From Beginning to End

Praise and comfort in the power and goodness of God abound in this psalm. It is an acrostic poem, as each of the twenty-two lines begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Every verse contains two lines, except verses 9 and 10, which have three. In the original Hebrew, each line usually consists of just three words.

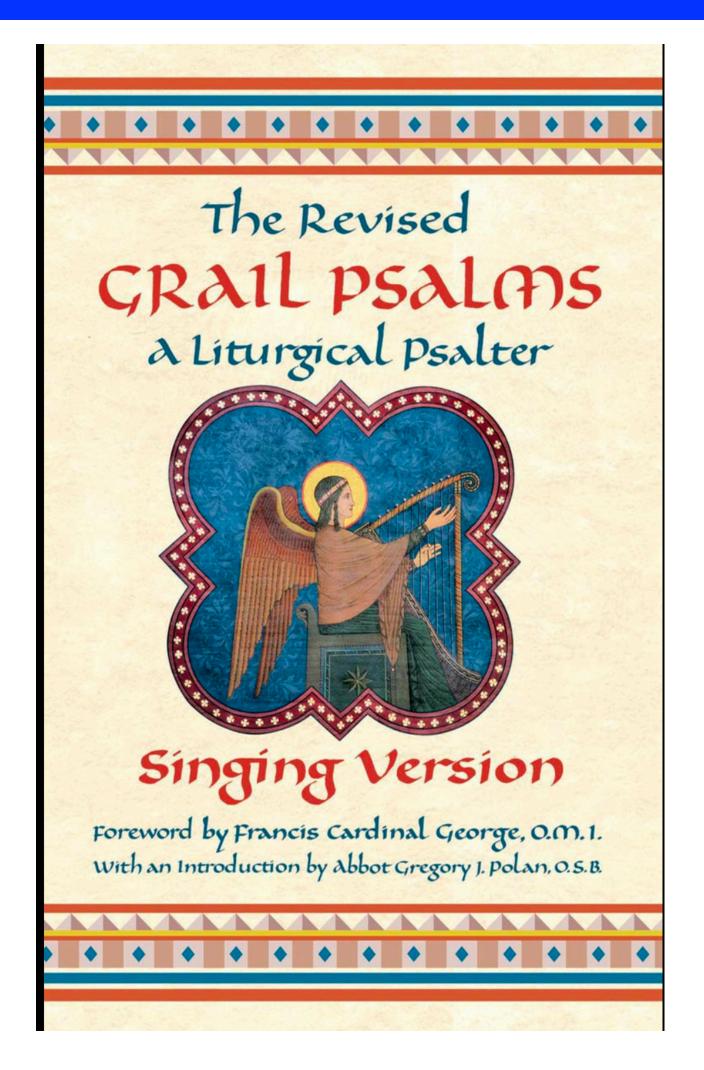
Could you find English words from A to V that would summarize the sense of each of the lines for you? For example, the world ALL comes to my mind for the first verse—with ALL of my heart.

Another idea ... Take each verse for ten of the waking hours of your day. You will be held aloft by the verses of this psalm from the beginning to the end of your day. From *A* to *Z* Jesus will be your *Alpha* and *Omega*.

Psalm 111

- 1 Alleluia! I will práise the LÓRD with all my héart, in the méeting of the júst and the assémbly.
- 2 Gréat are the wórks of the LÓRD, to be póndered by áll who delíght in them.
- 3 Majéstic and glórious his wórk; his jústice stands fírm foréver.
- 4 He has gíven us a memórial of his wónders. The LÓRD is grácious and mérciful.
- 5 He gives fóod to thóse who féar him; keeps his cóvenant éver in mínd.
- 6 His mighty works he has shown to his péople by giving them the héritage of nátions.
- 7 His hándiwork is jústice and trúth; his précepts are áll of them súre,
- 8 standing fírm foréver and éver, wróught in úprightness and trúth.
- 9 He has sént redémption to his péople, and estáblished his cóvenant foréver. Hóly his náme, to be féared.
- 10 The fear of the LÓRD is the beginning of wisdom; understånding marks all who attain it.

 His praise endures foréver!



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