

PSALM 4

To the Chief Musician (1 word – לְמַנְצֵחַ)

With Stringed Instruments (1 word – בְּנִינֹת)

A Psalm of David (2 words – מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד)

v. 1 – When I call, (1 word – בִּקְרָאִי)

(You) answer me, God of my righteousness; (3 words – עֲנֵנִי אֱלֹהֵי צְדִיקִי)

in the distress You made wide room for me. (3 words – בַּצָּר הִרְחַבְתָּ לִּי)

(You) be gracious to me, (1 word – חַנּוּנִי)

and (You) hear my prayer. (2 words – וּשְׁמַע תְּפִלָּתִי)

Synthetic and Synonymous Parallelism – all three commands

Six words ends in ם – hireq yod, an “ee”.

One more ends with tseré yod – ם an “ay”.

v. 2 – Sons of man, (2 words – בְּנֵי אִישׁ)

How long (2 words – עַד - מָה)

my glory to disgrace? (2 words – כְּבוֹדִי לְכַלְמָה)

will you (p.) love vanity? (2 words – תִּאְהָבוּן רִיק)

will you (p.) seek a lie? (2 words – תִּבְקְשׁוּ כָזָב)

Selah (1 word – סֵלָה)

Synonymous Parallelism – last two lines

v. 3 – But (you[p.]) know that Yahweh has treated differently the covenant loved one for Himself;

(6 words – וְדַעוּ בִּי - הַפְלָאָה יְהוָה חֶסֶד לְאֵל)

Yahweh will hear when I call to Him. (4 words – יְהוָה יִשְׁמַע בְּקִרְאִי אֵלָיו)

There are seven occurrences of ם – yod, a “y”.

There are six occurrences of ם – waw, a letter that can stand on its own, or have dots above, within or below it.

v. 4 – (You [p.]) tremble and (you [p.]) do not sin, (3 words – רַגְזוּ וְאַל - תַּחֲטְאוּ)

(you [p.]) speak in your (p.) heart upon your bed and (you [p.]) be silent.

(5 words – אַמְרוּ בְּלִבְבְּכֶם עַל - מִשְׁכַּבְּכֶם וְדַמּוּ)

Selah (1 word – סֵלָה)

There are four commands; they all end with ם – shureq, a “u”.

v. 5 – (You [p.]) sacrifice sacrifices of righteousness, (3 words – זָבַחוּ זִבְחֵי - צְדָק)

and (you [p.]) trust toward Yahweh. (3 words – וּבִטְחוּ אֶל - יְהוָה)

First two words are the same word, a verb and a noun.

First three words begin with a “z” sound, ם – zayin and ם – tsade.

v. 6 – **Many are saying,** (2 words – רַבִּים אֹמְרִים)

“Who will show us good?” (3 words – מִי יִרְאֶנּוּ טוֹב)

(You) lift up upon us the light of Your face, O Yahweh. (5 words – נִסָּה - עָלֵינוּ אֹר פְּנֵיךָ יְהוָה)

Seven words include a י – yod, a “y”.

v. 7 – **You have put gladness in my heart,** (3 words – נִתְתָּה שְׂמֵחָה בְּלִבִּי)

more than the time of their grain and their new wine they have increased.

(4 words – מַעַת דָּגְנָם וְתִירוֹשָׁם רָבוּ)

The first two words in line one end in הָ – “ahh”.

The middle two words in line two end in םָ – “ahm”.

The last word in line one ends in יי – “bee”.

The last words in line two ends in וּ – “boo”.

v. 8 – **In peace, together let me lie down and let me sleep,** (4 words – בְּשָׁלוֹם יַחְדָּו אֶשְׁכְּבָה וְאֵישָׁן)

for You Yahweh alone, in regard to security, You cause me to dwell.

(6 words – כִּי - אֶתָּה יְהוָה לְבַדְּד לְבַדְּד לְבִטָּח תּוֹשִׁיבֵנִי)

Broader Structure:

Title

vv. 1-2 – First Selah

vv. 3-4 – Second Selah

vv. 5-8 – Last Section

Title

vv. 1-3 – Calling on Yahweh – begins and ends with “call”

vv. 4-5 – Tremble and Trust

vv. 6-7 – Confidence in Yahweh

v. 8 – Rest in Peace

Title

v. 1 – Speaking to God

vv. 2-5 – Speaking to the Sons of Man

vv. 6-8 – Speaking to Yahweh