



From The Heart of the Rabbis

Teachings and Instructions to Live By

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The Mouth and Heart Connection



Psa 119:129 **Pe.** Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

Psa 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

Psa 119:131 I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.

Psa 119:132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.

Psa 119:133 Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

Psa 119:134 Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

Psa 119:135 Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

Psa 119:136 My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

Psa 119:129 פלאות עדותיך על־כן נצרתם נפשי:

Psa 119:130 פתח דבריך יאיר מבין פתיים:

Psa 119:131 פִּי־פִּעֲרָתִי וְאִשְׁאֵפָה כִּי לְמִצּוֹתֶיךָ יֵאָבְתִי:

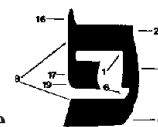
Psa 119:132 פִּנְה־אֱלִי וְחֲנִנִי כְּמִשְׁפֵּט לֵאחָבִי שְׂמֹךְ:

Psa 119:133 פִּעֲמֵי הַכֶּן בְּאַמְרֹתֶךָ וְאַל־תִּשְׁלַט־בִּי כָל־אֹוֹן:

Psa 119:134 פִּדְנִי מֵעֶשֶׂק אָדָם וְאַשְׁמְרָה פְּקוּדֶיךָ:

Psa 119:135 פִּנֵּךְ הָאָרֶץ בְּעֵבֶדְךָ וְלִמְדֵנִי אֶת־חֻקֶּיךָ:

Psa 119:136 פִּלְגֵי־מַיִם יִרְדּוּ עֵינַי עַל־לֹא־שִׁמְרוֹתֶיךָ:



The letter PEH is equivalent to the number eighty in the Hebrew alphabet. It appears in two forms, bent and elongated. The elongated form of PEH is only used as the final letter of a word.

The letter PEH means 'mouth' in Hebrew. As symbolic of a mouth, the PEH represents the differentiating factor between humans and animals: the capacity for speech and self-expression.

The letter PEH, being the seventeenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, equals the word tov (numerically calculated to mean 'good')

Peh Words In Psalm 119

H6382

פלא

pele'

BDB Definition:

1) wonder, marvel

1a) wonder (extraordinary, hard to understand thing)

1b) wonder (of God's acts of judgment and redemption)

Part of Speech: noun masculine

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: from [H6381](#)

Same Word by TWOT Number: 1768a

H6310

פה

peh

BDB Definition:

- 1) mouth
 - 1a) mouth (of man)
 - 1b) mouth (as organ of speech)
 - 1c) mouth (of animals)
 - 1d) mouth, opening, orifice (of a well, river, etc)
 - 1e) extremity, end
- 2) a weight equal to one third of a shekel, occurs only in [1Sa 13:21](#)

Part of Speech: noun masculine

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: from [H6284](#)

Same Word by TWOT Number: 1738

H6608

פתח

pêthach

BDB Definition:

- 1) opening, unfolding, entrance, doorway

Part of Speech: noun masculine

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: from [H6605](#)

Same Word by TWOT Number: 1854b

H6299

פדה

pâdâh

BDB Definition:

- 1) to ransom, redeem, rescue, deliver
 - 1a) (Qal) to ransom
 - 1b) (Niphal) to be ransomed
 - 1c) (Hiphil) to allow one to be ransomed
 - 1d) (Hophal) redeemed

Part of Speech: verb

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: a primitive root

Same Word by TWOT Number: 1734

H6388

פלג

peleg

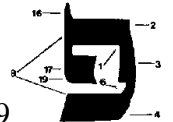
BDB Definition:

- 1) channel, canal

Part of Speech: noun masculine

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: from [H6385](#)

Same Word by TWOT Number: 1769a



Peh- the Symbol The Peh In Psalm 119 of Speech and Silence

The Peh stands for mouth, the organ of speech. When God created man, He blew into his nostrils the soul of life, and man became a living being. Genesis 2:7-Onkelos interprets the phrase “living being” as a speaking spirit. As Rashi comments, it is man’s power of intelligent speech that best differentiates between animal and human.

In Halacha, too, thought alone is often not sufficient, but requires verbalization. This concept is called “words in the heart are not words”. Anything that happens, whether spiritual, emotional or physical can be transformed into action only after it finds expression in words whether or not they are verbalized.

Consistency of Mouth and Heart

The utterance of the mouth must be in consonance with the feelings of the heart. At times the mouth expresses loyalty to God, while the heart does not truly mean it. This happened at Sinai, where the Jewish people proclaimed “We will do and we will listen” but shortly thereafter they worshiped the Golden Calf. Although their declaration of loyalty represented the zenith in Israel’s national

attainment, it could not have been totally sincere or they would have not fallen so low so soon after. This is not to diminish Israel's greatness at Sinai; it is merely to lament that after going so far, they did not go even further.

At times, the heart trusts strongly in God, yet the mouth denies the belief of the heart. Such was the case in Babylon, where in their hearts the Children of Israel were loyal to YHWH, but out of fear of Nebucahdnezzar, declared allegiance to him with their mouths. Concerning this YHWH said "Let the mouth that was at Sinai (and was spurred by enthusiasm) atone for the mouth that was in Bablyon (and spoke unfaithfully) and let the (faithful) heart that was in Bablyon atone for the (wavering) heart at Sinai/ Eicha Rabbasi 3:20

The Midrash poetically compares significant characteristics of speech to the ocean:

Words, like the ocean, can be stormy or calm
An evil mouth, like turbulent waves, can destroy and kill

A sharp tongue, like deep water, is feared
Good words, like pearls on the ocean floor, are precious

The mouth, like the oceans and rivers which join in the praise of their Creator (Psalms 148:7) was given to all men to express song and praise for Him, who created the world and all within it

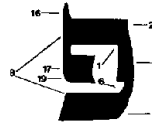
Psa 119:130 The entrance of your words gives light. It gives understanding to the simple.

Psa 119:131 I opened my mouth wide and panted, for I longed for your mitzvot.

Literally "opening" here means the entering of God's words into the heart.

Are we speaking Words of Faith? Do are actions show we are a people who believe God by our actions?

Faith is a very Hebraic way of life and ALWAYS has been. It is not something that the "Faith Movement" thought of...It Began with GOD!



The Bible Gives its Own definition of faith-Hebrews 11:1

Scripture says that believing God is the greatest thing we can do. John 6:28-29

There is a difference, however, between faith and believing-Mark 1:24; 5:7-8, James 2:19

There must be an outworking of that inner(heart) conviction- James 2:18, 20, 24

Unbelief is SIN- John 16:9, Romans 14:23, Hebrews 3:12

Faith must be tried, to be proven true-Psalms 18:30, 105:19, James 1:3-4, 1 Peter 1:6-7

It can be disturbed and lost through doubt, unbelief and wrong speaking!

How is faith increased?

The Word of God-John 4:39-42, 8:30, Acts 4:4, Romans 10:17

The Written Word-John 20:31, Acts 17:11-12

Prayer-Mark 9:24-Luke 22:32

We are CALLED to live by faith...Hebrews 6:1-2

Without faith there can be no salvation-John 3:18, 36, Romans 4:16; 5:1,2, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Peter 1:5,9

Without faith we cannot stand victoriously in spiritual warfare against the enemy- Ephesians 6:16, 1 Peter 5:9, 1 John 5:4

Without faith we cannot worship God- Hebrews 3:19, 11:7

Without faith we cannot know the blessings of answered prayer- Mark 11:22-23, James 1:6-7

Without faith we can not profit from the Word of God-Hebrews 4:2

Without faith, God's promise of healing is made void to us-Matthew 8:13, 9:28-30, Luke 17:19, Acts 3:16; 14:9, James 5:14-16

Without faith we can not minister deliverance-Matthew 17:19,20

Without faith we can not enter into God's rest-Hebrews 3:18, 4:2, 3, 6

Without faith we can not inherit the promises of God- Hebrews 6:12, 11:33

Without faith we can not operate in the gifts of the Spirit-Romans 12:6

Without faith is it IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM-Hebrews 11:6

YESHUA SAID ‘BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH HAVE NOT SEEN AND YET BELIEVE! – JOHN 20:29

Hebrews 11:1

Our faith is based upon HIS FAITHFULNESS to HIS WORD.’

People of Faith-OBEY

People of Faith- Are People of Action

People of Faith-Speak Words of Faith

People of Faith-Only See What God Sees

People of Faith-Are Like Joshua & Caleb

People of Faith-Refuse Doubt & Unbelief

People of Faith- Do Not Limit God