

# Psalms 18:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

## Analysis

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All God's rules were before David; he did not put away statutes. The Hebrew 'mishpat' (rules/judgments) and 'chuqqah' (statutes) refer to divine law. Keeping them 'before' him suggests constant meditation and attention. This parallels Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:2 about meditating on God's law. Reformed theology emphasizes Scripture's authority and sufficiency, with the godly person saturating mind and heart with God's word.

## Historical Context

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David's attention to God's law distinguished him from Saul who repeatedly disobeyed clear commands. David's failures were real but not characterized by casual dismissal of God's word.

## 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 consistently do you keep God's word 'before you' throughout the day?
2. What practices help you meditate on Scripture rather than merely reading it?

## Interlinear Text

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	For all his judgments		his statutes	
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were before me and I did not put away				
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 119:13** (Judgment): With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

**Psalms 119:112** (Parallel theme): I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end.

**Psalms 119:128** (Parallel theme): Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

**Psalms 119:117** (Parallel theme): Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

**Psalms 119:30** (Judgment): I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me.

**John 5:14** (Parallel theme): Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.