

Acrostic - [unarranged] - 1 Sam 21 / Ps. 34 Personal testimony
 cf. Ps. 25 -
 The title {"Abimelech"} -
 "Angel of Yahweh" - 2 Kgs 6:17
 1-10 a song - he thanks God for deliverance
 11-22 a sermon - teaches Son how to live
 Didactic - (cf. Prov.) -
 1-10 an expression of gratitude -
 11-22 Something done to show forth that gratitude
 Book of Proverbs - Didactic style

1, 2. a resolution of praise - ^{very} Deep praise - "behavior" - "reason"
 3, 4 Invitation to the humble - Exhorts all to "look & be radiant"
 5, 6. others have found rich blessings in thanksgiving -

1-3 Deep praise -
 4-7 God has delivered -
 8-14 Trust in God - forsake evil -
 15-22 Rich blessings God gives to the righteous -
 Trust -
 Fear -
 Seek -
 Taste -
 "I sought" -
 "He heard" -
 "He delivered" -

4-6 Three parallel statements -
 "I" - "They" - "This afflicted man" -
 "Sought" - "looked" - "cried" -
 1 delivered from fear -
 2 countenance brightened -
 3 despair banished -
 proofs of the divine help in hour of need

"Angel of Yahweh" - Gen 16, 22
 Exod - 3 23:20 32:34 33:14
 Judges 2, 5, 6, 13

a special theophany or manifestation - (to assure Israel)

Mal 3:1
 Isa 63:9

v. 12 quoted in 1 Pet. 3:10-12

Ps. 34 (cf. Ps. 25)

1 Sam 2:1-11

(cf. Proverbs)

Psalmist

invites others to join in the praises.

(1.) (Subj) The care for those who fear Him - 1-10
Becomes a teacher - listing the characteristics of the

Fear of Yahweh

The blessings which God bestows on those who fear Him - 11-22

(2.)

1, 2 - Resolution of praise
3, 4 - Invitation of the poor & humble to join in
5, 6 - Others have ~~thank~~ giving found rich blessings

1, 2 "Praise" -
2 Let the humble hear & be glad

3, 4 speaks to the humble, invites them to join in ^{thanksgiving}

"magnify" (make God great) - by acknowledging His greatness
~~confess~~ "Exalts His name" by confessing that He is sup above all
His testimony: "When I sought Yahweh He answered" & rescued me from all my terrors.

5, 6. Such experience of Jehovah's help not limited to the Psalmist -
They looked & were brightened -

The earnest gaze of faith & confidence not in vain

"were not ashamed" ("confounded")
("put to the blush")

"Look unto Him & be brightened that your faces ~~be~~ may not be confounded"

6 This afflicted man called, Yahweh heard, and saved him out of all His distresses —

7. The angel of the Lord "The angel of His presence"

He protects those who fear Yahweh like an army encamping around a city to defend it.

(Angelic legions)

8. "Taste and see" — "Try it" — You will know what His goodness is like —

(1 Pet. 2:3) His goodness is like —

"Blessed" } the "strong men"
"Happy" } the one

who takes refuge in Him" (2/12)

9, 10. His "saints" want for nothing — "holy ^{saints} ones"

II Sin as missing the mark - "hatah" misses the target
embraces both unconscious & deliberate violations
It must be "acknowledged" & full responsibility
accepted -
unreserved openness - God set the target.
He missed - He offers no excuse - He accepts
the consequences - as his specific responsibility
God's action in the presence of acknowledged sin
is to "cover" it ("Kasah") "to put it out
of sight" -
It brings total elimination of the guilt -
" " " restoration of the guilty -

III Sin as Distortion ("Averon") "Iniquity" -

Personality ruined - twisted - messed up -
(not reference to specific acts of sin) -

By self-will & self-centeredness he has
distorted the divine intention (plan) -