



**From the Heart of the Rabbis
Teachings and Instructions to**

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Your Word is Firmly Fixed in the Heavens



Psa 119:89 **Lamedh**. Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Psa 119:90 Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

Psa 119:91 By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants.

Psa 119:92 If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

Psa 119:93 I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.

Psa 119:94 I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts.

Psa 119:95 The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your testimonies.

Psa 119:96 I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Psa 119:89 לעולם יהיה דברך נצב בשמים:

Psa 119:90 ולדור ודור אמונתך כוננת ארץ ותעמד:

Psa 119:91 למשפטיו עמדו היום כי הכל עבדיך:

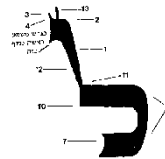
Psa 119:92 ללולי תורתך שעשעני אז אבדתי בעניי:

Psa 119:93 לעולם לא־אשכח פקודיך כי בם חייטני:

Psa 119:94 לך־אני הושיעני כי פקודיך דרשת:

Psa 119:95 לי קוו רשעים לאבדני עדתיך אתבונן:

Psa 119:96 לכלל תכלה ראיתי קץ רחבה מצותך מאד:



Lamed – The Symbol of Teaching & Purpose

Also - Symbol or Picture – Shepherds Staff

Meanings – Control, Speak, Authority-

Numerical Value 30

This letter brings us to the half way point of the Aleph-Beis, also the half way point of our Psalm 119 study.

From “The Wisdom of The Hebrew Alphabet”
Rabbi Monk


The **ל** **Lamed** is a majestic letter towering above the other letters from its position in the center of the Aleph Beis. Thus it symbolizes the King of Kings, The Supreme Ruler. On one side the lamed is

flanked by the **ח** Chof which alludes to God’s Throne of Glory, while on its other side stands the

מ Mem, the attribute of God’s Kingship.

Together these three letters **Mem Lamed Chof**

spell King – **Melech** **מ** **ל** **כ**

The shape of the Lamed  consists of a Chof with a vav on its roof. Lamed is related to Lamad, which refers both to teaching and to learning.

Man has the duty to teach God's will and law, but he cannot do so unless he first learns and acquires knowledge.

That the tallest letter in the Aleph Beis is the one that implies learning and teaching implies that this quality is man's highest endowment. Man's intellectual capacity is God's august gift, with which he can develop human consciousness of the Divine and transmit spirituality.

The goal of learning Torah is to absorb its teaching into one's heart. Genuine learning penetrates the heart, as the Torah Demands. Deuteronomy 6:6

Lamed represents the heart in another way just as the heart is the center of the Body so is the Lamed in the center of the Aleph Beis. And just as the heart sustains the body, so does heartfelt learning of Torah sustain the spirit.

The eightfold *Lamed*. Eternal and imperishable in the constant verifying of itself is the vigorous and consolatory word of God, to which the poet will ever cling. It has heaven as its standing-place, and therefore it also has the qualities of heaven, and before all others, heaven-like stability. (Keil & Delitzsch)

Words with Lamed in Psalm 119: 89-96

When **Lamed** appears as a prefix to a **word** in Hebrew, it often denotes the grammatical object which we translate with "to" or "for."

Vs 91 H4941



mishpât

BDB Definition:

- 1) judgment, justice, ordinance
- 1a) judgment

- 1a1) act of deciding a case
- 1a2) place, court, seat of judgment
- 1a3) process, procedure, litigation (before judges)
- 1a4) case, cause (presented for judgment)
- 1a5) sentence, decision (of judgment)
- 1a6) execution (of judgment)
- 1a7) time (of judgment)
- 1b) justice, right, rectitude (attributes of God or man)
- 1c) ordinance
- 1d) decision (in law)
- 1e) right, privilege, due (legal)
- 1f) proper, fitting, measure, fitness, custom, manner, plan

Part of Speech: noun masculine

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: from [H8199](#)

Same Word by TWOT Number: 2443c

Vs 93 H5769



ʿôlâm

BDB Definition:

- 1) long duration, antiquity, futurity, for ever, ever, everlasting, evermore, perpetual, old, ancient, world
- 1a) ancient time, long time (of past)
- 1b) (of future)
 - 1b1) for ever, always
 - 1b2) continuous existence, perpetual
 - 1b3) everlasting, indefinite or unending future, eternity

Part of Speech: noun masculine

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: from [H5956](#)

Same Word by TWOT Number: 1631a

Vs. 95 H6960



qâvâh

BDB Definition:

- 1) to wait, look for, hope, expect
 - 1a) (Qal) waiting (participle)
 - 1b) (Piel)

1b1) to wait or look eagerly for

1b2) to lie in wait for

1b3) to wait for, linger for

2) to collect, bind together

2a) (Niphal) to be collected

Part of Speech: verb

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

Same Word by TWOT Number: 1994, 1995

Key Verse 89, Key Words – Forever, Word, Settled, heaven

H5769-For ever

עולם עולם

‘ôlâm ‘ôlâm

o-lawm', o-lawm'

From H5956; properly *concealed*, that is, the *vanishing* point; generally *time out of mind* (past or future), that is, (practically) *eternity*;

H1697-Word

דבר

dâbâr

daw-bawr'

From H1696; a *word*; by implication a *matter* (as *spoken of*) of *thing*;

H5324-Settled

נצב

nâtsab

naw-tsab'

A primitive root; to *station*, in various applications (literally or figuratively): - appointed, deputy, erect, establish,

H8064-Heaven

שמה שמים

shâmayim shâmeh

shaw-mah'-yim, shaw-meh'

The second form being dual of an unused singular; from an unused root meaning to *be lofty*; the *sky* (as *aloft*; the dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve):

Gods' Word is forever settled....

“Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven” His Word is settled in Heaven and our prayer should be that His Word is settled on earth as well. When we speak the Word, believe His Word, act on His Word, we are settling His Word here on earth as it is in Heaven.

Matthew 24: 34-35

Mat 24:34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. (ESV)

1 Peter 1:23-25

1Pe 1:24 for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls,

1Pe 1:25 but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you. (ESV)

Psalms 119Vs. 96 Amplified Bible “I have seen that everything (human) has its limits and end (no matter how extensive, noble and excellent) but Your commandment is exceedingly broad and extends without limits (into eternity).

From the “Artscroll Tehillim”

This verse which describes the limitless quality of God’s Torah, itself alludes to numerous concepts, a few which are briefly mentioned below.

- Although some commandments seem to have been given for on specific reason, they

may actually serve many purposes, not necessarily obvious to us.

- Every desire can eventually be satisfied except the desire of Torah knowledge
- All other goals are achieved only upon completion. However, each step in Torah and mitzvahs which can never be completed represents a goal and achievement in itself
- Every striving has a point at which one can say that the goal has been reached. But Torah, which teaches us how to use every aspect of our lives, is as extensive as life itself.

I. **Gods Torah/Word Endures** – Isaiah 40:8, Matthew 5:17-19, Matthew 24:35

II. **Gods Torah/Word is Our Food** – Deuteronomy 8:3, Job 23:12, Jeremiah 15:16, Matthew 4:4

III. **Gods Torah/Word must be in our heart** – Deuteronomy 6:6, 30:14, Romans 10:8, Colossians 3:16

IV. **We are to love the Torah/Word of God** – Psalm 1:2, Talmud 1:9

V. **Gods Torah/Word is Powerful** – Jeremiah 23:29, Acts 19:20, Romans 1:16, Ephesians 6:17

VI. **Gods Torah/Word Purifies** – Psalm 119:9, John 15:3, John 17:17, Ephesians 5:26

VII. **Gods Torah/Word is Sacred**- Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32, Proverbs 30:6, Rev. 22: 19

VIII. **We are to search Gods Torah/Word**- Deuteronomy 17:19, John 5:39, Acts 17:11

IX. **Gods Torah/Word is Seed** – Isaiah 55:11, Mark 4: 14-32, 11 Cor 9:10, 1 Peter 1:23

X. **Gods Torah/Word is Sure**-1 Kings 8:56, Psalm 89:34, Psalm 111:7

XI. **Gods Torah/Word must be taught**- Deuteronomy 4:10, 11:19, Nehemiah 8:13, Isaiah 2:3, Acts 18:28

XII. **Gods Torah/Word is Perfect and Pure**- Psalm 19, Isaiah 42:21, Romans 7:14, 1 Timothy 1:8