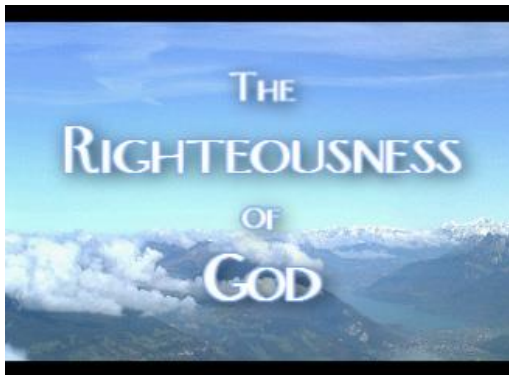




**From The Heart of the Rabbis  
Teachings and Instructions to Live By**

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**His Righteousness**



Psalm 119: 137-144

Psa 119:137 **Tsadhe. Righteous are you, O LORD, and right are your rules.**

Psa 119:138 You have appointed your testimonies **in righteousness and in all faithfulness.**

Psa 119:139 My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words.

Psa 119:140 Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

Psa 119:141 I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

Psa 119:142 **Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.**

Psa 119:143 Trouble and anguish have found me out, but your commandments are my delight.

Psa 119:144 **Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.**

Psa 119:137 צדיק אתה יהוה וישר משפטיך:

Psa 119:138 צוית צדק עדתיך ואמונה מאד:

Psa 119:139 צמתתני קנאתי כִּי־שכחו דבריך צרי:

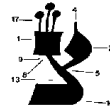
Psa 119:140 צרופה אמרתך מאד ועבדך אהבה:

Psa 119:141 צעיר אנכי ונבזה פקדיך לא שכחתי:

Psa 119:142 צדקתך צדק לעולם ותורתך אמת:

Psa 119:143 צר־ומצוק מצאוני מצותיך שעשעי:

Psa 119:144 צדק עדותיך לעולם הבינני ואחיה:



**The Tzadek Words of Psalm 119:137-144**

**H6662**

**צדיק**

tsaddîyq

**BDB Definition:**

1) just, lawful, righteous

1a) just, righteous (in government)

1b) just, right (in one's cause)

1c) just, righteous (in conduct and character)

1d) righteous (as justified and vindicated by God)

1e) right, correct, lawful

**Part of Speech:** adjective

**A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number:** from [H6663](#)

**Same Word by TWOT Number:** 1879c

**H6680**

**צוה**

tsâvâh

**BDB Definition:**

1) to command, charge, give orders, lay charge, give charge to, order

1a) (Piel)

1a1) to lay charge upon

1a2) to give charge to, give command to

1a3) to give charge unto

1a4) to give charge over, appoint

1a5) to give charge, command

- 1a6) to charge, command
- 1a7) to charge, commission
- 1a8) to command, appoint, ordain (of divine act)
- 1b) (Pual) to be commanded

**Part of Speech:** verb

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

**Same Word by TWOT Number:** 1887

## H6884

צרף

tsâraph

**BDB Definition:**

- 1) to smelt, refine, test
  - 1a) (Qal)
    - 1a1) to smelt, refine
    - 1a2) to test
    - 1a3) to test (and prove true)
    - 1a4) smelter, refiner, goldsmith (participle)
  - 1b) (Niphal) to be refined
  - 1c) (Piel) to be a refiner
    - 1c1) refiner (participle)

**Part of Speech:** verb

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

**Same Word by TWOT Number:** 1972

## H6666

צדקה

tsedâqâh

**BDB Definition:**

- 1) justice, righteousness
  - 1a) righteousness (in government)
    - 1a1) of judge, ruler, king
    - 1a2) of law
    - 1a3) of Davidic king Messiah
  - 1b) righteousness (of God's attribute)
  - 1c) righteousness (in a case or cause)
  - 1d) righteousness, truthfulness

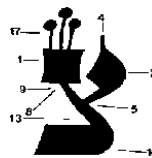
- 1e) righteousness (as ethically right)
- 1f) righteousness (as vindicated), justification, salvation
  - 1f1) of God
  - 1f2) prosperity (of people)
- 1g) righteous acts

**Part of Speech:** noun feminine

**A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number:** from [H6663](#)

**Same Word by TWOT Number:** 1879b

It is important to understand the Righteousness of YHWH and what He expects of those He has redeemed. It is because of what Yeshua did for us, that we can stand as 'righteous' in God's eyes. Because He has made us righteous in Messiah Yeshua, we are to walk as His righteous people.



The proper name of the eighteenth letter of the Alpeh-Beis is tzaddi, but it is commonly called tsaddik. The letter symbolizes the righteousness of God and devout human beings-another reason for the tzaddik pronunciation.<sup>1</sup>

The letter **Tsade** (or **Tzadi**) is the 18th letter of the **Hebrew** Aleph-Bet, having the numeric value of 90.

- The Righteous One, refers to the Almighty, Who is called The Righteous and Upright One. Devoid of every conceivable injustice. No other being can have an essence so pure that it is without deficiency and cannot become further perfected.
- Deu 32:4 *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*

<sup>1</sup> Wisdom in The Hebrew Alphabet –Artscroll - Munk

Similarly, King Solomon's description, The Tsaddik is the foundation of the world alludes to God, Who sustains the entire world

- Pro 10:25 As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked no *more*: but the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation.
- Oslos R. Akiva explains that tsaddik symbolizes God's ultimate righteousness toward people, which is defined as His gift of knowledge, understanding, and the power of intelligent speech, through which the world can endure.
- The term tsaddik is also applied to human beings who emulate God's righteousness by conducting themselves with integrity, truth and justice. Just as the Supreme Tsaddik allots every element of creation its due measure of time, space and matter, so does the human tsaddik render his fellowmen all their due in each situation. Such a man's life is an unending pattern of justice, unbiased by his personal interests. He views everything objectively in accordance with the Torah's dictum. (Deut. 16:20) justice, justice, shall you pursue.
- The Divine Tsaddik sustains and protects the world; through his merits the human tsaddik, too, sustains and protects the world. Noah who started the world anew, after the Flood is called tsaddik (Gen. 6:9), Abraham is described as the 'foremost of all tsaddikim because he taught, mankind the idea of the Creator, thus providing spiritual sustenance, which ranks higher than the physical. Joseph is called 'the tsaddik, the foundation of the world, because he nourished the populations of many lands during the great famine. He also earned appellation of tsaddik by virtue of his moral strength in resisting the temptations of Potiphar's wife.
- Just as the angels are God's messengers in heaven, so are tsaddikim his ambassadors on earth. But a tsaddik is even greater than an angel for an angel carries out his Master's

will automatically, but a tsaddik serves God of his own free choice.

### **Defining Righteousness**

- The term "Righteousness" is represented by the Hebrew root of Tzade Dalet Kuf. This root basically denotes conformity to ethical or moral standard.

### **To Be Straight according to a norm or standard**

- Deut. 4:6-9, Phil 3:6 (compare)
- Ezekiel 18:4-9
- Isaiah 58:1-2
- Isaiah 26:2
  - Philippians 2:12
  - Ephesians 2:10
- 1 Yochanan/John 3:7

### **Apparent Contradictions with Paul? NONE!**

- Romans 3:30
- Romans 2:13
- Deuteronomy 6:24-25
- James 2:18
- Titus 3:5

Implications of the Hebrew term Tsaddik  
Involves weights and measures-Lev. 19:36  
Preserving shalom and prosperity in the community-Proverbs 14:34

Plowing, Sowing and Reaping-Hosea 10:12  
In the Tenach, to be innocent and to be righteous were one and the same-Exodus 23:7  
Ezekiel 3:20, 18:24, 33:13. These represent Tzekeq in the plural indicating that good deeds proceed from one's religious character  
The righteous among the citizens of B'ne Israel are those who cling to the Torah of Hashem even in the midst of persecution.

Matthew 5:10

Mat 5:10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### **For Further Study and Meditation**

#### **YHWH's Righteousness**

- Ezra 9:15
- Psalm 33:5
- Psalm 48:10
- Psalm 65:5
- Psalm 97:2
- Psalm 145:17
- Jeremiah 23:6
- Hosea 2:19
- Romans 1:17
- 1 John 2:29
- Revelation 16:5

#### **Messiah Yeshua's Righteousness**

- Psalm 45:7
- Isaiah 11:5
- Isaiah 52:1
- Isaiah 42:6
- Isaiah 59:16
- Jeremiah 23:5
- Luke 23:47
- Revelation 19:11

#### **Walking In Righteousness**

- Psalm 16:6
- Isaiah 51:1
- Ezekiel 3:21
- Daniel 4:27
- Hosea 10:2 Zech 8:19
- 1 Cor. 15:34
- Ephesians 6:14
- Philippians 4:11
- 1 Timothy 6:11