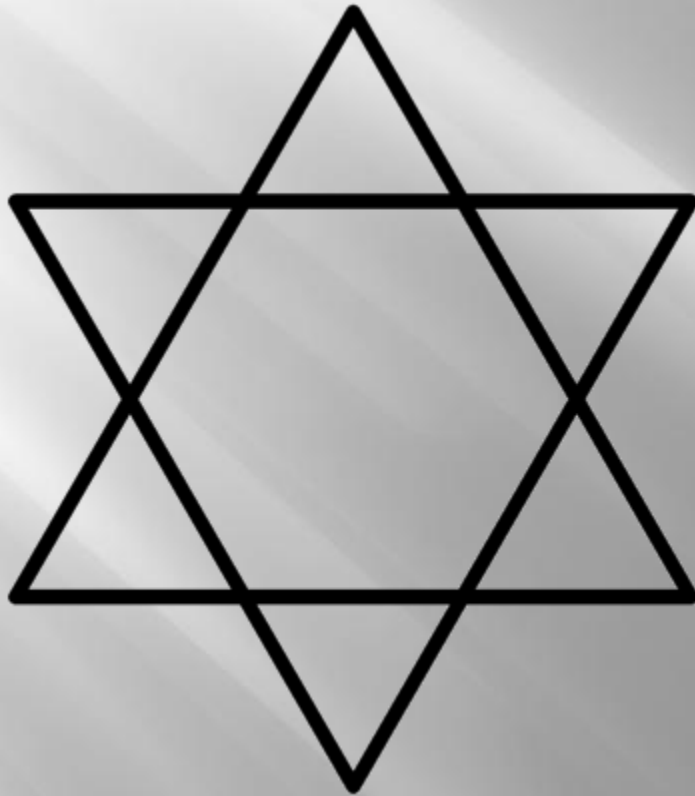


Star of David



A Visual Guide for Understanding Psalm 19:7-9

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(online at: <http://physics.mercer.edu/hpage/glory/glory.html>)

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Psalm 19 (Highlighted for emphasis)

Note the 6 ordinances & warning ♦ In Hebrew 6 = “connection”

1. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
2. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
3. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.
4. Their line is gone out **through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.** In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, (quoted by the Apostle Paul in Romans 10:18)
5. Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
6. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
7. **The (i) law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: (ii) the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.**
8. **(iii) The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: (iv) the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.**
9. **The (v) fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: (vi) the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**
10. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11. Moreover **by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.**
12. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.
13. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.
14. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

In the greatest of detail, the items listed in verses 7 through 9 of Psalm 19, are discussed in the *longest* chapter of the Bible – 176 verses of *Psalm 119*.

The *shortest* chapter of the Bible is *Psalm 117*, which declares that *“His truth endureth forever”*. Between them is the middle of the Bible, *Psalm 118*, which admonishes us in both its first and last verses to *“give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever”*.

The sum of it all...

*“Now of the things which we have spoken **this is the sum**: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the **true tabernacle**, which the Lord pitched, and not man.”*
(Hebrews 8:1-2)

The six ordinances of God, revealed in the Shield (Magen or Star) of David, were fulfilled in the Lord of whom David wrote (Ps. 110:1 and Math. 22:43). They are a source of **great reward**, when we keep them and take heed to **their warnings**:

*“Moreover by them is **thy servant warned**: and in keeping of them there is **great reward**.”* (Ps 19:11)

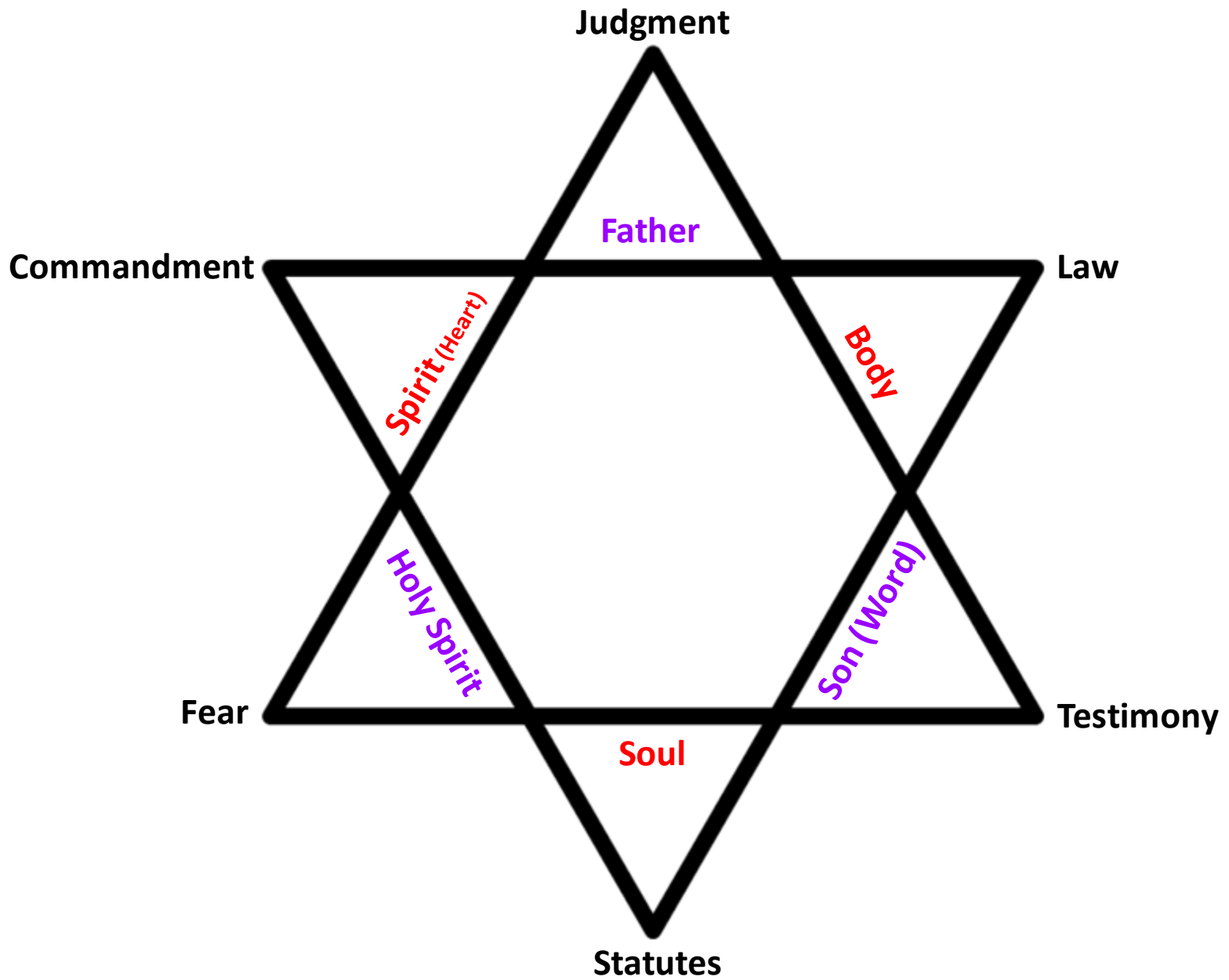
*“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking **heed thereto according to thy word**.”* (Ps 119:9)

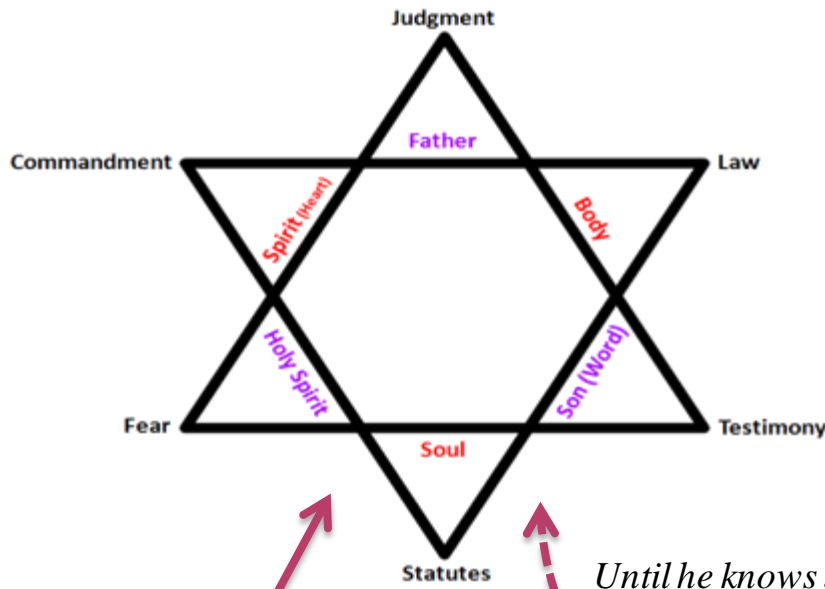
Flag of Israel

- The **Star of David** is a common symbol of the People of Israel from Biblical times.

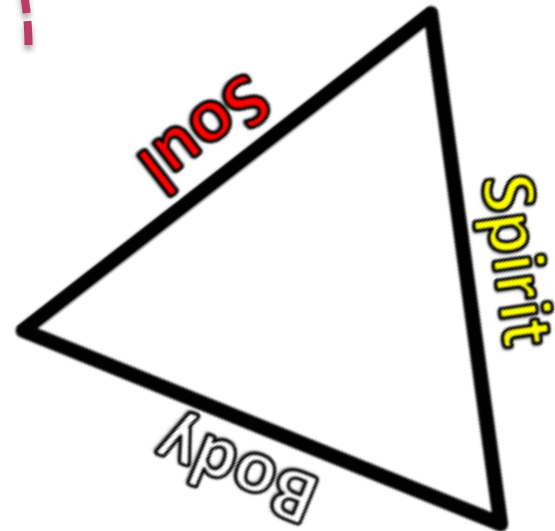
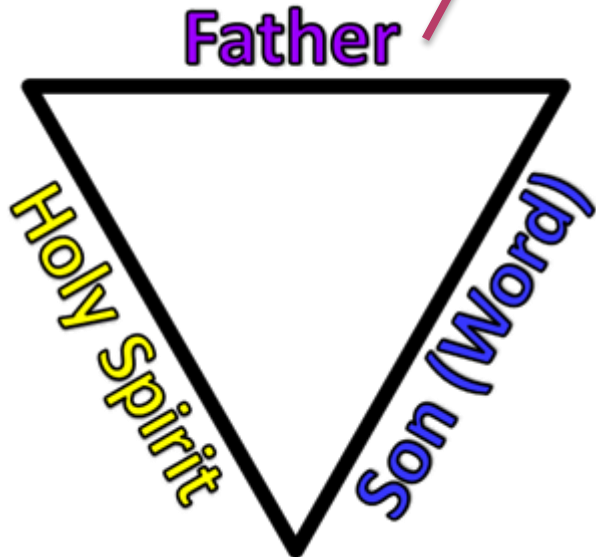


- Blue (color of the Sapphire, is associated with Judah (4th son of Jacob by Leah)—the one of the twelve through whom derives the lineage of David and thus of Jesus (described in Rev. 5:5 as the Lion of Judah, the Root of David).





Until he knows Jesus, man is pointed in the wrong direction. Once 'righted' through redemption, keeping covenant is not a perfectly 'straight' line until love and obedience are perfected.



Hebrew meaning of the numbers 3, 4, 6, & 12

(Rabbi Dr. Hillel ben David (Greg Killian), taken from <http://www.betemunah.org>)

- ✦ **Three** is the number of *permanence connecting truth to the world*; (i.e., divinity).
- ✦ Four is the value of the Hebrew letter **dalet**: Dalet means *door*.
- ✦ (“According to Chazal, our Sages”), the Hebrew meaning of **four** signifies **completion, wholeness, or fullness**
- ✦ To understand the number six, we need to understand the **vav** –which is the Hebrew **letter representing six**
- ✦ The vav is shaped like a hook. A hook is something that holds two things together. This property of the letter vav, in its Hebrew usage, is referred to as the **vav of connection**.
- ✦ Connotes being **one** in the sense of being *whole* and all encompassing, *rather than being part of something else*
- ✦ Vav attached to a verb converts that verb from either the past to the future tense, or from the future to the past tense. (an expression of eternity)
- ✦ **Twelve** is the level where the *oneness is manifested in the world*. It is why we **associate government with twelve**

Father

**Command-
ments**

Law
given by Moses

*These three bear record in heaven
and they are one
1 John 5:7*

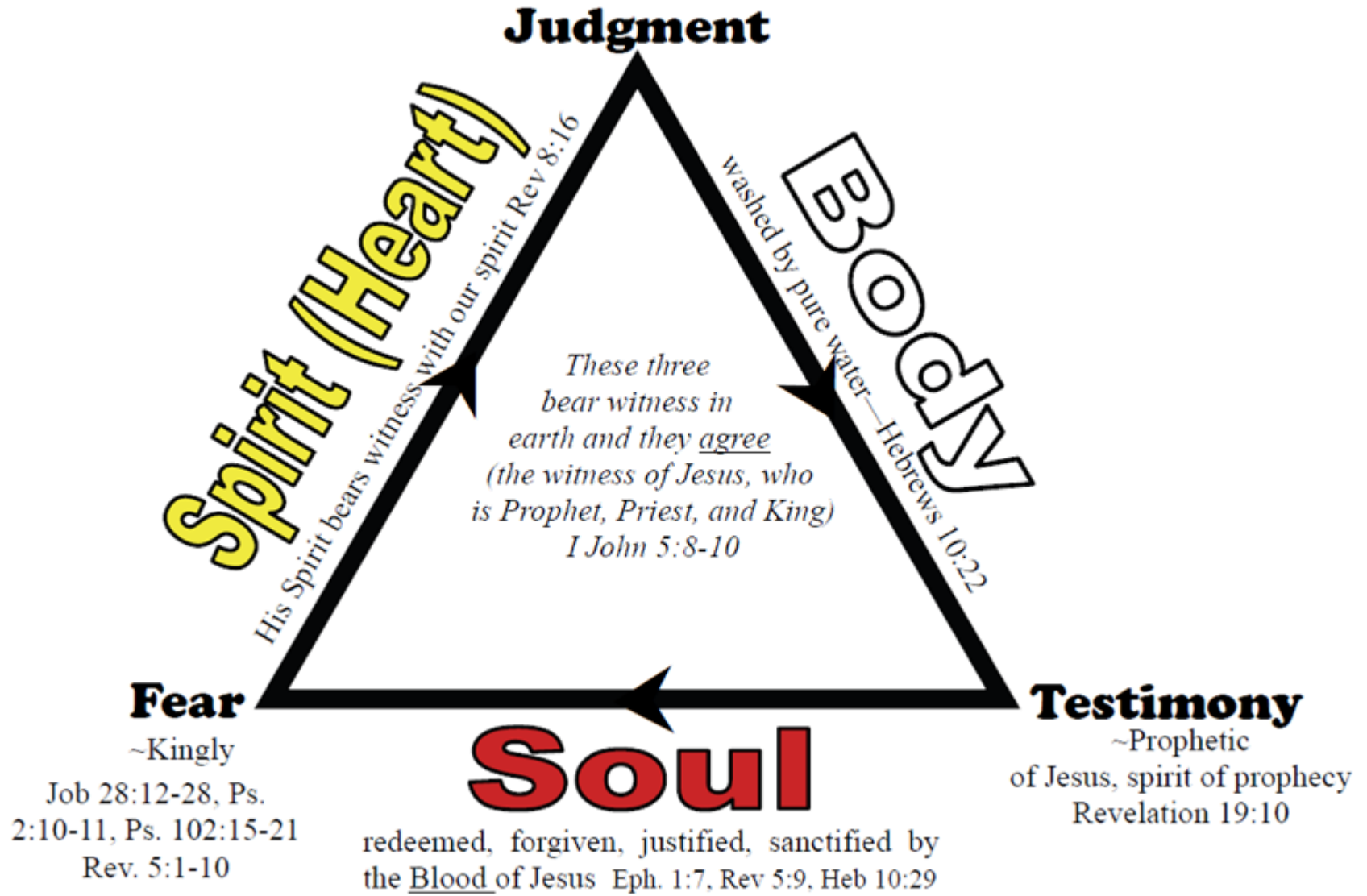
**Holy
Spirit**

Son (Word)
Grace & Truth by
Jesus Christ
John 1:17

Statutes

Symbol of the Triune God - ▼ pointing toward man

Priestly Ex.18:19-22, Deut. 17:9, Num 25:7-13, John 20:23



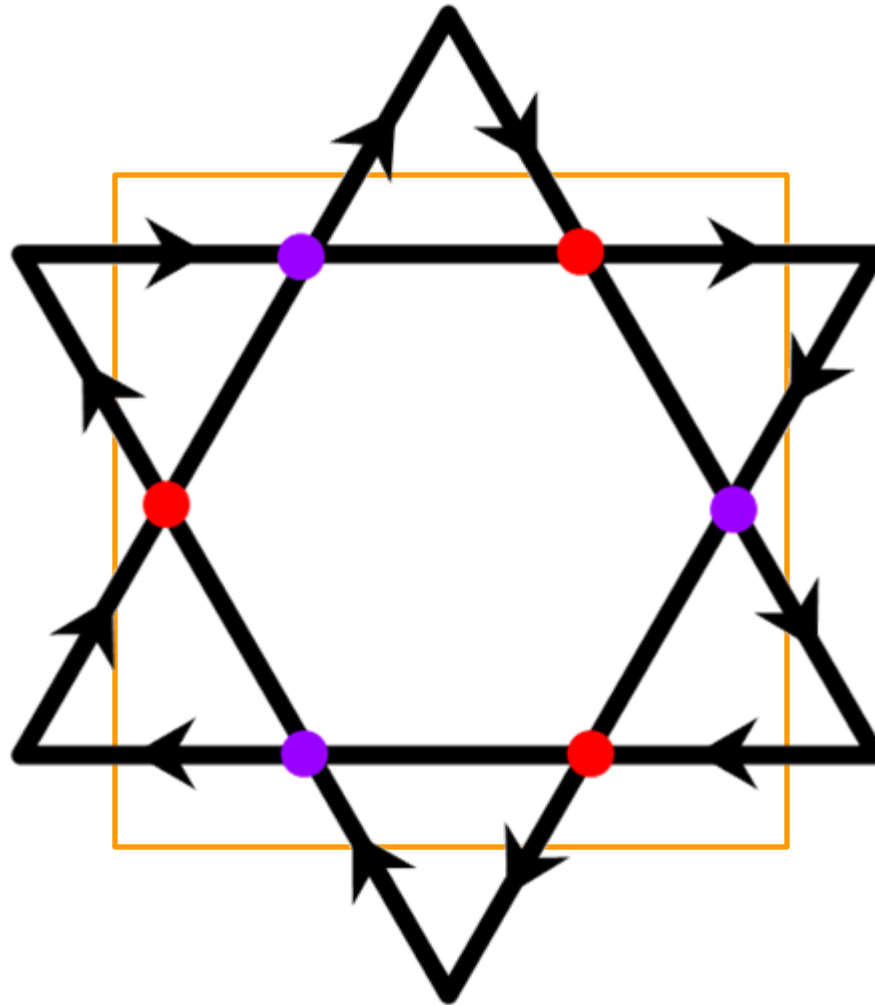
Symbol of Man, created in the image of God; and when redeemed he ▲ points toward God

Covenant

6 points of the star
symbolize the
Hebrew meaning
of the number
6 = “connection”

12 arrows
represent Life-flow,
as man walks
under the
authority of God
(Matt. 8:9-10)

Hebrew
association:
**12= administration
of the government
of God”**

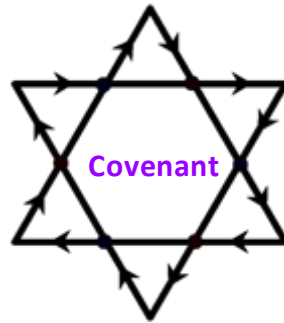


Purple dots: where
the ordinances of
God impact man.

Red dots: where
the redeemed of
the Lord encounter
God

The **square**
surrounding the
hexagon that
represents
covenant
symbolizes the
Hebrew meaning
of the number
**4 = “completion,
wholeness, or
fullness”**

Proving the perfect will of God through 12 elements of obedience to His Government



Romans 11:

33. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
34. For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor?
35. Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?
36. For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

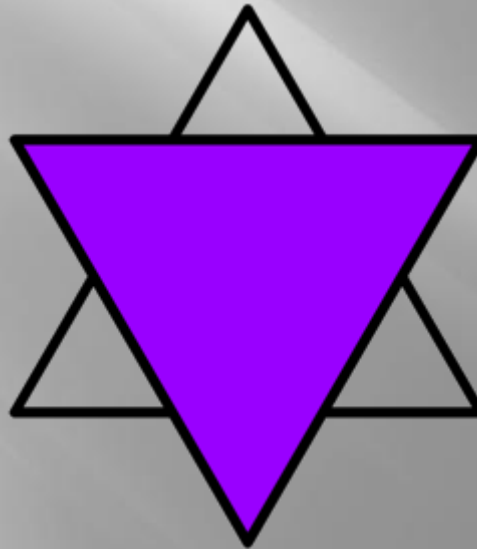
Romans 12:

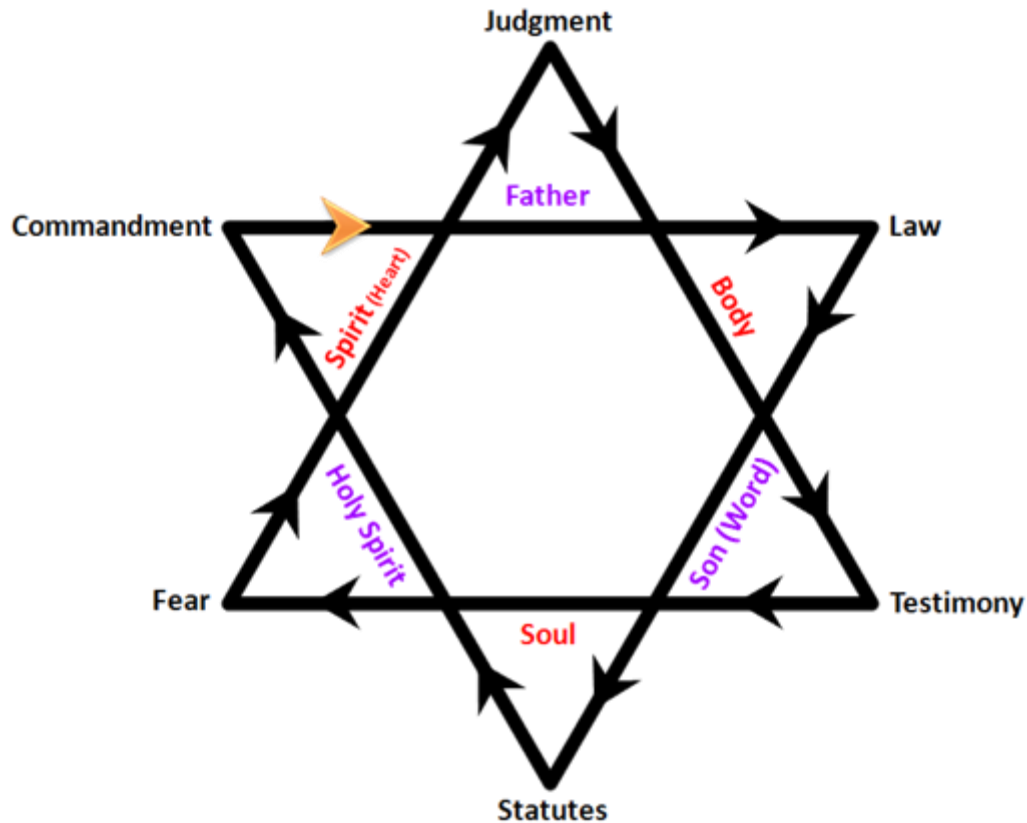
1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
2. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Hebrews 6:

- 1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of **(i) repentance** from dead works, and of **(ii) faith toward God**,
- 2 Of the **(iii) doctrine of baptisms**, and of **(iv) laying on of hands**, and of **(v) resurrection of the dead**, and of **(vi) eternal judgment**.
- 3 And this will we do, if God permit.

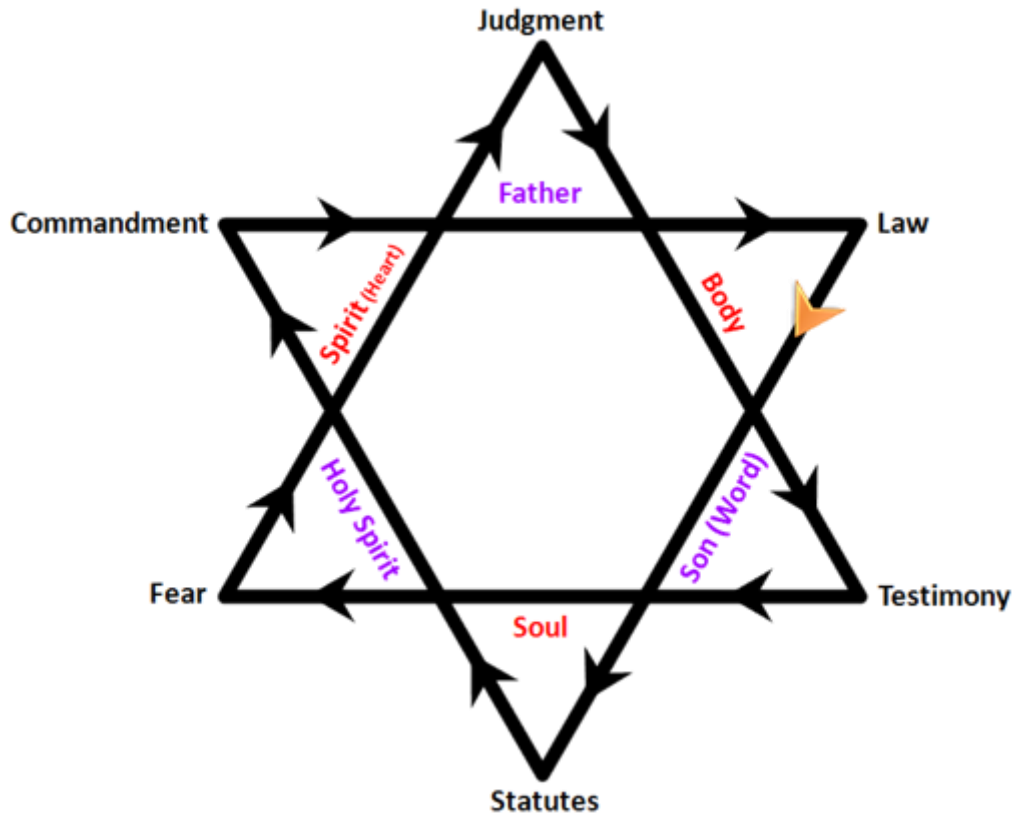
In the triangle
representing God...






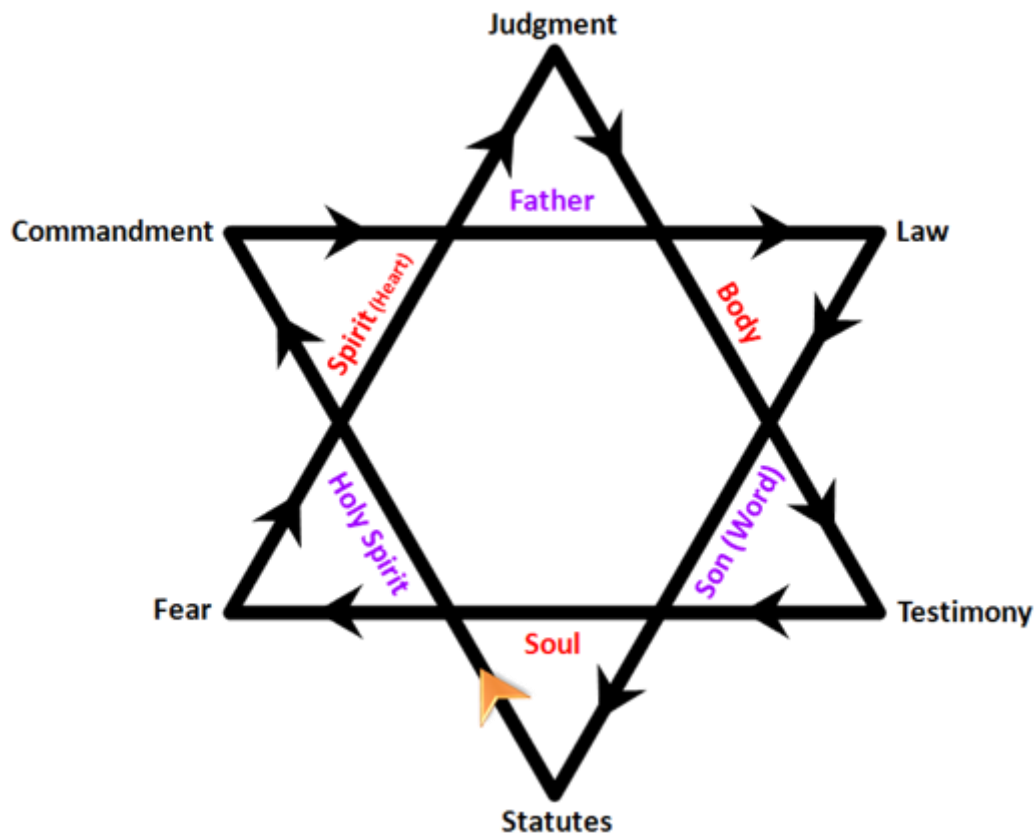
➤ Because they are pure, enlightening the eyes, the commandments of the Lord point toward our body, to make us whole. As recorded in Math. 6:22, “if your eye be single, your whole body shall be full of light”.


The commandments focus on bodily actions (such as “Thou shalt not steal”). As we walk in obedience to them, they impact our spirit, so that they also influence our thoughts and thus our judgment.




 Fulfilled and thus made perfect by Jesus (Math. 5:17) the law of the Lord points toward our soul, with power to convert us through the blood of Jesus.

The law focuses on our relationships with others. With sustained obedience to them, the Law of the Lord impacts our body so as to regulate the words which we speak. They are of tremendous significance to our testimony—since others who observe our actions will see whether we actually love the Lord or only give Him lip-service (Is. 29:13)

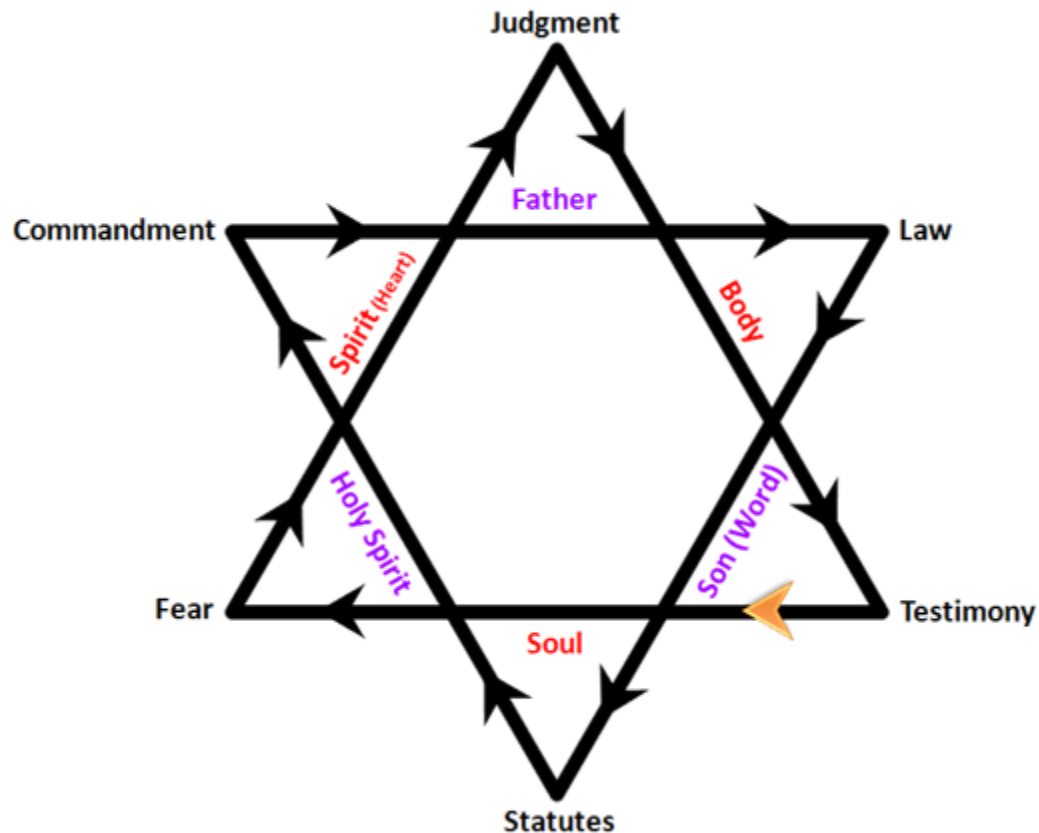


 To instill joy in our hearts (Is. 65:14 & Ps.19:8), because they are right, the statutes of the Lord point toward our spirit, so that we can ultimately become the express image and thus the glory of Jesus, equipped to live with and to reign with Him (Is. 11:1-10 & II Ti. 2:11-12)

The statutes focus on our relationship to God. Obedience to them, by walking in the Spirit rather than in the flesh (Ga. 5:16), causes the statutes to impact our soul and thus the way we treat others. They are basic to wisdom with which to depart from evil and acquire understanding (Job 28:28), and therefore gain the Fear of the Lord.

In the triangle
representing man...

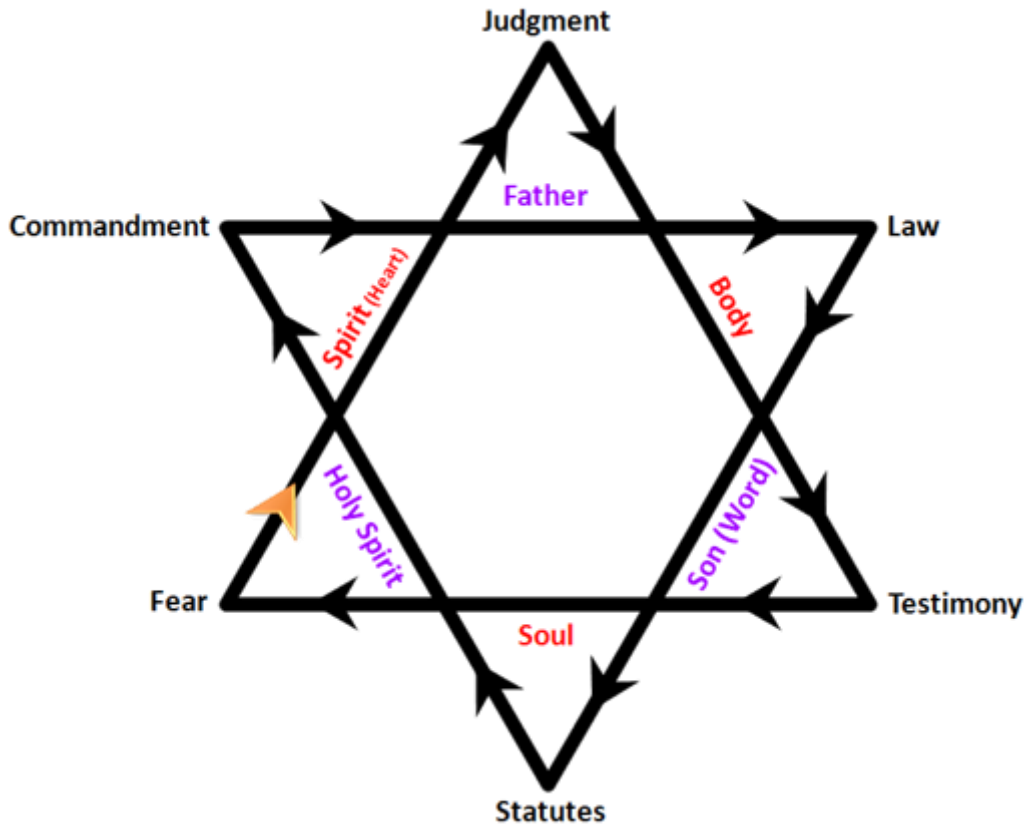





We are told in Ps. 19:7 that the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Such wisdom resides in those who have been redeemed, forgiven, justified and sanctified by the blood of Jesus:

➤ Testimony points toward Jesus, because the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Mature testimony of Jesus yields the Fear of the Lord that is clean, that endures forever (Ps.19:9), and that is the beginning of wisdom

Watched by others because of our testimony, we must strive to be ever like Jesus; whose life was always in perfect harmony with the statutes of the Lord. Our abiding by those statutes in a similar way determines the measure, which stems from the soul, with which we treat others in the way we would have them treat us (Math. 7:12). Our commitment to walk in right relationships increases our Fear of the Lord.



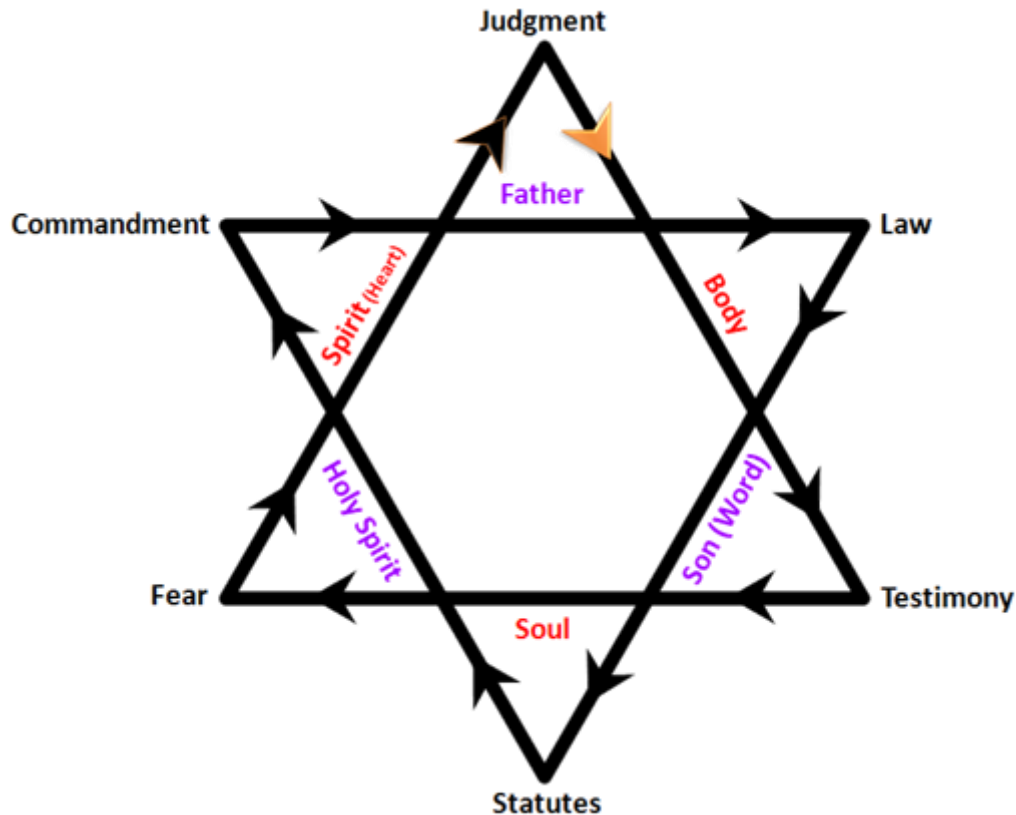
 The Fear of the Lord points toward the Holy Spirit. Sound judgment that is found in His truth, derives from the Spirit of the Lord bearing witness with our spirit; since Jesus said that He who is Truth (I Jn. 5:6) would 'guide us into all truth'. (John 16:13). Mature Fear of the Lord yields sound judgment, whereby the just shall live by his faith and the righteousness of God is thereby revealed from faith to faith (Hab. 2:4 and Romans 1:17).

When regulated by the Fear of the Lord, we are better equipped to give ourselves in reasonable service to God, with our bodies being a living sacrifice that is holy and acceptable (Romans 12:1). The power for sacrificial giving derives from our encounters with the Holy Spirit. That power is the means with which we are able to meditate on, and more perfectly keep, the commandments of the Lord. When our spirit is drawn toward the purity of His commandments (Ps. 19:8), we are equipped to make proper decisions, consistent with the judgments of the Lord that are true and righteous altogether (Ps. 19:9).

Decisions (judgments) consistent with the perfect will of God, through the renewing of one's mind (Romans 12:2), are true and righteous altogether (Ps. 19: 9).



Sound judgment points toward the Father. Eternal life derives not from anything created; rather it comes to us through grace and truth in the person of our Lord (Jn. 1:17), the only begotten of the Father (I Jn. 4:9). Because Jesus is the Word of God that was made flesh (Jn. 1:14), true and righteous Mature judgment yields the testimony of Jesus.



We are admonished to keep our hearts with all diligence, so that the issues of life (Prov. 4:23), that are regulated by our thoughts and the decisions that follow—are in keeping with God's judgment that is true and righteous altogether (Ps. 19:9). Such judgment is possible through a determination to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might (Deut. 6:5). Such love leads us to encounters with God the Father, because of His goodness and mercy that endure forever (Ps. 106:1). Thus we are brought to a better understanding of the perfect Law of the Lord (Ps. 19:7), which with the totality of His Word, causes our heart to be sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies to be washed with pure water (He.10:22). The glory of God is then caused to shine in our heart, through the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (II Co. 4:6). Our testimony of Jesus finally becomes like that of Peter, who proclaimed: "thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God", through revelation that comes from the Father (Math. 16:16).