

The Psalms

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The Challenge of God's Revelation

“The Value of God's Word”

Psalm 19:7–14

Two Categories of Revelation

חֲזוֹן *chazon* vision

גָּלָה (*gāla*) uncover, remove, in the sense of removing blinders from the eyes.

Num. 24:4, “The utterance of him who hears the words of God, Who sees (*chazah*) the vision (*machzah*) of the Almighty, Who falls down, with eyes wide open (*galah*):”

**ἀποκαλύπτω (*apokalyptō*), uncover,
disclose, reveal;**

**ἀποκάλυψις (*apokalypsis*), disclosure,
revelation**

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Special Revelation: the direct, verbal self-disclosure of God to His creatures, i.e., a theophany, the Urim and Thummim, the Scriptures, non-recorded verbal communication to mankind.

Jer. 17:9, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?”

Eccl. 9:3, “This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.”

Psa. 19:4, “... In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

Psa. 19:5, “Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

Psa. 19:6, “Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.”



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Psa. 19:8, “The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Psa. 19:9, “The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.”

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Psa. 119:1, “Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD!”

Isa. 5:24, “Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom will ascend like dust; Because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.”

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שׁוּב *shuv*

**hif part fem sing constr “to return, to turn
back, to restore”**

2. The testimony of the Lord; Psa. 19:7b

phrase 1× here, but the Ark is often called the Ark of the Testimony, because it contains the tablets of the Law. Testimony is a synonym for covenant.

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עֵדוּת *‘edut*

comm fem sing

constr

“testimony, law,
decree,
covenant”

אִמָּן-1 *’man-1*

nif part fem sing

abs “to be

reliable, to be

firm, to support,

to be faithful, and

established”

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חכם *chakham*
hif part fem sing
constr “to be wise,
skillful in living”

פְּתִי-1 *peti-1*
comm masc sing
abs
“simple, naive,
untaught in the
truth”

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**3. The statutes of the Lord; Psa. 19:8a,
phrase used one time, but the word 24×
synonym of commandments.**

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פְּקוּדֵיִם

piqqudim

comm masc

plur constr

precepts

יָשָׁר *yashar*

masc plur abs

straight, right

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פְּקוּדִים *piqqudim*
comm masc plur
constr root
meaning: to
appoint. precepts,
principles for how
we should conduct
our thought lives
and behavior

יָשָׁר *yashar*
masc plur abs
straight, right,
upright

שָׂמַח *samach*
piel part masc plur
constr
to rejoice

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מִצְוָה *mitzwah*

comm fem sing

constr

commandment

בָּר *bar* II, pure, clean

אוֹר *ôr* to be or become light, shine; in the Hiphil stem, to give light, cause to shine

Eph. 1:15, “Therefore I also, ...

Eph. 1:16, “do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

Eph. 1:17, “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

Eph. 1:18, “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,”

**Psa. 19:9, “The fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD are true and
righteous altogether.”**

**טָהוֹר *tahor* fem sing
abs clean, ritually or
spiritually cleansed
of sin**

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enduring forever;
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righteous altogether [absolutely righteous/
just].”**

**מִשְׁפָּט *mishpat*
comm masc
plur constr
judgment,
decisions,
rulings of God**

**אֱמֶת *’emet*
comm
fem sing
abs
truth**

**צַדִּיק *tzadaq qal*
perf 3 com
plur
to be just,
righteous**

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חָמַד *ḥāmad* “Desire, delight in.” Cf., Ugaritic *ḥmd* “be pleasant,” but also covet, lust after (ASV and RSV similar but in the positive contexts [eleven of twenty-one] prefer the less ambiguous “delight in”). The Arabic *ḥamida* means praise and the name Mohammed comes from the root. TWOT

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2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Psa. 19:11, “Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.”

Psa. 19:12, “Who can understand his errors?

Cleanse me from secret faults.”

נקה *naqah*

piel imper masc sing

to be unpunished, clean,

free, clear, acquitted,

cleansed from sin

Lev. 4:27, “If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally by doing something against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which ought not to be done, and is guilty,

Lev. 4:28, “or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, then he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed.”

Psa. 19:13, “Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.”

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niphel perfect 1 c sing

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**Psa. 19:14, “Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my
strength [tzur: ROCK, foundation stone]
and my Redeemer.”**

הִגַּיּוֹן *higgayon*
**talking,
whispering,
muttering**