May Your lovingkindness also come to me, O Lord, Your salvation according to Your word;

So I will have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word.

And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I wait for Your ordinances.

So I will keep Your law continually, Forever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.

I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings And shall not be ashamed.

I shall delight in Your commandments, Which I love.

I will lift up my hands to Your commandments, Which I love; And I will meditate on Your statutes.

1. A strophe with a high concentration of imperatives (י) is followed and paired by a strophe (ו) with a high concentration of first-person verbs. The Psalmist declares to all the kosmos what he does and what he intends to do.

2. This is also the first strophe to contain all eight words for the Word.

3. The vav is a nail or peg and it highlights the fixed security believers have when God’s lovingkindness secures our salvation (יו119:41).

4. The call for present salvation is common to Davidic psalms (Ps. 18:2,3,27,35,41,46; 62:1,2,6,7; 69:1,13,29,35) and the Psalmist (41,81,94,123,146,155,166,174).

5. Seven “I Will’s,” One “I Will Not,” and Four “I Am’s” comprise the dozen activities the Psalmist avows as he commits to being a doer and not merely a hearer of God’s Word (Rom. 2:13; Jas. 1:22-25).

6. Conflict does not change the Psalmists intentions. His past and present activity matches the operational functions of faith, hope, and love (1st Cor. 13:13) as well as the preparational function of diligent study (2nd Tim. 2:15).