

PSALM 115

- v. 1 – Not to us, O Yahweh, not to us, (5 words – לֹא לָנוּ יְהוָה לֹא לָנוּ)
rather to Your name, (2 words – כִּי - לְשִׁמְךָ)
(You) give glory, (2 words – תִּתֵּן כְּבוֹד)
because of Your covenant love, (2 words – עַל - חֶסֶדְךָ)
because of Your Truth. (2 words – עַל - אֱמֻנָתְךָ)
- v. 2 – Why should the nations say, (3 words – לָמָּה יֹאמְרוּ הַגּוֹיִם)
"Where, pray tell, is their God?" (3 words – אַיִה - נָא אֱלֹהֵיהֶם)
- v. 3 – But our God (is) in the heavens, (2 words – וְאֱלֹהֵינוּ בַשָּׁמַיִם)
all that He desired, He did. (4 words – כֹּל אֲשֶׁר - חָפֵץ עָשָׂה)
- v. 4 – Their idols (are) silver and gold, (3 words – עֲצָבֵיהֶם כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב)
work of hands of a man. (3 words – מַעֲשֵׂה יָדֵי אָדָם)
- v. 5 – A mouth to them, but they are not speaking, (4 words – פֶּה - לָהֶם וְלֹא יִדְבְּרוּ)
eyes to them, but they are not seeing. (4 words – עֵינַיִם לָהֶם וְלֹא יִרְאוּ)
Synthetic Parallelism
- v. 6 – Ears to them, but they are not hearing, (4 words – אָזְנַיִם לָהֶם וְלֹא יִשְׁמְעוּ)
A nose to them, but they are not smelling. (4 words – אָף לָהֶם וְלֹא יִרְיחוּ)
Synthetic Parallelism
- v. 7 – Their hands, but they are not touching, (3 words – יָדֵיהֶם וְלֹא יִמְשֹׁן)
their feet, but they are not walking, (3 words – רַגְלֵיהֶם וְלֹא יִהְלְכוּ)
they are not making a sound in their throat. (3 words – לֹא - יִהְיוּ בְגֵרוֹנָם)
Synthetic Parallelism
- v. 8 – Just like them are they who are making them, (3 words – כְּמוֹתָם יֵהְיוּ עֹשֵׂיהֶם)
all who are trusting in them. (4 words – כֹּל אֲשֶׁר - בֵּטַח בָּהֶם)
- v. 9 – O Israel, (you) trust in Yahweh, (3 words – יִשְׂרָאֵל בֵּטַח בִּיהוָה)
their help and their shield is He. (3 words – עֲזָרָם וּמִגְנָם הוּא)
- v. 10 – O house of Aaron, (you [p.]) trust in Yahweh, (4 words – בֵּית אַהֲרֹן בֵּטַחוּ בִיהוָה)
their help and their shield is He. (3 words – עֲזָרָם וּמִגְנָם הוּא)
- v. 11 – Those who are fearing Yahweh, (you[p.]) trust in Yahweh, (4 words – יִרְאֵי יְהוָה בֵּטַחוּ בִיהוָה)
their help and their shield is He. (3 words – עֲזָרָם וּמִגְנָם הוּא)

- v. 12 – Yahweh has remembered us, (2 words – יְהוָה זָכְרָנוּ)
 He is blessing, (1 word – יְבָרֵךְ)
 He is blessing the house of Israel, (4 words – יְבָרֵךְ אֶת - בַּיִת יִשְׂרָאֵל)
 He is blessing the house of Aaron, (4 words – יְבָרֵךְ אֶת - בַּיִת אַהֲרֹן)
- v. 13 – He is blessing those who are fearing Yahweh, (3 words – יְבָרֵךְ יִרְאֵי יְהוָה)
 the small ones with the great ones. (3 words – הַקְּטָנִים עִם - הַגְּדֹלִים)
- v. 14 – May Yahweh add upon you (p.), (3 words – יוֹסֵף יְהוָה עֲלֵיכֶם)
 upon you (p.) and upon your (p.) sons. (3 words – וְעַל - בְּנֵיכֶם)
- v. 15 – You (p.) are being blessed by Yahweh, (3 words – בְּרוּכִים אַתֶּם לַיהוָה)
 the One Who made heavens and earth. (3 words – עָשָׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ)
- v. 16 – The heavens (are) heavens belonging to Yahweh, (3 words – הַשָּׁמַיִם שָׁמַיִם לַיהוָה)
 but the earth He gave to the sons of Adam. (4 words – וְהָאָרֶץ נָתַן לְבְנֵי - אָדָם)
- v. 17 – The ones who have died are not praising Yah, (4 words – לֹא הַמֵּתִים יְהַלְלוּ - יָהּ)
 and not all who are going down of silence. (4 words – וְלֹא כָּל - יֹרְדֵי דוֹמָה)
- v. 18 – But we, we will bless Yah, (3 words – וְאַנְחֵנוּ נְבָרֵךְ יָהּ)
 from now and unto forever. (3 words – מִעַתָּה וְעַד - עוֹלָם)
- (You [p.]) praise Yah / Hallelu Yah, (2 words – הַלְלוּ יָהּ)

Broader Structure:

vv. 1-8 – Honoring God

vv. 9-18 – Trusting God

Hallelujah

vv. 1-8 – The Only God To Praise

vv. 9-11 – Help and Shield

vv. 12-15 – Giver of Blessings

vv. 16-18 – The Place and Time For Praise

Hallelujah

vv. 1-8 – Praising God Silences the Nations

vv. 9-11 – Trust God, Not Idols

vv. 12-13 – Trusting in Yahweh

vv. 14-15 – The Priestly Blessing

vv. 16-18 – A Final Doxology

Hallelujah

v. 1 – Glory to God
vv. 2-8 – God Against The Idols
vv. 9-11 – Trust The Lord
vv. 12-15 – He Will Bless us
vv. 16-18 – Praise Yahweh
Hallelujah

v. 1 – Trusting Yahweh Results in Praise
vv. 2-11 – Trusting Yahweh Excludes Idols
vv. 12-15 – Trusting Yahweh Brings Blessings
vv. 16-18 – Trusting Yahweh Results In Praise
Hallelujah

A – Community Prayer – vv. 1-2
 B – Impotence of Idols – vv. 3-8
 C – Confidence in Yahweh – vv. 9-11
 C¹ – Blessings of Yahweh – vv 12-15
 B¹ – The Power of Yahweh – v. 16
A¹ – Community Praise – vv. 17-18
Hallelujah

Yahweh – 10x
Yah – 3x
Elohim – God – 2x
2nd Person Singular (You, Your) referring to Yahweh – 4x – v. 1
3rd Person Singular (He, Him, His) referring to Yahweh – 10x
Total: 29x

1st Person, Plural (we, us, our) – 6x
2nd Person (You, Your) – 7x
3rd Person Plural (they, them, their) – 26x – vv. 2-11