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THE LORD REIGNS

Read for This Week's Study: *Psalm 8; Psalm 100; Psalm 97; Psalm 75; Ps. 105:7–10; Gal. 3:26–29; Ps. 25:10.*

Memory Text: "The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure" (*Psalm 93:1, NIV*).

THURSDAY

January 18

Your Testimonies Are Very Sure

Read [Psalm 19:7](#); [Psalm 93:5](#); [Psalm 119:165](#); [Psalm 1:2, 6](#); [Psalm 18:30](#); and [Psalm 25:10](#). What common thread runs through them all?

[Psalm 19:7](#) The law of the Lord is perfect, [converting the soul](#); The testimony of the Lord is sure, [making wise the simple](#);

Psalm 93:5 5 Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.

Psalm 1:2, 6; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 1:6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 18:30 As for God, His way is perfect; **The word of the Lord is proven;** He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

Psalm 25:10 10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, **To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.**

Psalm 119:165 Great peace have those who love Your law, **And nothing causes them to stumble.**

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The Lord's supremacy in the world as the sovereign Creator, King, and Judge has theological implications for the reliability of His testimonies. **The testimonies** (Hebrew 'edut, "decree," "law") **refer to the body of laws** and ordinances with which the Lord governs the religious and social life of His people (*Exod. 32:15*).

Exo 32:15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony *were* in his hand: the tables *were* written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other *were* they written.

Exo 32:16 And the tables *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

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They are "very sure" (*Ps. 93:5*), **reflecting the stability and permanence of God's throne** and the world that God created and sustains (*Ps. 93:1, 2*). **The Hebrew word translated as "sure"** (the English word *amen* derives from this word) **conveys the notion of reliability, faithfulness, and firmness** (*2 Sam. 7:16, 1 Chron. 17:23*). **God's laws are unchangeable and indestructible.**

> **Ancient Hebrew:** 1290) ac: Firm co: Kind ab: Sure: The pictograph **m** is a picture of water or other liquid such as blood, the **n** is a picture of a seed representing **continuance**. Combined these mean "blood continues". Each species (kind)

continues by passing its blood to the following generation, which comes from the parent. Also the idea of strength through the blood. (eng: man; name - a reversal of the letters; animal; omen)

>> **Sure: H539** (Brown-Driver-Briggs) ‘aman BDB Definition: 1) to support, confirm, be faithful,

>> **Theological Wordbook of the OT**, p. 52 : the basic root of the word is the idea of firmness and certainty.

Psalm 119:152 Concerning Your testimonies, I have known of old that **You have founded them forever.**

God vouches for the integrity of His promises and commands. God’s faithfulness is both wholly reassuring in guaranteeing **the unchangeable character of His rule**, and wholly demanding in asking the people’s responses of trust and obedience to God.

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At the same time, **the lack of justice in the world** is poetically described as a shaking of earth’s foundation (*Ps. 18:7, Isa. 24:18–21*).

Psalm 18:3-4 **3** I will call upon the Lord, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 The pangs of death surrounded me, And **the floods of ungodliness made me afraid.**

5 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me.

6 In my distress I called upon the Lord, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, *even* to His ears.

>> Notice the reaction of the LORD:

Psalm 18:7 Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry.

>> the Lord's ears are open to the crime he holds all things He notices every injustice that is done and He's angry with the wicked. This is pictured here in the Psalms & in other places. And we are told:

Lord God, to whom vengeance belongs

Psalm 94:1-3 **1** O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongs— O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!

- 2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud.
- 3 Lord, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph?

Psalm 94:22-23 22 But the Lord has been my defense, And my God the rock of my refuge.

23 He has brought on them their own iniquity, And shall cut them off in their own wickedness; The Lord our God shall cut them off.

Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord

Romans 12:19 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

20 Therefore “**If your enemy is hungry, feed him**; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

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God’s law instructs the people in the way of righteous life that can withstand God’s judgment. The righteous, thus, shall not be shaken, because they are firmly rooted in God’s law, which provides stability and security, and their hearts are steadfast (Hebrew *kun* also means “be firm,” “be secure”) in the Lord (Ps. 112:1, 6, 7). Nothing causes those who keep God’s law to stumble (Ps. 119:165), which signifies God’s protection and guidance in life (Ps. 1:2, 3, 6).

The law of the LORD is perfect

Psa 19:7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

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 for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

Psa 19:10 More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Psa 19:11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

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Do we then make void the law through faith?

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Rom 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

the commandment, which was to bring life

Romans 7:10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.

Question: Why is it that the commandment which was meant for life Paul found it to be unto death?

Answer: Because upon examining the law, her realized he was a sinner.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Deuteronomy 5:33 You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.

if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments

Matthew 19:17 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

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God's Word is depicted as the lamp to the psalmist's feet, and so it protects him from the enemies' hidden snares (Ps. 119:105, 110). Great peace, which is enjoyed by those who love God's law (Ps. 119:165), obviously does not result from a total absence of trials (Ps. 119:161). It rather derives from abiding in God's presence and having a wholesome relationship with Him.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet

Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

>>> From Genesis to Revelation you will find truth and guidance that lead to happiness and peace, and to have the blessed hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

>> notice the statement and someone 119:105 they word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path. This includes God's holy law God's 10 Commandments.

They are indeed a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. So consider, this amazing statement by the psalmist:

Psalm 119:165 Great peace have those who love Your law, **And nothing causes them to stumble.**

What are practical ways that keeping God's laws and rules and testimonies have helped you in your life? On the other hand, what have you suffered from violating them?