

**“I will Meditate on Your precepts, and have respect unto Your Ways.
I will delight myself in Your statutes: I will not forget Your Word.”
Tahalym (Psalms) 119:15-16**

Tahalym 119 is the longest chapter in the entire Bible. It is loaded with the writer's desire to walk in the ways of the Most High. The author was no doubt a Levi who had a passion and love for the Word. The Levitical priests were given a mandate to teach and instruct the people in the laws, commandment, precepts, testimonies, ordinances, statutes, and right-rulings of Yahuah. They also were the musician, songs writer, and temple worshippers of Yahuah. The Most High seeks for people whose worship is expressed in their obedience to His Word. This is the only true worship that is acceptable to Him. How do we understand and embrace the concepts we read in this most heartfelt chapter?

Let's look at the **Law (Turah) – a precept or statue, instruction** – especially the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) and the Pentateuch which are: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. The instructions within these books were written so we would please Alahym, and they were also written to protect us from diseases, oppression from our enemies, and death. In addition, these instructions teach us how to love our neighbor and instruct our children in the ways of Yahuah so that we may prosper in the earth. The Ten Commandments are the foundation for every precept in the Pentateuch. If people don't take the time to read the Pentateuch, they will not understand Tahalym 119. Yahushua (Joshua) 1:8 states, ***“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thy shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou may observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shall have good success”.***

The Ten – The Foundation

Yahuah's Turah commands His people to know and understand that He is their mighty one and Him alone. We are not to have any other mighty ones before Him. We are not to worship another, nor make any kind of graven image to Him or other mighty ones and worship them. We are to bring honor to Yahuah's name as we reflect His righteousness. We take joy in His commandments because we realize it was Him who delivered us from our enemies and the darkness of this world. Our

love for Yahuah is established because of this great deliverance, and we grow in that love and continue to follow His statutes. The Most High has also given us instructions on how to honor our parents and love our fellowman. These civil laws are a must in order to have **community**. Obedience to these precepts will produce the fruit of righteousness that will cause us to avoid the judgement of Yahuah. The right-rulings of Yahuah are right and true.

Statutes – appointment of time, a decree, a custom. This would cover several commands. However, let's look at one. The **Shabbat** is an appointment engraved in stone. It is decreed to be the seventh day of the week on the Creator's Calendar. Yahuah has given us this day to rest and refresh ourselves, and to fellowship with the family of Yah. This day reaffirms our allegiance to Him and Him alone, and we delight in this special time. Verse 118 states, ***"Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statue: For their deceit is falsehood"***. People have erred from this commandment because of the deceit of the Roman Catholic Church. Many of us may fall short of this command because we are under the hand of our enemies. Verses 134 & 135 is the prayer of many, ***"Deliver me from the oppression of man: so, will I keep thy precepts. Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant: and teach me Thy statutes"***. Our deliverance from this system will allow us to keep the Shabbat in its fullness. At every gathering the teaching of the Turah helps us to understand what is right and true. Our obedience to the Word will yield good and right conduct and character.

Yahuah testimonies (witnesses) make a declaration. One aspect of this is the lights in the heavens. Yahuah has placed them there and they testify to His esteem and goodness. Talahym 19:1-6 confesses, ***"The heaven declares the esteem of our Alahym; and the firmament show His handy work. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night show knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard"***. The heavenly bodies are steadfast in declaring Yahuah's power and esteem, and they are also declaring that they themselves are steadfast to the laws Yahuah has set for them. Tahalym 104:19 reads, ***"He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knows his going down"***. Why can't humanity do the same and govern itself to the laws of Yahuah Alahym?

Tahalym chapter 119 is one of the most beautiful chapters in the entire scriptures. The entire chapter can be summed up in Tahalym 19:7-11.

*“The **Turah** of Yahuah is **perfect**, converting the soul:
The **testimony** of Yahuah is **trustworthy**, making wise the simple
The **statues** of Yahuah are **straight** rejoicing the heart:
The **commandment** of Yahuah is **pure**, enlightening the eyes.
The **fear** of Yahuah is **clean**, enduring forever:
The **right-rulings** of Yahuah are **true and righteous** altogether.
More to be desired are they then gold, yea then much fine gold:
Sweeter also then honey and the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is thy servant warned:
And in keeping them there is great reward.”*

Perfect, trustworthy, straight, pure, clean, true and righteous – these characteristics are birthed by following the Turah. This transformation brings forth the righteous moral character that will be rewarded with life in the Kingdom of Yahuah. My prayer is that as we journey through this life Yahuah will continue to open our eyes to the beauty of His Word. For there is still much for us all to learn.

*“Father... Do good to Your servant, that I may live and guard Your word.
Open my eyes that I might see the wonders from Your Turah.
I am a sojourner in the earth: Do not hide your command from me.”
Tahalym 119:18-19.*