

GOD'S WORD

Deuteronomy 6:6ff Psalm 119 Jeremiah 23:29

One Hebrew family
took God's holy law,
memorised its maxims
and knew them to the core.

Two Hebrew families
learned God's upright ways
impressed them on their children
to guide them all their days.

Three Hebrew families
reflected on God's word,
and talked about it daily
to keep their spirits stirred.

Four Hebrew families
took all God's commands,
applied them with endeavour
to the labours of their hands.

Five Hebrew families
knew what God designed
and meditated on it
with heart and soul and mind.

Six Hebrew families
heard the Lord's precepts
obeyed them to the letter,
and as they sowed, they reapt.

Seven Hebrew families
remembered they'd been slaves,
and narrated their deliverance
by the Lord, the One who saves.

Eight Hebrew families
learned all God's decrees,
regarded them with honour
and worshipped on their knees.

One modern family
overlooked God's truth
and wondered why their children
were rebellious in their youth.

Two modern families
who closed the sacred page
were frankly disillusioned
as they ground through middle age.

Three modern families
were hardened to God's heart,
with nothing now to guide them,
they quickly fell apart.

God's word is like a fire
that consumes discarded chaff;
and like a well-forged hammer
that explodes a rock in half.

We can label it redundant,
inappropriate, naïve,
but from Moses' day to our day,
it has shown the way to live.

One modern family
who read God's word each day
have bread for daily living
and a light upon the way.

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