

Treasure Hunt

- Psalms 118 and 119 bring together the Messiah and Gods' Word. Where else in Psalms are these ideas brought together?
- Why are there 176 verses in Psalm 119?
- What images does Psalm 1 use to describe God's teaching?
- What is the Psalmist's great purpose, according to vv. 1-8?
- What is the relationship between this purpose and salvation?
- What four steps help us to obey God's word, according to vv. 9-16?
- What theme is characteristic of vv. 17-24, 49-56, 81-88, 121-128, and 145-152?
- What two forms of instruction does the Psalmist ask from God in 25-40?
- What three results does he anticipate from this help in vv. 41-48?

Messiah and Torah



<http://messianicfellowship.50webs.com/TR-epi-ish.jpg>

107, Suffering, coming to the land: ידה	120-134, Ascents: Coming to the Temple
	135-137, ברך, ידה, memory of suffering
108-110, Psalms of David	138-144, Psalms of David
111-112, Hallelu-Yah; Acrostic (111 Works of the Lord)	145, David; Acrostic (Works of the Lord)
113-117, Hallelu-Yah	146-150, Hallelu-Yah
118, Messiah ← Pair → 119, Torah (Acrostic)	

Ps 1: Blessed is the man ... his delight is in the law of the Lord

Ps 2: The Lord and his Anointed (Messiah)

Qualifications to dwell with God	15	24 (+ the King)
Confidence	16 thou wilt show me the path of life	23 The Lord is my Shepherd
Laments	17	22
Thanksgiving	18 request + answer	20 (request) + 21 (answer)
God's revelation	19 (cf. Psalms 15 and 24)	

Messianic King, Ps 2

God's Law, Ps 1

The Acrostic of Psalm 119

22 stanzas (one for
each letter of the
Hebrew Alphabet:
Aleph א, Beth ב,
Gimel ג, Daleth ד,
He ה, Waw ו, ...)

x 8 lines per stanza
(all beginning with
the letter)

= 176 lines

Bullinger's Translation of Aleph and Beth

Ah! the happinesses of the perfect in the way, Such as
walk by the Law of Jehovah.

Ah! the happinesses of the keepers of His testimonies,
Who seek Him with their whole heart.

Assuredly they have not worked iniquity : In His ways
they have ever walked.

As to Thy commandments -- Thou hast commanded
us, That we should diligently keep them.

Ah Lord, that my ways were prepared To keep Thy
statutes;

Ashamed, then, should I never be, While I have
respect unto all Thy commandments.

All my heart shall praise Thee in uprightness, While I
learn the judgments of Thy righteousness.

All Thy statutes also I will keep : Leave me not utterly.

By what means shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed thereto according to Thy word.

By every means my heart hath sought Thee : Let me
not err from Thy commandments.

Besides, I have laid up Thy Word in my heart, That I
might not sin against Thee. ...



God's Word

	Ps 19	Ps 119				Max
		Singular	Plural	Total	# Stanzas	
Central Eight						
Law 8451 תורה	Singular	25		25	21	2
Word 1697 דבר		20	5	25	19	2
Testimony 5715 עדות	Singular	1 (v. 88)	22	23	19	2
Judgment 4941 משפת	Plural	4	19	23	21	2
Statutes 2706 חק, חקה			22	22	18	2
Commandment 4687 מצוה	Singular	1 (v. 96)	21	22	19	2
Precepts 6490 פקוד	Plural (Statutes)		21	21	19	2
Word 565 אמרה		19		19	17	2
Additional in Jewish Tradition (not uniform)						
Way 1870 דרך		7	6	13	6	5
Righteousness 6666 צדק, צדקה, צדיק		12		12	10	5
Faithfulness 530, אמונה		5		5	5	1
Additional in Psalm 19						
Fear 3374 יראה	Singular	1 (v. 38)		1	1	1

Psalm 119, Living in God's Word

1-16, The Foundation

1-8, The Goal: Obedience (Ps 1:1)

9-16, The Means: Meditation (Ps 1:2)

17-176, The Fruit (Ps 1:3-6)

17-48, Victory in a Hostile World

49-80, Encouragement to Others

81-120, Inhabiting Eternity

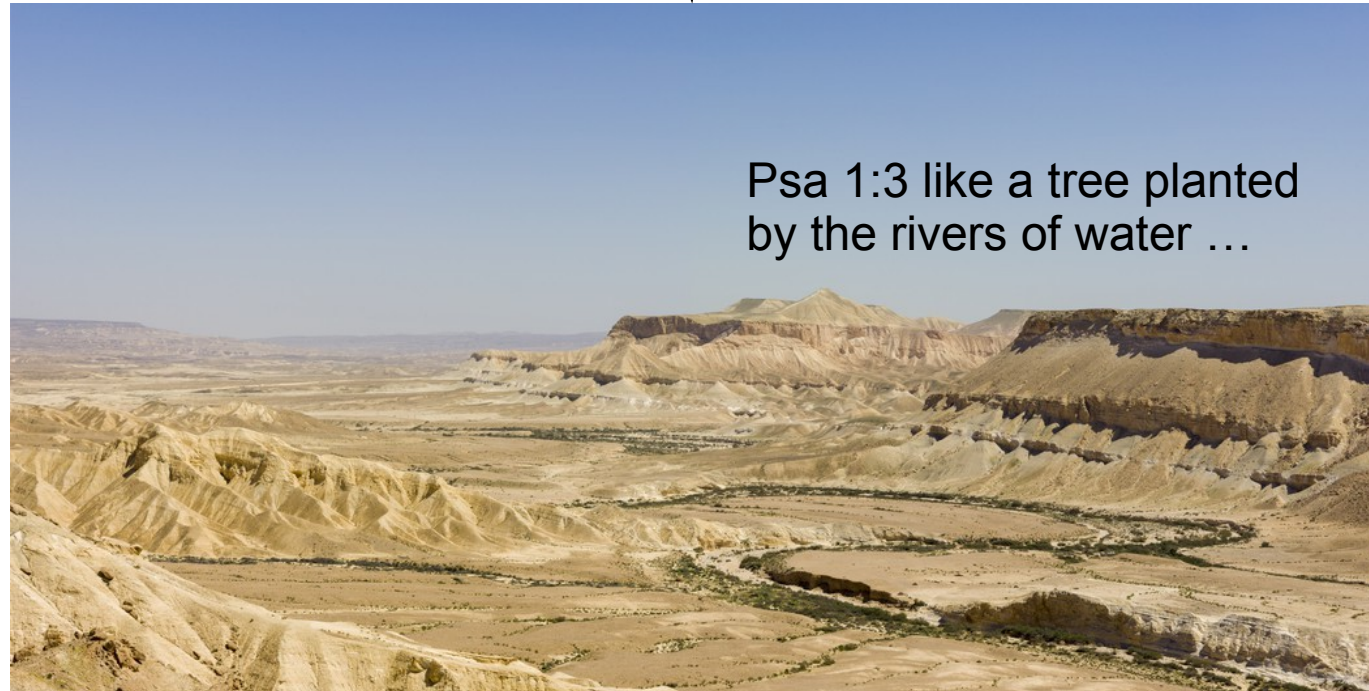
121-144, Attaining Righteousness

145-176, From Death to Life

Structure of Psalm 119

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

→ The “law” (teaching) is the water that brings spiritual growth and fruit ... but what is the desert?



Psa 1:3 like a tree planted by the rivers of water ...

Some Helpful Cross References

v. 10 with my whole heart ... v. 13
with my lips ...

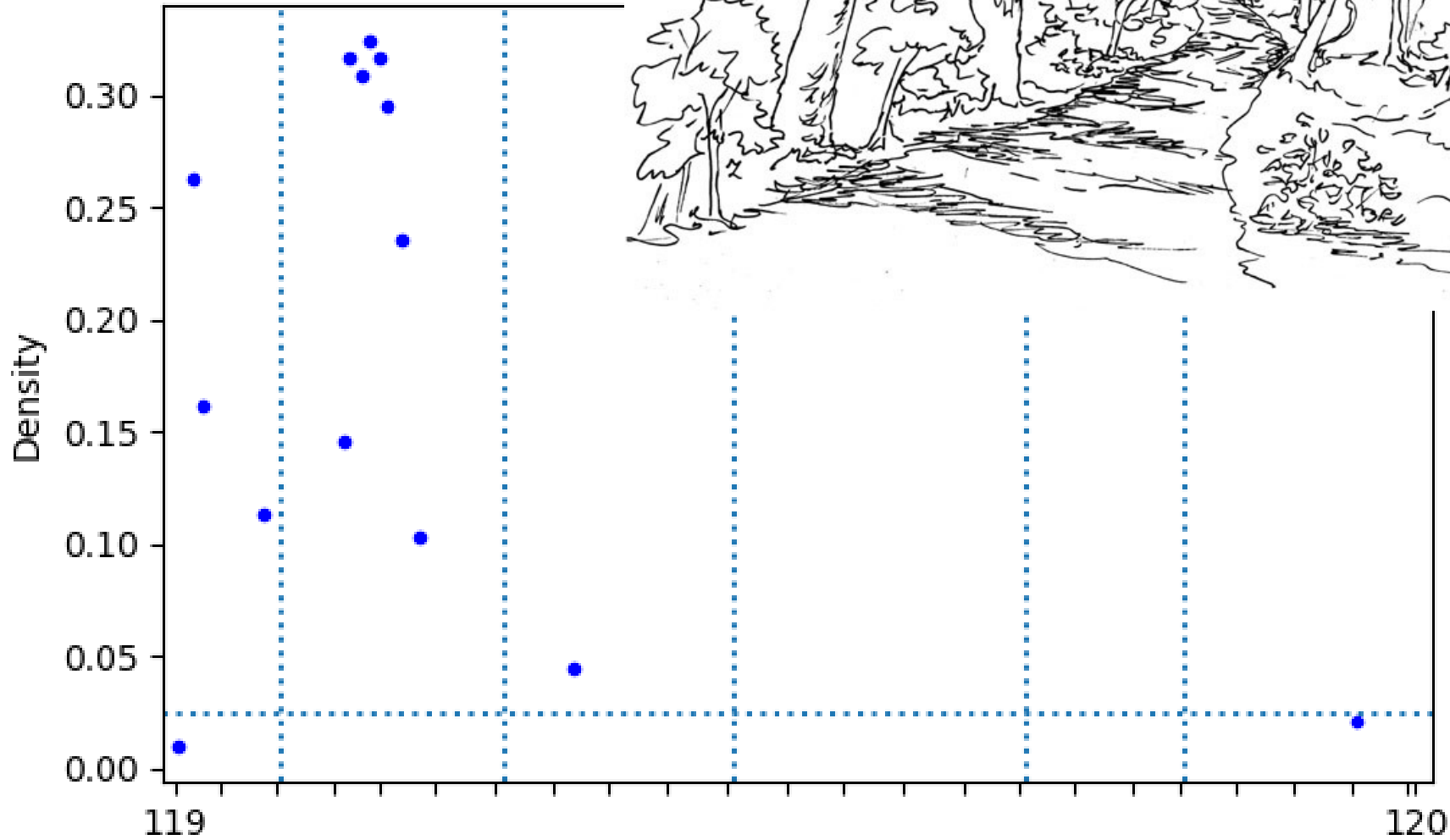
Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy **mouth** the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine **heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the **heart** man believeth unto righteousness; and with the **mouth** confession is made unto salvation.

19 I *am* a stranger in the earth:
... 20 My soul breaketh for the
longing *that it hath* unto thy
judgments at all times.

2Pe 2:7 [God] delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

“Way” in Psalm 119

<http://getdrawings.com/woods-drawing#woods-drawing-36.jpg>



Imperatives in Psalm 119

