

## Introduction to the Golden Psalm

Some have referred to this Psalm as “\_\_\_\_\_.” It was perhaps his reflections on the Scriptures from his youth that directed his steps early in life. Many a well known believer has \_\_\_\_\_ upon this potent Psalm.

This Psalm is the \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm in the \_\_\_\_\_ book of the Bible. In size, it \_\_\_\_\_ twenty-two psalms of the average length of the Songs of Degrees (Psa. 120-134).

Like other Psalms, and the books of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, this Psalm uses \_\_\_\_\_ devices. First, the passages of this Psalm employ an \_\_\_\_\_ structure of eight stanzas. Second, the first portion of each stanza starts with a \_\_\_\_\_ letter and is alliterated in each subsequent stanza. The psalmist continues this process and incorporates all twenty-two Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_ in eight verse stanzas. This results in a \_\_\_\_\_ verse Psalm.

It has one distinct subject that is presented—the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. The German saints referred to this Psalm as “The Christian’s \_\_\_\_\_ ABC of the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, power, and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word of God.” The Scripture is the self-revelations of God. This Word is after all “\_\_\_\_\_ in heaven forever.” (v. 89). Yet, to understand the Scripture, there must be a teacher/instructor.

“\_\_\_\_\_ thou mine eyes...” (v.18)

“\_\_\_\_\_ me thy statutes...” (v.12)

Equally, the psalmist recognizes the \_\_\_\_\_ that the Word of God provides. “Wherewithal shall a young man \_\_\_\_\_ his way...” (v.9) He recognizes that this same Word is “my comfort in my affliction...” (v.50). In fact, there are many \_\_\_\_\_ to keeping the Word of God.

\_\_\_\_\_ from Sin (v. 9,11) \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20)

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25) \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 50)

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 74) Wise (v. 98)

Knowledgeable (v. 99-10) \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 139)

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 160) \_\_\_\_\_ with Praise (v. 164)

Yet despite the Teacher and the value, there would be a necessity to \_\_\_\_\_

certain things. Such as “every \_\_\_\_\_ way” (v. 104, 128), “vain \_\_\_\_\_” (v. 113), and “lying” (v. 163).

As this Psalm unfolds, the Psalmist uses ten words to describe the Word of God.

- \_\_\_\_\_ — This word occurs \_\_\_\_\_ times (v.1) and refers to the Word of God in \_\_\_\_\_ or to the Pentateuch \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 31.24). The primary/root thought behind this word is \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex. 24.12).

- \_\_\_\_\_ — This word (davar) occurs \_\_\_\_\_ times (v.9) and refers to substance/matter of something that is spoken. It is the truth that proceeds from the mouth of God. It is interesting that the *Decalogue* was the “ten things” or words of the Lord (Ex. 20.1-17). The Lord warned about adding or diminishing of His \_\_\_\_\_.(Mat. 4.4).

- \_\_\_\_\_ — This word occurs \_\_\_\_\_ times (v. 7) and refers to divine judicial decisions. His \_\_\_\_\_ system is far greater than any nation’s (Deut. 4.8)

- \_\_\_\_\_ — This word occurs \_\_\_\_\_ times (v.2) and refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ or testimony that is given. Such as the “ark of testimony (Ex. 25.22) or the tables of testimony (Ex. 31.18).

- \_\_\_\_\_ — This word appears \_\_\_\_\_ times (v. 6) and denotes an \_\_\_\_\_ order. Disobedience to God’s commandments brings consequences. Such is the warning to the disobedient \_\_\_\_\_ (I Kings 13.21-22).

- \_\_\_\_\_ — This word appears \_\_\_\_\_ times (v. 5) and refers to something that is decreed. Ancient laws were often \_\_\_\_\_ out in stones and were bidding (Ps. 148.6).

- \_\_\_\_\_ — This word appears \_\_\_\_\_ times (v. 4) and is always \_\_\_\_\_. The root word has the idea to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **or** \_\_\_\_\_ — This word (imrah) is different from the previous usage. It occurs \_\_\_\_\_ times (v. 11) and refers to \_\_\_\_\_ of a command.

- \_\_\_\_\_ — This word is used \_\_\_\_\_ times (v. 1) and refers to the path of life that is to occur within the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law of God.

- \_\_\_\_\_ — This word is used only \_\_\_\_\_ times (v. 43) It denotes the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Word.

Throughout this Psalm, the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ is paid to the Scriptures. The Word of God is \_\_\_\_\_ in the heart of the psalmist and \_\_\_\_\_ be to each believer today (Psa. 12.6-7; II Tim. 3.16-17).