

Psalms

Part 2

Praise the Lord!

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Parallelism

- Also known as thought rhyme
 - Arranging thoughts in relation to each other
- Progressive parallelism
 - Stair-like (1:1)
 - Climactic (29:1—Question & Answer)
 - Give to the Lord... (Give what?)
 - (Answer)...glory and strength

Parallelism

- Synonymous parallelism
 - The two consecutive lines are very close in thought
 - 1:2; 3:1; 24:2
- Synthetic parallelism
 - The first and second line are clearly related (cause & effect; proposition & conclusion)—119:11

Parallelism

- Antithetic parallelism
 - Two consecutive lines contrast thought
 - 1:6; 90:6
- Emblematic parallelism
 - The truth of one line is pictured or figuratively expressed in another
 - 1:3; 23:1; 42:1

Imprecatory Psalms

- The psalmist asks God (not humans) to punish or destroy his enemies
 - To bring vindication
 - Vengeance belongs to God
 - Deut. 32:35; Rom. 12:19; Heb. 10:30
 - To show God's righteousness
 - 7, 35, 55, 58, 59, 69, 79, 109, 137, 139

Alphabetic or Acrostic

- Each line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order from aleph (first letter) to tav/taw (last letter)
- Psalm 119 has each section divided according to letter
 - vv. 1-8 each line begins with aleph
 - 22 sections corresponding to the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet

Key Words

- **Praise**, 166 times
 - 7:17; 9:11; 48:1; 69:34; 113:1, 3; 148 & 150 “hallelujah”
- **Heart**, 130 times
 - 4:4, 7; 13:5; 14:1; 19:8, 14; 20:4; 37:4, 31; 40:8; 86:11-12; 111:1; 139:23
- **Bless, blessed, blessing(s)**, 108 times
 - 1:1; 2:12; 32:1-2, 12; 34:1, 8

Key Words

- **Word**, 87 times
 - 12:6; 18:30; 33:4, 6; 56:4; 119:11; 119:50; 138:2
- **Law**, 39 times
- **Commandment**, 29 times
- **Judgments**, 29 times
- **Precepts**, 22 times
- Notice Psalm 119

A Psalm to Remember

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- v. 1—I love Yahweh
- v. 10—I believed, therefore I spoke
– 2 Cor. 4:13
- v. 12—all Yahweh's benefits toward me
- v. 14, 18—pay my vows to Yahweh
- v. 15—the death of Yahweh's saints

Messages

- God is trustworthy and faithful to his word and to his people—we must trust him and obey him (Ps. 91)
- God is the creator and sustainer—we must listen to God, believe him, praise him, worship him and serve him (Ps. 115)
- God's Word is the ultimate truth and source of knowledge about all that is important—we must learn it, love it and live it (Ps. 119)

Trivia

Which Psalm is the shortest?

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Memory Verse Review ***(Ezra—Psalms)***

- Ezra 7:10—“For Ezra...”
- Neh. 8:8—“So they read distinctly...”
- Esther 4:14b—“Yet who knows...”
- Job 23:12b—“I have treasured...”
- Ps. 119:30—“I have chosen...”