) (used about 22 times)

These, I think, represent particular laws...prohibitions and requirements perhaps beyond the covenantal ideas.