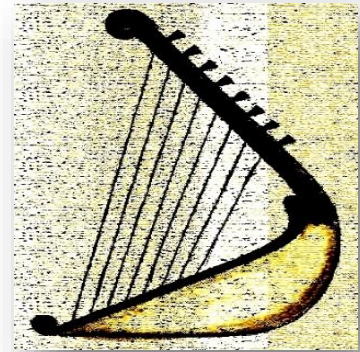


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There is no title to this Psalm, nor is any author's name mentioned. It is **the Longest Psalm**, and this is a sufficiently distinctive name for it. It equals in bulk twenty-two Psalms of the average length of the Songs of Degrees. It equally excels in breadth of thought, depth of meaning, and height of fervor. – Charles Spurgeon.



The Psalm is alphabetical. Eight stanzas begin with one letter, and then another eight with the next letter, and so the whole Psalm proceeds by eight-line sections through the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet. The one theme is **the word of the Lord**. Like Luther, David had shaken every fruit-tree in God's garden, and gathered golden fruit from it. It is evident, the earlier verses are of such character to lend to the hypothesis that the author was young, while the later passages suggest themselves to age and wisdom. The psalmist uses 10 different terms for the law or Word of God. Every verse except verses 90, 122 and 132 mention one of these terms: law, personal statements, ways, advisories, rules, instructions, orders, word, path and promises.

PE ↻

129 Wonderful are Your personal statements: therefore my soul guards them.

130 The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I opened my mouth and panted: for I longed for Your instructions.

132 Look upon me and be gracious, as is Your custom to those who love Your name.

133 Establish my footsteps in Your word: and let no crimes rule over me.

134 Redeem me from the oppression of man: that I **keep Your advisories.**

135 Make Your face shine upon Your servant; and teach me Your rules.

136 Rivers of tears run down my eyes, because none **keep Your law.** / in this seventeenth section; "Your personal statements are wonderful"; full of revelations, instructions and promises; free from error, bearing self-evident truth; wonderful in what they contain; the way they are written, and the effects which they produce. "the entrance of Your words gives light" the opening, the unfolding, the unveiling. – Charles Spurgeon. If all the books in the world were assembled together, the Bible would as much take the lead in disciplining the understanding as well as directing the soul – Henry Melville, 1798-1871.

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137 Righteous are You, O LORD, and upright are Your orders.

138 You instructed and Your personal statements are right and exceeding faithful.

139 My zeal consumed me, because my enemies forgot Your words.

140 Your word is very pure: therefore Your servant loves it.

141 I am insignificant and despised: yet I do not forget Your advisories.

142 Your rightness is everlasting right, and Your law is truth.

143 Trouble and anguish overwhelm me: yet Your instructions are my delight.

144 The rightness of Your personal statements is everlasting: they give me understanding, and I live. / in this eighteenth portion; the Psalmist has not often used the name of Yahweh in this vast composition. The Psalm shows him to be very familiar with the things of God; such persons never use the holy name of God carelessly nor frequently, compared with the thoughtless. Familiarity creates reverence. "I am small," the word here used is not expressive of age, but of circumstance; that he was little in his own esteem, and in the esteem of men, he was despised. – John Gill.



145 I called with my whole heart; hear me, O LORD: Your rules I guard.

146 I cried to You, save me! I keep Your personal statements.

147 I rise before the dawn of morning, and cry for help: in Your word I hope.

148 Awake are my eyes through the night watches, that I meditate on Your word.

149 Hear my voice according to Your kindness: O LORD, according to Your justice revive me.

150 They approach who follow after wrongdoing: they are far from Your law.

151 You are near, O LORD; and all Your instructions are truth.

152 Of old I have known, concerning Your personal statements, that You forever founded them. / this nineteenth section is given to prayer. He who has been with God in the closet, will find God with him in the furnace. He could hear the footfalls of those close behind him. They did not follow him for his benefit. David was an early riser. He began his day with God, first thing in the morning, when his mind was fresh; full of God and His word; he would rather pray than turn and sleep.

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He was busy, but did not excuse him from secret devotion; better to take from sleep than not find time to pray. Baal may be asleep, but Israel's God never slumbers, nor is there any time He may not be spoken with – Charles Spurgeon.

RESH ר

153 Consider my affliction and deliver me: for Your law I do not forget.

154 Plead my cause and redeem me: according to Your word revive me.

155 Far from the wrongdoer is **salvation is **Yeshua**: for Your rules they do not seek.**

156 Great are Your mercies, O LORD: according to Your orders rescue me.

157 Many are my persecutors and enemies; yet from Your personal statements I do not turn.

158 I see the treacherous, and am disgusted; because Your word they do not **keep.**

159 Consider how I love Your advisories, O LORD, according to Your kindness revive me.

160 Your word is entirely true: and forever are every one of Your right orders. / in this twentieth section the Psalmist draws nearer to God in prayer, to state his case and to invoke divine help with boldness; he does not ask for hasty action, but for consideration;— Charles Spurgeon. “far from the wrong” is **salvation**, in Hebrew **Yeshua**, from where comes our Savior's name: **Jesus**. My earliest college memory, was to intentionally befriend some from the Jewish faith. How tragic they have been ill-treated by those who embezzled His name for their perverted crusades. As the Jewish people neglected their own prophets, so most of church history has done the same while ignoring the teachers who were sent; starting with David's greater son: **Jesus** the Christ; and what He taught those who claim to follow Him.

SHIN ש

161 Princes persecuted me without a cause: but my heart stands in awe of Your word.

162 I rejoice at Your word, as one who finds vast treasure.

163 I hate and abhor lying: but I love Your law.

164 Seven times a day I praise You, for Your right orders.

165 Great peace they have who love Your law: and nothing causes them to stumble.

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166 I hope for Your [salvation](#) Your [Yeshua](#) O LORD; and do Your instructions.

167 My soul [keeps](#) Your personal statements; and I love them exceedingly.

168 I [keep](#) Your advisories and Your personal statements: for all my ways are before You. / the twenty-first section; our [salvation](#), is found in [Yeshua](#), in the west -- [Jesus](#). The Lord asked the religious leaders of His days; [why did David call the Messiah his Lord](#); and they could not answer His simple question. Unlike David, many talk about being saved, but they could not know anything of it; every step they take removes them further from the kingdom of God's grace. They talk big, as if they either needed no salvation, or could save themselves. David kept the personal statements of God; David had a reason to get up every morning; so without a doubt, he also knew and never forgot he needed a Savior.

TAV ת

169 Let my cry come before You, O LORD: according to Your word give me understanding.

170 Let my request come before You: according to Your word deliver me.

171 My lips pour out praise; when You teach me Your rules.

172 My tongue speaks of Your word: for all Your instructions are right.

173 Let Your hand be my help; for Your advisories I have chosen.

174 I long for Your [salvation](#), Your [Yeshua](#) O LORD; and Your law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live, and it will praise You; and let Your orders help me.

176 I wander like a lost sheep; seek Your servant; for I do not forget Your instructions. / this twenty-second section; the Psalmist is at the end of the Psalm; his petitions gather fervency and force; when he is done singing, he begins preaching. "Let Your hand help me", David says, Your hand has both skill and power, readiness and force. I am willing to do to the utmost, but what I urgently need is Your help. – Charles Spurgeon. David says: "I have longed for Your [salvation](#)"; David could have said, "I have longed for Your [Yeshua](#)"; or "I have longed for Your [Jesus](#)"; it's all the same, God spoke through the prophets in bits and pieces, [but in these last days, spoke to us through His Son](#)... [surely you know His name](#).

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[I'll Dance Like David](#) | [JESUS it is YOU](#) | [I Love You Yasua](#)