

# Psalm 119:142

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

## Analysis

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**Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness** (צדקה לעולם, tsidqatka tsedeq le-olam)—God's righteousness is not circumstantial or era-dependent but eternal, unchanging across all ages. **And thy law is the truth** (תורתך אמת, ve-toratka emet)—Torah is not merely true but is truth itself, the absolute standard by which all else is measured.

Jesus identified Himself with this eternal truth: "I am... the truth" (John 14:6) and prayed, "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). In a relativistic age that denies absolute truth, this verse anchors moral reality in God's unchanging character. His righteousness doesn't evolve; His law doesn't need updating for modern sensibilities.

## Historical Context

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The concept of eternal, unchanging divine law stood in stark contrast to the mutable laws of human empires. While Babylonian, Persian, and Greek codes changed with rulers, YHWH's Torah was grounded in His eternal nature.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does the eternity of God's righteousness challenge modern assumptions about evolving moral standards?
2. What difference does it make to your daily decisions that God's law is 'the truth'—not merely true, but truth itself?

## Interlinear Text

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Thy righteousness righteousness is an everlasting and thy law is the truth  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 19:9** (Righteousness): The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**John 17:17** (Word): Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

**Psalms 119:151** (Word): Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth.

**Isaiah 51:8** (Righteousness): For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

**Isaiah 51:6** (Righteousness): Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

**Psalms 119:144** (Righteousness): The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

**Psalms 36:6** (Righteousness): Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

**Ephesians 4:21** (Truth): If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

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