

How Will You Keep from Perishing?

Psalm 119:92

“If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.”

1. What are the afflictions you might face?
2. What would it mean to perish?
3. What is God’s law?
4. Why will delighting in it keep you from perishing?

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**What are the afflictions
you might face?**

Affliction

The pain, discomfort, or distress that results from oppression and hardship.

Exodus 3:7

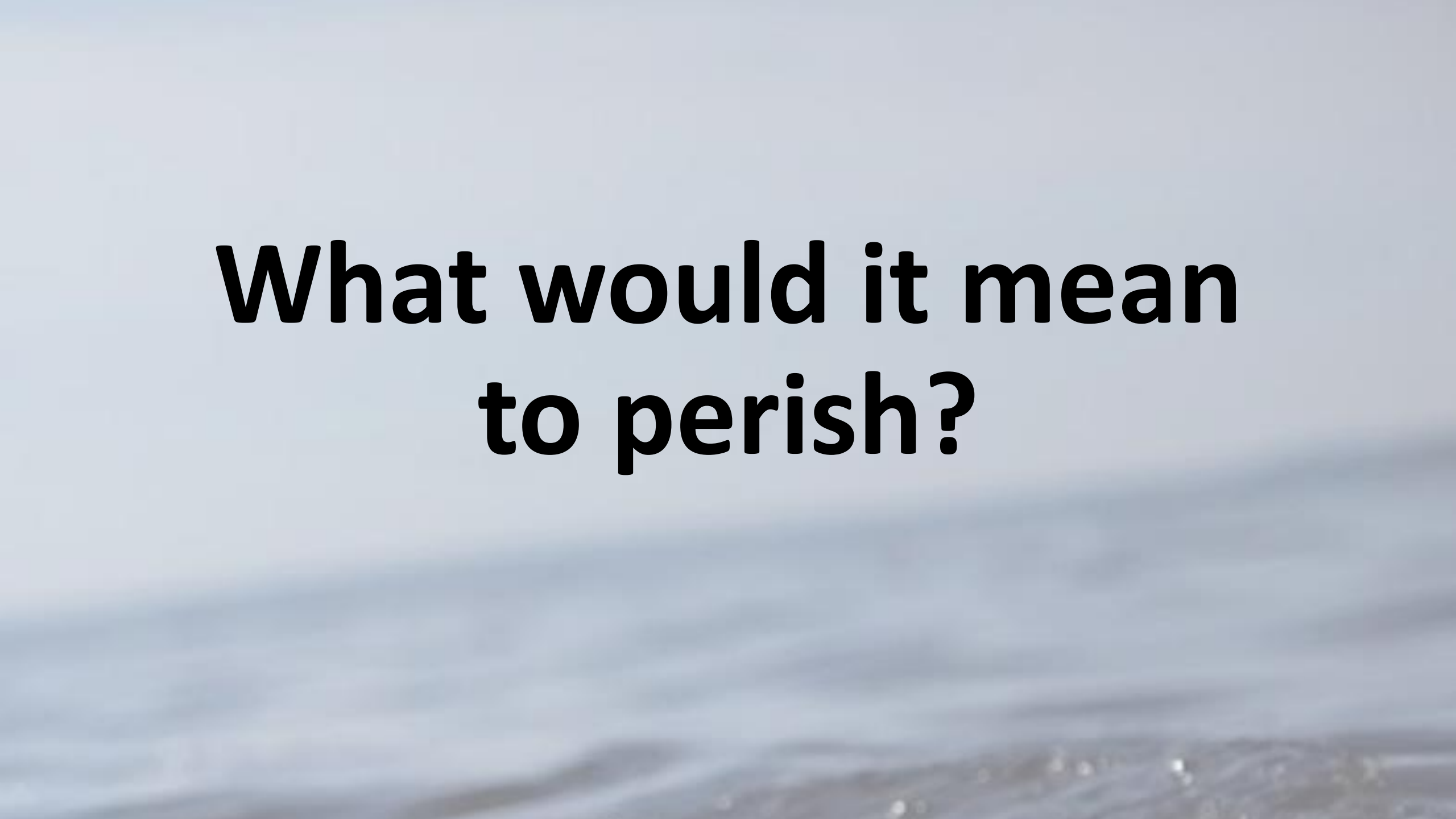
“The LORD said, "I have surely seen the **affliction** of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.”

A person's hands are raised in prayer above a large splash of water. The background is a bright, hazy sky. The text "What were David's afflictions?" is overlaid in the center in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**What were David's
afflictions?**

A photograph of a person's hands reaching up from the water, splashing, with the text "What are your afflictions?" overlaid in the center. The background is a bright, hazy sky over water.

**What are your
afflictions?**



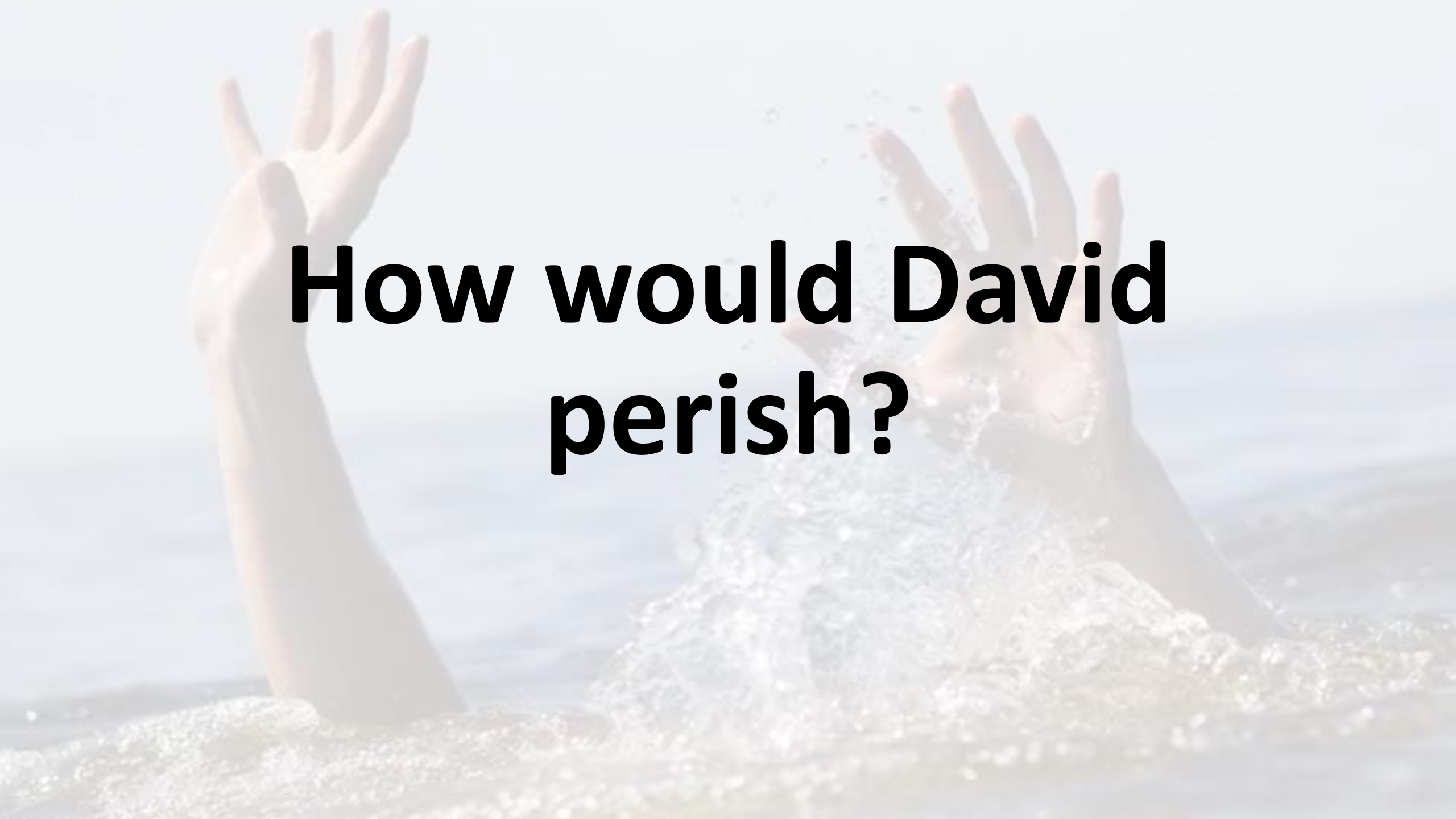
**What would it mean
to perish?**

Perish

To be destroyed, utterly ruined, or to die.

Exodus 10:7

“Pharaoh's servants said to him,
"How long will this man be a snare to us?
Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God.
Do you not realize that Egypt is **destroyed**?"

A person's hands are reaching up from the water, with a large splash of water in the foreground. The background is a bright, hazy sky over the ocean.

**How would David
perish?**

A photograph of a person's hands reaching up from the water. The hands are positioned on either side of the text. A large splash of water is visible in the foreground, partially obscuring the right hand. The background is a bright, hazy sky over water.

How will you perish?



What is God's law?

Law = Torah

and literally means teaching or instruction.

Proverbs 3:1

“My son, do not forget my **teaching** (torah),
But let your heart keep my commandments.”

For David, God's law encompassed all of His revelation.

v 89 "Your word"

v 91 "Your ordinances"

v 92 "Your law"

v 93 "Your precepts"

v 95 "Your testimonies"

v 96 "Your commandment"


God's *teaching* cannot simply mean His *sayings*;
it must be the **substance** of those sayings...

...the comprehensive truths that, together,
shape our understanding of God, the world,
ourselves, and reveal to us God's plan for
restoration through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

What law did David have?



What law do you have?



**Why will delighting in
God's law keep you
from perishing?**

**Because delight will
keep you in it.**

**Because delight will
keep you obedient to it.**

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Is God's word your delight?