



Loving the Law

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Today's discussion is part 2 from last year's
discussion on "Keeping the law"

Keeping the Law

How do you feel about personally keeping the law?



Burdensome, not excited



Joyful, happy

How important is it to keep the law?

Deut 4:40 Therefore you shall **keep** his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

John 14:15 If you love Me, you will **keep** My commandments.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we **keep** his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Keep and obey

One reason we have have a negative impression of keeping the law is we only think of keeping in terms of obeying. Though obey has this as one of its meanings, it is only a part of what keep means.

What does “keep” mean?

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h8104/kjv/wlc/0-1/> (shamar)

- Guard, keep watch and ward
- Protect, save life
- Watch for, wait for
- Treasure up
- Celebrate
- Preserve, protect
- Take care
- Regard
- Observe

What does “keep” mean?

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g5083/kjv/tr/0-1/> (tereo)

- Attend to carefully, take care of
- Observe
- Guard
- Note
- Watch

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g5442/kjv/tr/0-1/> (phylasso)

- Guard
- Keep watch
- Protect
- Observe
- Avoid

What are ways we use the word keep in everyday usage?

- Keep my word
- Keep an eye on
- Keep company
- Keep up
- Upkeep
- Groundskeeper
- Housekeeper
- Storekeeper
- Bookkeeper
- Beekeeper
- Zookeeper
- Peacekeeper
- Keepsake

What does “law” mean?

Last year I said in part 2 we will be talking about what is the law.

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Psalm 119:113

I hate vain thoughts: but thy **law do I love.**

Psalm 119:163

I hate and abhor lying: but thy **law do I love.**

Psalm 119:165

Great peace have they which **love thy law:** and nothing shall offend them.

Table Discussion

Find out everyone's name.

What does "law" mean to you?

Word study

We're going to look together at the original Hebrew and see what law means.





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H5769 , even unto the end H6118 .

119:113 - SAMECH. I hate H8130 vain thoughts H5588 : but thy law H8451 do I love H157 .

119:114 - Thou art my hiding place H5643 and my shield H4043 : I hope H3176 in thy word H1697

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119:115 - Depart H5493 from me, ye evildoers H7489 : for I will keep H5341 the commandments H4687 of my God H430 .

119:116 - Uphold H5564 me according unto thy word H565 , that I may live H2421 : and let me not be ashamed H954 of my hope H7664 .

119:117 - Hold thou me up H5582 , and I shall be safe H3467 : and I will have respect H8159 unto thy statutes H2706 continually H8548 .

119:118 - Thou hast trodden down H5541 all them that err H7686 from thy statutes H2706 : for their deceit H8649 is falsehood H8267 .

119:119 - Thou puttest away H7673 all the wicked H7563 of the earth H776 like dross H5509 : therefore I love H157 thy testimonies H5713 .

119:120 - My flesh H1320 trembleth H5568 for fear H6343 of thee; and I am afraid H3372 of thy judgments H4941 .

119:121 - AIN. I have done H6213 judgment H4941 and justice H6664 : leave H3240 me not to mine oppressors H6231 .

119:122 - Be surety H6148 for thy servant H5650 for good H2896 : let not the proud H2086



<https://simple.uniquebibleapp.com/bible/KJVx/Psalms/119#v113>

Table Discussion

What is the Hebrew word for "law"?

What are the definitions of that word?

Torah Scroll



Table Discussion

What is the Torah?

Torah

The Torah, also known as the Pentateuch (from the Greek for “five books”), is the first collection of texts in the Hebrew Bible. It deals with the origins of not only the Israelites but also the entire world. Though traditionally the Hebrew word torah has been translated into English as “law” because of its translation in the Septuagint (the Greek translations of the Hebrew Bible) as nomos (law), **it is better understood and translated as “teaching” or “instruction.”**

<https://www.worldhistory.org/Torah/>

Torah

The Torah ("Instruction", "Teaching" or "Law") is the compilation of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, namely the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. At times, however, the word Torah can also be used as a synonym for the whole of the Hebrew Bible or Tanakh, in which sense it includes not only the first five, but all 24 books of the Hebrew Bible. The word "Torah" in Hebrew is derived from the root ירה, which in the hif'il conjugation means 'to guide' or 'to teach'. **The meaning of the word is therefore "teaching", "doctrine", or "instruction"; the commonly accepted "law" gives a wrong impression."**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Torah>

What is the Torah?

- Books of Moses (Pentateuch)
- Law
- Instruction, teaching
- Narratives, stories
- History
- Poetry
- Prophecy
- Songs
- Wisdom
- Entire Old Testament

Table Discussion

Psalm 119:165

Great peace have they which **love thy law**: and nothing shall offend them.

What does it mean to love the law?

What are ways we can love the law?

What are ways we can love the law (Torah)?

- Read
- Study
- Memorize
- Sing, worship
- Pray
- Teach
- Make disciples
- Preach
- Respect, honor
- Cherish
- Obey, follow

Law and salvation

Acts 15:1 But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

Acts 15:11 But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

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Psa 119:97

O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.