

c. Psalm 119 is the most noted of the group and we take a few moments for notes on it.

- (1) This long psalm features an arrangement of 22 stanzas, 8 lines in each. The Hebrew alphabet used does not have the consonant "sin" and this is a more complicated feature of Hebrew than I plan to take up just now.
- (2) The theme is that of meditation on the law of God. Verses 1-3 introduce this subject and there is very little else in the psalm that does not reflect this.
- (3) The idea of the law of God is mentioned in every verse and the following terms are used for this designation. I will mention some shades of meaning for each but they are, as a body, very close to one another and sharp distinctions cannot be practically maintained.

--law

--testimonies

--ways

--precepts

--statutes

--commandments

--judgments

--word.

The terms occur in both singular and plural mode. I have listed them in the order of their occurrence, I think, and it is probably intentional that the wide concept "law" is first and the overall concept "word" is last.

- (4) A careful reading of the psalm will indicate the following uses for the law..and my list is not exhaustive: