

<p>The word originated in divine speech</p>	<p>WORD <i>Heb. dabar (9,16,17,25,28,42,43,49,57,65,74,81,89,101,105,107,114,130,139,147,160,11,169)</i></p> <p><u>Kidner (419)</u>: the most general term; embracing God's truth in any form - stated, promised, or commanded <u>NBCR (566)</u>: what God Himself has spoken directly to someone or to and through someone.</p> <p>WORDS(s)/PROMISE (ESV) <i>Heb. imrah (11,38,41,50,58,67,76,82,103,116,123,133,140,148,154,158,162,170,172)</i></p> <p><u>Kidner (419)/ NBCR (566)</u>: similar to WORD; derived from the word "to say"</p>
<p>Words which affirm that this word expresses the mind of God</p>	<p>LAWS/RULES (ESV) <i>Heb. mispat (7,13,20,30,39,43,52,62,75,84,91,102,106,108,120,132,137,149,156,160,164,175)</i></p> <p><u>Kidner (417-418)</u>: used of a single command or whole body of law; given by God to be obeyed <u>NBCR (566)</u>: expresses the mind of God; to make a decision of what is right and what is wrong <u>Plummer (1018)</u>: from the verb "to direct, to guide;" a rule of conduct; from God with the purpose of being obeyed; God's judgments</p> <p>STATUTES/TESTIMONIES (ESV) <i>Heb. 'edah (2,14,22,24,31,36,4659,79,88)</i> <i>Heb. 'edut (95,99,111,119,125,129,138,144,152,157,167,168)</i></p> <p><u>Kidner (418)</u>: reveals God's high standards and frank warning, but also His dependability <u>NBCR (566)</u>: "to bear witness" - God bearing witness "to Himself, His nature, His truth" <u>Plummer (1120)</u>: to testify against us or for us, either in judgement or promise, regarding our attitudes and actions</p>
<p>Enduring significance of God's word</p>	<p>DECREES/STATUTES (ESV) <i>Heb. hoq (5,8,12,16,23,26,33,48,54,64,68,71,80,83,112,117,118,124,135,145,155,171)</i></p> <p><u>Kidner (418)</u>: showing the binding force and permanence of Scripture <u>NBCR (566)</u>: "from the verb "to engrave" as "something 'graven in rock 'for perpetuity" <u>Plummer (1020)</u>: "definite, prescribed written law" that reveals God's authority in giving the law; definite and permanent laws that we are to follow</p>
<p>Authority of the word and the love which prompts it</p>	<p>LAW <i>Heb. torah (1,18,29,24,44,51,53,55,61,70,72,77,85,92,97,109,113,126,136,142,150,153,163,165,174)</i></p> <p><u>NBCR (566)</u>: authority and love are blended in the word; means 'teaching'; specifically, "the instruction a careful father gives to a loved child"</p>
<p>Designed for practical application</p>	<p>COMMANDS (COMMANDMENTS) <i>Heb. miswah (6,10,19,21,32,35,47,48,60,66,73,86,96,98,115,127,131,143,151,166,172,176)</i></p> <p><u>Kidner (418)</u>: emphasizes the authority of what is said and not "merely the power to convince or persuade, but the right to give orders" <u>NBCR (566)</u>: tells us what the right thing is to do as well as telling us to obey <u>Plummer (1020)</u>: God's will committed to us to be kept; shows us "what we should do, and what we should leave undone, and exact our obedience"</p> <p>PRECEPTS <i>Heb. piqqud (4,15,27,40,45,56,63,69,78,87,93,94,100,104,110,128,134,141,159,168,173)</i></p> <p><u>Kidner (418)</u>: meaning is drawn from a word that describes a person "who is responsible to look closely into a situation and take action"; instructions from the Lord as One who cares about detail <u>NBCR (566)</u>: "suggests applying the word of God to the minutiae of life <u>Plummer (1020)</u>: God's will prescribed for every part of our life</p> <p>WAYS <i>Heb. derek (3,15,37) - NIV changes 'ways' to word</i></p> <p><u>NBCR (566)</u>: Life-style <u>Plummer (1021)</u>: a rule of conduct in which God has prescribed us to walk; "the way in which God goes in order to instruct and save man; the way in which man must tread in order to be safe, holy and happy"</p>

Definitions

WORD	to say, to speak; the expressed or manifested mind and will of God
PROMISE	to send forth; a declaration that one (LORD) will do or refrain from doing something specified; a legally binding declaration that gives the person (me) to whom it was made a right to expect or claim the performance or forbearance of a specified act
LAW	a rule of conduct or action prescribed or formally recognized as binding or enforced by a controlling authority; implies imposition by a sovereign authority and the obligation of obedience on the part of all subject to that authority
RULE	straightedge, to direct; a prescribed guide for conduct or action; given to be obeyed
STATUTE	regulations; law set up by an authority
TESTIMONY	evidence, witness; a divine decree attested (affirmed) in writing (the Scripture)
DECREE	to decide; an order having the force of law
COMMAND	an order given by an authority
PRECEPT	to take, instruct; a command or principle intended especially as a general rule of action, issued by an authority to a subordinate
WAY	route, course laid out to follow in order to reach an objective