

# Righteous Are You, O Lord

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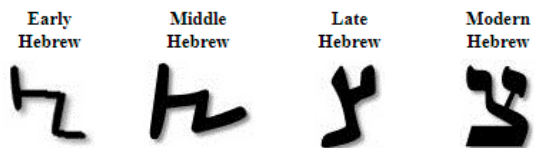
PSALM 119:137-144

TSADE

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## Tsade

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

**Ancient Name:** Tsad?, Tsade?

**Pictograph:** Trail






**Meanings:** Journey, Chase, Hunt

**Sound:** Ts

### History & Reconstruction

The three Ancient pictograph possibilities for this letter are ,  and . The word *tsad* means "side," but is also related to the idea of a stronghold, which is often built on the side of a mountain. The pictograph is a picture of a trail as leading up to a destination or stronghold. Most ancient Semitic alphabets used pictographs which closely resemble , indicating that this was most likely the original form of the letter.

The modern name for this letter is *tsade*, also meaning side, and is a child root from the word *tsad*. The phonetic sound of this letter is a "ts" in both ancient and modern Hebrew.

The early pictograph  evolved into  in the Middle Semitic script and continued to evolve into  in the Late Semitic Script. From the middle Semitic script came the Modern Hebrew  and . Modern Greek and Latin have no letter derived from this Semitic letter.

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not forget Your precepts. (142) Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth. (143) Trouble and anguish have overtaken me, Yet Your commandments are my delights. (144) The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting; Give me understanding, and I shall live.”

# Righteousness is Prominent in this Section

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VERSE	TEXT
137	<i>Righteous</i> <sup>H662</sup> are You, O LORD
	And <i>upright</i> <sup>H3477</sup> are Your judgments
138	Your testimonies,... are <i>righteous</i> <sup>H664</sup> and very faithful.
142	Your <i>righteousness</i> <sup>H666</sup> is an everlasting <i>righteousness</i> <sup>H664</sup> ,
144	The <i>righteousness</i> <sup>H664</sup> of Your testimonies is everlasting;

Four different Hebrew numbers are used: H662, H664, H666 and H3477

# Definition of Righteousness

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## H6664

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### **BDB Definition:**

- 1) justice, rightness, righteousness
  - 1a) what is right or just or normal, rightness, justness (of weights and measures)
  - 1b) righteousness (in government)
    - 1b1) of judges, rulers, kings
    - 1b2) of law
    - 1b3) of Davidic king, Messiah
    - 1b4) of Jerusalem as seat of just government
    - 1b5) of God's attribute
  - 1c) righteousness, justice (in case or cause)
  - 1d) rightness (in speech)
  - 1e) righteousness (as ethically right)
  - 1f) righteousness (as vindicated), justification (in controversy), deliverance, victory, prosperity
    - 1f1) of God as covenant-keeping in redemption
    - 1f2) in name of Messianic king
    - 1f3) of people enjoying salvation
    - 1f4) of Cyrus

**Part of Speech:** noun masculine

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

- H662 and H666 are synonyms and are primarily *legal* terms
- H664 is the same word as an adjective
- H3477 is a similar word, meaning straight or true

# Righteous are You, O LORD

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- ❖ This is not a judgment of God, but an acknowledgement.
- ❖ Because God is our Creator, His way is right. (Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31)
- ❖ Wickedness is an abomination – (Genesis 18:23-25) Proverbs 15:9
- ❖ God's righteousness is revealed through the Gospel. – Romans 1:16,17
- ❖ He will judge the world in righteousness through Jesus Christ – Acts 17:30,31



# Your Testimonies... are Righteous

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- ❖ Sometimes we are convinced by our reverence for God of the righteousness of His testimonies..
- ❖ Others are convinced by the righteousness of His testimonies to revere God.
- ❖ Jesus' testimony of God's word John 17:17 (Romans 3:4)
- ❖ The Testimony of the Psalmist Psalm 119:151-152
- ❖ The Testimony of Paul - 2 Tim 3:14-17



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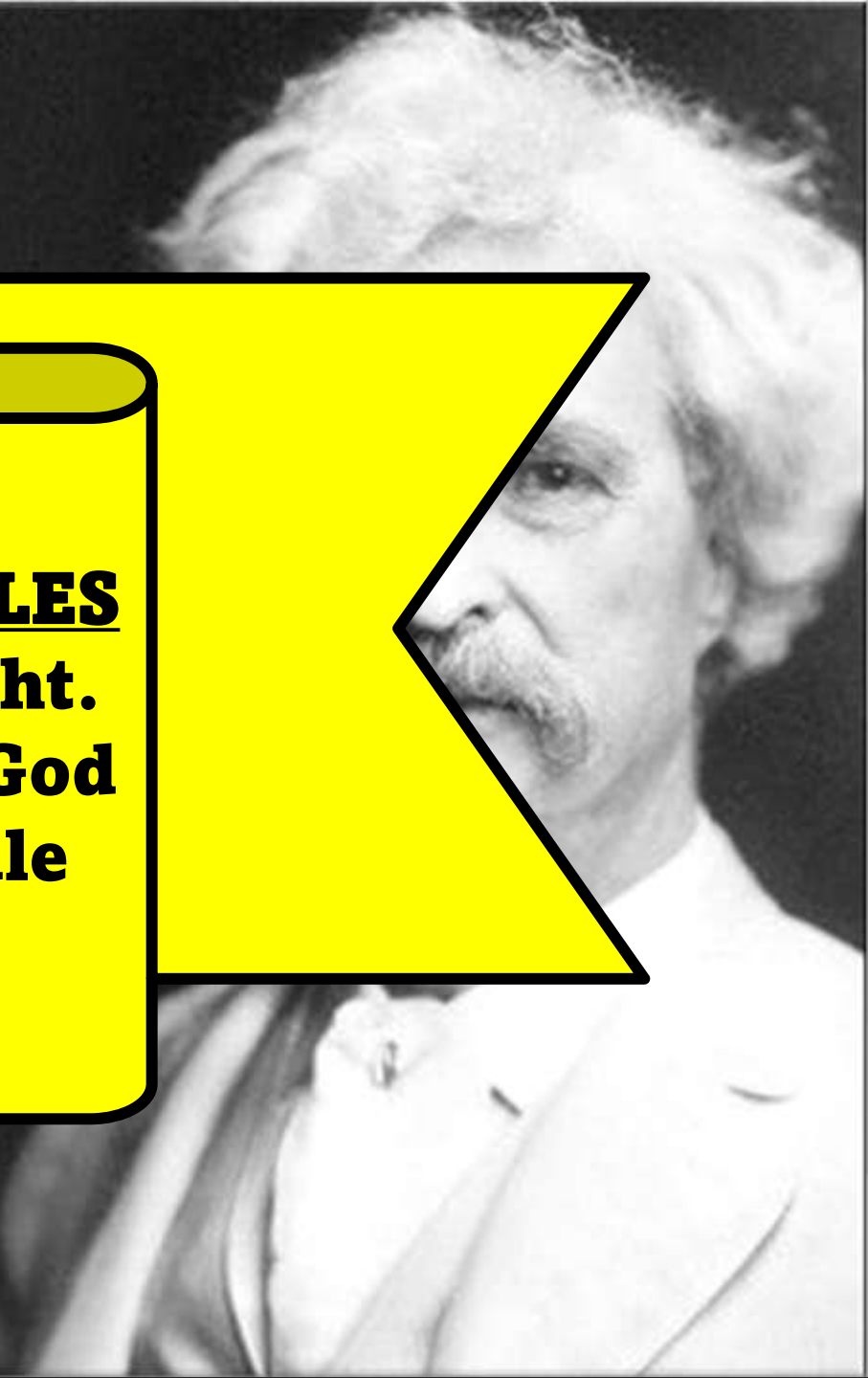
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yet I do not forget Your  
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“When I was a  
boy of 14, my  
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## **THE CHRISTIAN'S RULES**

- 1. God is *always* right.**
- 2. When you *think* God is wrong, refer to rule number one.**

years.”  
— Mark Twain





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**WHAT MUST  
ONE DO TO BE  
SAVED?**

1. HEAR THE GOSPEL—ROMANS 10:14
2. BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST—JOHN 3:18, 36; 8:24
3. REPENT OF YOUR SIN—LUKE 13:3,5; ACTS 2:38
4. CONFESS JESUS CHRIST—MATTHEW 10:32,33
5. BE BAPTIZED—MARK 16:15-16; ACTS 2:38
6. LIVE FAITHFULLY—MATTHEW 10:22; REV. 2:10

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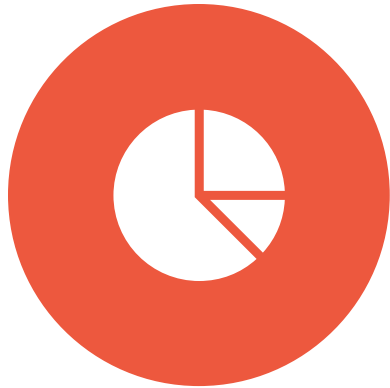
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