

PSALM 1

- v. 1 – The blessings of the man (2 words – אֲשֶׁר־הָאִישׁ)
who (1 word – אֲשֶׁר)
did not walk in the counsel of wicked ones, (4 words – לֹא הֵלֵךְ בַּעֲצַת רְשָׁעִים)
and in the way of sinners he did not stand, (4 words – וּבְדֶרֶךְ חַטָּאִים לֹא עָמַד)
and in the seat of scorners he did not sit. (4 words – וּבִמְוֹשֵׁב לְצִידִים לֹא יָשָׁב)
- v. 2 – Rather, (2 words – כִּי אִם)
in the law of Yahweh (is) his delight, (3 words – בְּתוֹרַת יְהוָה הִפְצֹו)
and in His law he is meditating by day and night. (4 words – וּבְתוֹרָתוֹ יְהַגֵּה יוֹמָם וּלְיַלְלָהּ)
- v. 3 – And he is like a tree, (2 words – וְהָיָה כְּעֵץ)
being planted upon the canals of water, (4 words – שְׂתוּל עַל-פְּלִגֵי מַיִם)
which (1 word – אֲשֶׁר)
its fruit is giving in its time, (3 words – פְּרִיּוֹ יִתֵּן בְּעֵתוֹ)
and its leaf is not falling, (3 words – וְעֵלְהוֹ לֹא-יִבּוֹל)
and all that he is doing is prospering. (4 words – וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר-יַעֲשֶׂה יִצְלִיחַ)
- v. 4 – Not so (2 words – לֹא-כֵן)
the wicked ones; (1 word – הַרְשָׁעִים)
rather, (2 words – כִּי אִם)
like the chaff, (1 word – כַּמֶּזֶץ)
which (1 word – אֲשֶׁר)
the wind is driving it away. (2 words – תִּדְפְּנֵנוּ רוּחַ)
- v. 5 – Therefore (2 words – עַל-כֵּן)
the wicked ones will not stand in the judgment, (4 words – לֹא-יִקְמוּ רְשָׁעִים בַּמִּשְׁפָּט)
nor the sinners in the congregation of the righteous ones.
(3 words – ellipsis – וְחַטָּאִים בְּעֵדַת צַדִּיקִים)
- v. 6 – For (1 word – כִּי)
Yahweh is knowing the way of the righteous ones, (4 words – יוֹדַע יְהוָה דֶּרֶךְ צַדִּיקִים)
but the way of the wicked ones will perish. (3 words – וְדֶרֶךְ רְשָׁעִים תֵּאבֵד)

Broader Structure:

vv. 1-3 – The Righteous

vv. 4-5 – The Wicked

v. 6 – Final Destinies

v. 1 – Negative – did not

vv. 2-3 – Positive

vv. 4-5 – Negative – not so

v. 6 – Positive with contrast

Chiasms:

- vv. 1-2 – The Discriminating Way of the Godly (A)
- v. 3 – The Blessed Present of the Godly (B)
- vv. 4-5 – The Cursed Future of the Wicked (B')
- v. 6 – The Discriminating Way of God (A')

- vv. 1-2 – The Righteous
- v. 3 – Simile of Tree
- v. 4 – Simile of Chaff
- vv. 4-5 – The Wicked
- v. 6 – Conclusion

- v. 1 – The Godly Disassociate From the Wicked
- v. 2 – The Godly Associate With God's Law
- v. 6a – God Associates With the Godly
- v. 6b – God Disassociates From the Wicked