

And note the conditions that are obvious in vs. 23, 27, 31, 34, et al. Remember that a condition may be stated or implied and have equals force.

Note the repeated stress on land and blessing: Vss 3, 9, 11, 22, 29, 34. Do we need a dispensational cast to fully grip these? Just think about it for a minute.

d. Interpretation analysis:

If we work with the stanzas it looks something like this for me:

- 1-11 Order your life in the will of God. God sustains.
- 12-22 God frustrates the wicked. Watch and see.
- 23-34 Walk with the Lord. He establishes His own.
- 35-40 God sentences justly. Wait on Him.

You may also want to study the teachings in the psalm with regard to the character and action of the wicked...and there is plenty in it for the direction of the believer.

- e. Pastoral Point: Don't be taken up with the envy of this life. If you really want blessing, be taken up with God. The world about us looks attractive but the end is not good. (This theme shows up a lot in the psalms...probably because it is one of the great temptations of our lives.)

f. ApplicationL:

There are a lot of things that might be done with the chart on this line. You might make one on the concept of what we know about God, the course of life, the lot of the wicked. My form looks like this in the left hand column: