



WINTER CHALLENGE
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PSALM ONE NINETEEN

DAY 1

VERSE: **Ⲁ** Aleph

How blessed and favored by God are those whose way is blameless [those with personal integrity, the upright, the guileless], Who walk in the law [and who are guided by the precepts and revealed will] of the Lord.

2 Blessed and favored by God are those who keep His testimonies, And who [consistently] seek Him and long for Him with all their heart.

3 They do no unrighteousness; They walk in His ways.

4 You have ordained Your precepts, That we should follow them with [careful] diligence.

5 Oh, that my ways may be established. To observe and keep Your statutes [obediently accepting and honoring them]!

6 Then I will not be ashamed. When I look [with respect] to all Your commandments [as my guide].

7 I will give thanks to You with an upright heart, When I learn [through discipline] Your righteous judgments [for my transgressions].

8 I shall keep Your statutes; Do not utterly abandon me [when I fail].



THEME

The Wisdom of God's Law

- Galatians 3:15-29

INSIGHTS

The Law of God is defined as the **commandments & decrees** (authority and rights to give order), **precepts & statutes** (careful prescribed instruction), **judgments & ordinances** (decision based on righteousness and justice), and **testimonies & promises**. For (the purpose of) teaching (instructing truth), reproof (rebuke/convicting of sin), correction (errors/faults), guidance and directions on how to live God's perfect Will; a life that has God's approval [2 Timothy 3:16-17].

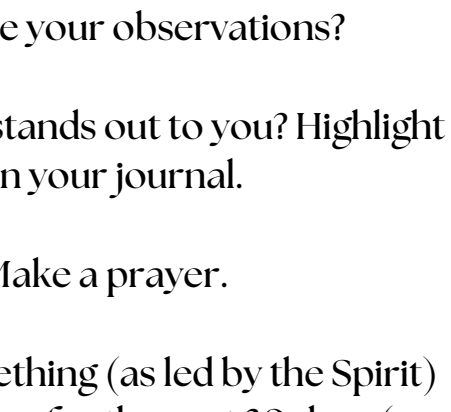
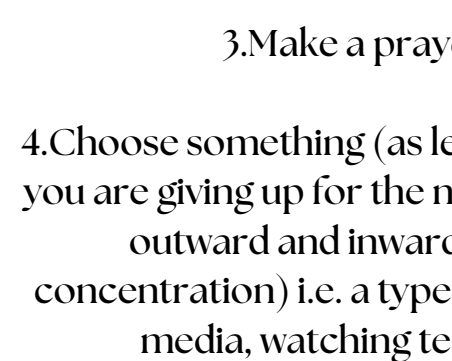
Thus, the Law of God also described as the **Word of God**. It is God's perfect standard of obedience and holiness, the requirements and expectations for man's behavior, words, and attitude. Often referred as the demand for God's people to be both hearers and doers of the Word [James 1:22-25].

God's Law is **Covenantal in nature** (between the Lord and His people) and a **reflection of His character** as the Creator. Therefore, to turn aside from them is ultimately rebelling against God which results to a sinful (corrupted and wicked) life.

Therefore, in this verse (**Aleph**) the Poet greatly affirms that those who embrace God's Law; receive (hearers) and keep (doers) translated as Walking in obedience to the Word of God. Seeking Him wholeheartedly, following His path (walk in His Ways), diligently adhering to His directions (precepts and commandments) and plans for our lives (statutes and judgments). Becoming keepers Truth and bearers of Kingdom principles & values (Kingdom witness of His testimonies and promises) will receive the blessings and favor from God [Proverbs 3:1-6].

For this reason, Jesus Christ "The Incarnate Word of God" (John 1:14)- full of Grace and Truth, who fulfilled the Law on our behalf and provided the way for our redemption [Matthew 5:17-20] asserts in John 14:15 "If you [really] love Me, you will keep and obey My commandments."

This is the Key to the abundant life.

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1. What are your observations?
 2. What Stanza stands out to you? Highlight it on your journal.
 3. Make a prayer.
 4. Choose something (as led by the Spirit) you are giving up for the next 30 days (an outward and inward form of concentration) i.e. a type of food, social media, watching television.
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CHALLENGE

INSPIRATION QUOTE

“

The Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to bring men to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, that they may enter into Him, that they may delight in His Presence, may taste and know the inner sweetness of the very God Himself in the core and center of their hearts.”

A. W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God* (1948).

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