

- b. Summary of the sections of this Psalm in place of an outline which is about impossible.

Vers. 1-3, the blessings of those who honor the Word.
 9-16, the use of the Word in holiness.
 17-24, the deliverance of the Word.
 25-32, the strength from the Word.
 33-40, growth from the use of the Word.
 41-48, the freedom the Word brings
 49-56, confidence in trouble from the Word.
 57-64, the fellowship of the Word
 65-72, leaning on the Word in affliction
 73-80, the comfort of the Word.
 81-88, a contrast with the wicked, by the Word.
 89-96, the word's life-giving power.
 97-104, The Word as a teacher.
 105-112, abject trust in the Word.
 113-120, the Word --an object of obedience.
 121-128, the Word--a standard for reward.
 129-136, the Word, a guide among wicked men.
 137-144, the beautiful character of the Word.
 145-152, reward of a longing for the Word.
 153-160, hope is based in the Word.
 161-168, the joy from the Word
 169-176, the corrective power of the Word.

Of course, these sentence definitions may not be good enough for all so the Bible scholar would do well to make a survey of his own. He will be much blessed.

- c. Significant features: As nearly every Christian knows, every verse relates to the Word of God. But the terms used in the Psalm are instructive. We note them below and suggest a dictionary study of your own would be helpful.

- (1) law, v. 1, generally speaking, the whole pattern of God's truth, not just the ten commandments, etc.
- (2) testimonies, v. 2, treasured statements of God's faithfulness
- (3) ways, v. 3, the prescribed action God gives.
- (4) precepts, v. 4, teachings given by word, example, and demonstration of Divine character.
- (5) statutes, v. 5, specific legal decrees applying to set circumstances.
- (6) commandments, v. 6, the tables of the law, I think, and the implications from them.
- (7) judgments, v. 7, declarations on conduct, motives, and goals in life.