

- c. A body of rules or principles to which actions do conform or should conform
- d. A written record of such rules or principles

D. The Meanings of the Term "Law of God" in Scripture

There are at least ten meanings of the term "Law of God" in Scripture. Sometimes the term itself is expressly used; sometimes the context identifies the law being mentioned as the Law of God. These ten meanings are:

1. The will of God addressed to our obedience (i.e., both what we are to believe and what we are to do, in obedience to the will of God)

A number of references to the Law of God in this sense occur in Psalm 119:

119:1 -- "How blessed are those whose way is blameless,
Who walk in the law of the Lord."

119:18 -- "Open my eyes, that I may behold
Wonderful things from Thy law."

119:29 -- "Remove the false way from me,
And graciously grant me Thy law."

119:34 -- "Give me understand, that I may observe Thy law,
And keep it with all my heart."

119:44 -- "So I will keep Thy law continually,
Forever and ever."

119:51 -- "The arrogant utterly deride me,
Yet I do not turn aside from Thy law."

119:53 -- "Burning indignation has seized me because of the wicked,
Who forsake Thy law."

119:55 -- "O Lord, I remember Thy name in the night,
And keep Thy law."

119:61 -- "The cords of the wicked have encircled me,
But I have not forgotten Thy law."

119:70 -- "Their heart is covered with fat,
But I delight in Thy law."

119:72 -- "The law of Thy mouth is better to me
Than thousands of gold and silver pieces."

119:77 -- "May Thy compassion come to me that I may live,
For Thy law is my delight."

119:85 -- "The arrogant have dug pits for me,
Men who are not in accord with Thy law."