

PSALM 111

v. 1 – (You [p.]) praise Yah / Hallelu Yah, (2 words – הַלְלוּ יְהוָה)

Let me praise Yahweh with all of (my) heart, (4 words – לְבַבִּי - בְּכֹל - יְהוָה אֲזַמְּרָה)

in (the) counsel of (the) upright and (the) congregation. (3 words – בְּסוּד יְשָׁרִים וְעֵדָה)

There are two different words for “praise.” The first word for “praise” is Hallelujah, the second one come from the word for Judah – “praise, give thanks, confess.”

v. 2 – Great are the works of Yahweh, (3 words – גְּדֹלִים מַעֲשֵׂי יְהוָה)

being inquired about by all of those who delight in them. (3 words – דְּרוֹשִׁים לְכֹל - חִפְצֵיהֶם)

v. 3 – Majesty and splendor is His deed, (3 words – הַזֹּדֶד - וְהַדָּר פָּעִלוֹ)

and His righteousness is standing forever. (3 words – עֲמֻדַת לְעֵד)

v. 4 – A remembrance He made in regard to His wonders, (3 words – זִכָּר עָשָׂה לְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו)

gracious and compassionate is Yahweh. (3 words – נְנוּן וְרַחוּם יְהוָה)

v. 5 – Food He has given to those who fear Him, (3 words – טָרֵף נָתַן לִירְאָיו)

He is remembering forever His covenant. (3 words – זָכַר לְעוֹלָם בְּרִיתוֹ)

v. 6 – The power of His works He has declared to His people, (4 words – כֹּחַ מַעֲשָׂיו הִגִּיד לְעַמּוֹ)

in order to give to them the inheritance of the nations. (4 words – לְתַת לָהֶם נַחֲלַת גּוֹיִם)

v. 7 – The works of His hands (are) truth and justice, (4 words – מַעֲשֵׂי יָדָיו אֱמֶת וּמִשְׁפָּט)

being reliable (are) all of His precepts. (3 words – נֶאֱמָנִים כָּל - פְּקוּדָיו)

v. 8 – being unshakable forever and ever, (3 words – סְמוּכִים לְעֵד לְעוֹלָם)

being done in truth, and (they are) upright. (3 words – עָשׂוּם בְּאֱמֶת וְיָשָׁר)

Notice the three passive participles all modify “works.”

The word for “works” in v. 7 and the word for “done” in v. 8 are from the same root.

The word for “reliable” in v. 7 and the word for “truth” in v. 8 are from the same root.

v. 9 – A redemption He sent to His people, (3 words – פְּדוּת שְׁלַח לְעַמּוֹ)

He commanded forever His covenant, (3 words – צִוָּה - לְעוֹלָם בְּרִיתוֹ)

holy and One Who is feared (is) His name. (3 words – קְדוֹשׁ וְנוֹרָא שְׁמוֹ)

v. 10 – The beginning of wisdom (is) the fear of Yahweh. (4 words – יְרֵאָת יְהוָה חִכְמָה יְרֵאָת יְהוָה)
a good understanding for all of those who are doing them, (4 words – לְכֹל עֹשֵׂיהֶם - שֵׁבַח לְכֹל עֹשֵׂיהֶם)
His praise is standing forever. (3 words – עֲמֻדָּתוֹ לְעֹד עֲמֻדָּתוֹ)
What is the antecedent of “them?” See v. 7 – “precepts” and “works”
This word for praise is yet another word. Compare v. 1.

Broader Structure:

Hallelu Yah

v. 1 – The Summons to Praise

vv. 2-10 – The Reasons for Praise

Hallelu Yah

v. 1 – Call to Praise

vv. 2-5 – Great Are God’s Works

vv. 6-9 – Conquest & Covenant

v. 10 – The Fear of Yahweh

Hallelu Yah

v. 1 – Introductory Call to Praise

vv. 2-6 – Yahweh’s Works

vv. 7-10 – Yahweh’s Precepts

Hallelu Yah

vv. 1-3 – Public Praise for God’s Mighty Acts

vv. 4-9 – The Acts of Yahweh in Redemption

vv. 10 – Response to God’s Mighty Acts

Yah – 1x – v. 1

Yahweh – 4x

3rd Person Singular referring to God – 19x

Total: 24x

1st Person Singular – 2x (v. 1)