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GREEK TEXT · TRANSLATION · INTERLINEAR · DISCOURSE STRUCTURE

The Book of Psalms, Chapter 38

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ ΛΗ΄

Each verse opens with the running Greek, an English translation, and a **discourse note** (its connective, relation, and role in the argument). Below follows the word-by-word breakdown in six tiers: gloss, case (color), parsing, *syntax*, **semantic force**, and a **|** lexical note.

CASE ■ Nominative ■ Genitive ■ Dative ■ Accusative ■ Vocative ■ Verb (no case) ■ Indeclinable

Discourse notes head each verse: **relation** · connective · clause-flow. Indentation marks prominence — flush-left = main line of argument; indented = supporting / subordinate material.

Theme

Silence before suffering becomes prayer as human life shrinks to breath and passing shadow.

Translation & textual notes

The Greek text of Psalms 38 follows the standard Septuagint form represented in the Rahlfs-Hanhart tradition. In LXX numbering this chapter corresponds to Psalm 39 in the Hebrew tradition and is assigned in the superscription to Jeduthun, placing the poem in a liturgical setting even though its voice is intensely personal. It begins with a resolve to restrain speech before the wicked, but silence only concentrates grief until inward meditation bursts into prayer. The central movement asks to know the measure of life: days are only a handbreadth, human standing is almost nothing before God, and anxious acquisition ends with uncertainty about who will inherit it. Yet the chapter is not mere reflection on

mortality. The speaker also pleads for deliverance from sin, interprets suffering as divine chastening, and closes as a resident alien asking God for a little relief before he departs. Versification follows the LXX.

Discourse structure of the chapter

- A · 38:1-4 **The superscription and opening resolve move from guarded silence before the wicked to inward heat that finally breaks into speech**
The superscription and opening resolve move from guarded silence before the wicked to inward heat that finally breaks into speech.
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- B · 38:5-7 **The psalmist asks to know the limit of his days and reflects on the handbreadth brevity and vanity of human life**
The psalmist asks to know the limit of his days and reflects on the handbreadth brevity and vanity of human life.
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- C · 38:8-12 **Hope turns toward the Lord through pleas for rescue, acceptance of divine chastening, and renewed meditation on frailty**
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- D · 38:13-14 **The prayer closes with tears, the confession of being a temporary resident, and a final request for respite before death**
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1 εἰς τὸ τέλος τῷ Ἰδιθουν ᾠδὴ τῷ Δαυιδ

For the end; for Jeduthun; a song of David.

Superscription for Jeduthun meditation

εἰς τὸ τέλος

The heading frames the composition as a Davidic song entrusted to Jeduthun, placing this meditation on restraint, mortality, and prayer inside the worshiping life of Israel.

εἰς into P · εἰς <i>preposition governing its complement phrase</i> → spatial or relational framing εἰς: meaning 'into'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.	τὸ the RA ASN · ὁ <i>article marking the following noun phrase</i> → noun-phrase marking τὸ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.	τέλος end N3E ASN · τέλος <i>accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal</i> → object specification τέλος: meaning 'end'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.	τῷ the RA DSM · ὁ <i>article marking the following noun phrase</i> → noun-phrase marking τῷ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.
Ἰδιθουν Jeduthun N DS · Ἰδιθουν <i>adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase</i> → discourse linkage or contrast Ἰδιθουν: meaning 'Jeduthun'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.	ὥδή song N1 NSF · ὥδή <i>nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition</i> → participant prominence ὥδή: meaning 'song'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.	τῷ the RA DSM · ὁ <i>article marking the following noun phrase</i> → noun-phrase marking τῷ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.	Δαυιδ David N DSM · Δαυιδ <i>adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase</i> → discourse linkage or contrast Δαυιδ: meaning 'David'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

2 εἶπα φυλάξω τὰς ὁδοὺς μου τοῦ μὴ ἁμαρτάνειν ἐν γλώσση μου ἐθέμην τῷ στόματί μου φυλακὴν ἐν τῷ συστῆναι τὸν ἁμαρτωλὸν ἐναντίον μου

I said, 'I will guard my ways so as not to sin with my tongue; I set a watch over my mouth while the sinner stood before me.'

Opening resolve of guarded speech

εἶπα

The speaker begins with deliberate self-command. The problem is not only hostile circumstances but the danger that public provocation will draw him into sinful speech.

εἶπα

I said

VB AAI1S · εἶπον

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

εἶπον: meaning 'I said'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

φυλάξω

will guard

VF FAI1S · φυλάσσω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ future

φυλάσσω: meaning 'will guard'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

τὰς

the

RA APF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τὰς: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

ὁδούς

way

N2 APF · ὁδός

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

ὁδός: meaning 'way'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

τοῦ

the

RA GSM · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τοῦ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

μή

not

D · μή

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

μή: meaning 'not'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ἁμαρτάνειν

sin

V1 PAN · ἁμαρτάνω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ infinitival complement

ἁμαρτάνω: meaning 'sin'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

ἐν

in

P · ἐν

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ἐν: meaning 'in'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

γλῶσση

tongue

N1S DSF · γλῶσσα

dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient

→ sphere or reference

γλῶσσα: meaning 'tongue'; it serves as dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ἐθέμην

I made

VEI AMI1S · τίθημι

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

τίθημι: meaning 'I made'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

τῷ

the

RA DSN · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τῷ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

στόματί

mouth

N3M DSN · στόμα

dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient

→ sphere or reference

στόμα: meaning 'mouth'; it serves as dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

φυλακήν

charge / watch

N1 ASF · φυλακή

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

φυλακή: meaning 'charge'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

ἐν

in

P · ἐν

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ἐν: meaning 'in'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

τῷ

the

RA DSN · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τῷ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

συστῆναι

to stand before

VH AAN · ἵστημι + συν

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ infinitival complement

ἵστημι + συν: meaning 'to stand before'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

τὸν

the

RA ASM · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τὸν: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

ἁμαρτωλὸν

the sinner

A1B ASM · ἁμαρτωλός

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

ἁμαρτωλός: meaning 'the sinner'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

ἐναντίον

before / in the sight of

P · ἐναντίον

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ἐναντίον: meaning 'before'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

3 ἐκωφώθην καὶ ἐταπεινώθην καὶ ἐσίγησα ἐξ ἀγαθῶν καὶ τὸ ἄλγημά μου ἀνεκαινίσθη

I was struck dumb and humbled, and I kept silent even from good things, and my pain was renewed.

Consequence of enforced silence ἐκωφώθην

The discipline of silence does not bring relief. Restraint turns inward, and the refusal to speak even what is good only sharpens the speaker's suffering.

ἐκωφώθην

I was struck dumb

VCI API1S · κωφάω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

κωφάω: meaning 'I was struck dumb'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καί: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ἐταπεινώθην

I was humbled

VCI API1S · ταπεινός

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

ταπεινός: meaning 'I was humbled'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καί: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ἐσίγησα

I kept silent

VAI AA11S · σιγάω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

σιγάω: meaning 'I kept silent'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

ἐξ

from

P · ἐκ

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ἐξ: meaning 'from'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

ἀγαθῶν

good things

A1 GPM · ἀγαθός

genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality

→ relational specification

ἀγαθός: meaning 'good things'; it serves as genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καί: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

τὸ the RA ASN · ὁ <i>article marking the following noun phrase</i> → noun-phrase marking τὸ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.	ἄλγημά pain N3M ASN · ἄλγημα <i>accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal</i> → object specification ἄλγημα: meaning 'pain'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.	μου my RP GS · ἐγώ <i>pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause</i> → relational specification μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.	ἀνεκαινίσθη was renewed VSI API3S · καινίζω + ἀνα <i>verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause</i> → constative aorist καινίζω + ἀνα: meaning 'was renewed'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.
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4 ἔθερμάνθη ἡ καρδία μου ἐντός μου καὶ ἐν τῇ μελέτῃ μου ἐκκαυθήσεται πῦρ ἐλάλησα ἐν γλώσσῃ μου

My heart grew hot within me, and in my meditation a fire was kindled; I spoke with my tongue:

Inner pressure breaks into prayer ἔθερμάνθη

What could not be said outwardly burns inwardly until meditation becomes ignition. The verse marks the turning point from contained suffering to direct address to God.

ἔθερμάνθη grew hot VCI API3S · θερμαίνω <i>verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause</i> → constative aorist θερμαίνω: meaning 'grew hot'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.	ἡ the RA NSF · ὁ <i>article marking the following noun phrase</i> → noun-phrase marking ἡ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.	καρδία heart N1A NSF · καρδία <i>nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition</i> → participant prominence καρδία: meaning 'heart'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.	μου my RP GS · ἐγώ <i>pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause</i> → relational specification μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.
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ἐντός

inner parts

D · ἐντός

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

ἐντός: meaning 'inner parts'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καὶ: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ἐν

in

P · ἐν

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ἐν: meaning 'in'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

τῇ

the

RA DSF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τῇ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

μελέτη

meditation

N1 DSF · μελέτη

dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient

→ sphere or reference

μελέτη: meaning 'meditation'; it serves as dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ἐκκαυθήσεται

kindle

VC FPI3S · καίω + ἐκ

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ future

καίω + ἐκ: meaning 'kindle'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

πῦρ

fire

N3 ASN · πῦρ

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

πῦρ: meaning 'fire'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

ἐλάλησα

speak

VAI AAI1S · λαλέω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

λαλέω: meaning 'speak'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

ἐν

in

P · ἐν

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ἐν: meaning 'in'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

γλῶσση

tongue

N1S DSF · γλῶσσα

dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient

→ sphere or reference

γλῶσσα: meaning 'tongue'; it serves as dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

5 γνώρισόν μοι κύριε τὸ πέρας μου καὶ τὸν ἀριθμὸν τῶν ἡμερῶν μου τίς ἐστίν ἵνα γνῶ τί ὑστερῶ ἐγώ

Make known to me, O Lord, my end and the number of my days, what it is, that I may know what I lack.

Petition for mortality wisdom

γνώρισόν

The prayer does not ask first for escape but for understanding. To know life's limit is to learn what remains unsubstantial and what can still be rightly hoped for.

γνώρισόν

make known

VA AAD2S · γνωρίζω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ verbal action or state

γνωρίζω: meaning 'make known'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

μοι

to me

RP DS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference or interest

μοι: meaning 'to me'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

κύριε

Lord

N2 VSM · κύριος

vocative nominal element used in direct address

→ direct address

κύριος: meaning 'Lord'; it serves as vocative nominal element used in direct address.

τὸ

the

RA ASN · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τὸ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

πέρας

end

N3T NSN · πέρας

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

πέρας: meaning 'end'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καί: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

τὸν

the

RA ASM · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τὸν: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

ἀριθμόν

number

N2 ASM · ἀριθμός

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

ἀριθμός: meaning 'number'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

τῶν

the

RA GPF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τῶν: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

ἡμερῶν

day

N1A GPF · ἡμέρα

genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality

→ relational specification

ἡμέρα: meaning 'day'; it serves as genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

τίς

who / what

RI NSM · τίς

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference

τίς: meaning 'who'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ἐστίν

be

V9 PAI3S · εἰμί

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ ongoing verbal process

εἰμί: meaning 'be'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

ἵνα

so that

C · ἵνα

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

ἵνα: meaning 'so that'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

γινῶ

I may know

VZ AAS1S · γιγνώσκω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ subjunctive contingency

γιγνώσκω: meaning 'I may know'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

τί

what

RI ASN · τίς

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference

τί: meaning 'what'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ὕστερῳ

I lack

V2 PAI1S · ὕστερέω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ ongoing verbal process

ὕστερέω: meaning 'I lack'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

ἐγώ

I

RP NS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference

ἐγώ: meaning 'I'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

6 ἰδοὺ παλαιστὰς ἔθου τὰς ἡμέρας μου καὶ ἡ ὑπόστασίς μου ὡσεὶ οὐθὲν ἐνώπιόν σου πλὴν τὰ σύμπαντα ματαιότης πᾶς ἄνθρωπος ζῶν διάψαλμα

Behold, you made my days handbreadths, and my substance is as nothing before you; surely every living man is altogether vanity. Pause.

Ground in measured brevity

ἰδοὺ

The answer to the previous request is brutally compressed: life can be measured on the hand, and even a living human being scarcely registers before God. The pause lets the verdict of vanity stand.

ἰδοὺ

behold

I · ἰδοὺ

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

ἰδοὺ: meaning 'behold'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

παλαιστὰς

handbreadths

N1 APF · παλαιστή

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

παλαιστή: meaning 'handbreadths'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

ἔθου

appointed

VEI AMI2S · τίθημι

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

τίθημι: meaning 'appointed'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

τὰς

the

RA APF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τὰς: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

ἡμέρας

days

N1A APF · ἡμέρα

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

ἡμέρα: meaning 'days'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καὶ: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ἡ

the

RA NSF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

ἡ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

ὑπόστασις

substance

N3I NSF · ὑπόστασις

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

ὑπόστασις: meaning 'substance'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ὡσεὶ

about

D · ὡσεὶ

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

ὡσεὶ: meaning 'about'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

οὐθὲν

ουδεις

A3 NSN · οὐδεὶς

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

οὐδεὶς: meaning 'ουδεις'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

ἐνώπιόν

enopion

P · ἐνώπιον

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ἐνώπιόν: meaning 'enopion'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

σου

you

RP GS · σύ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

σου: meaning 'you'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

πλὴν

except

D · πλὴν

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

πλὴν: meaning 'except'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

τὰ

the

RA APN · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τὰ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

σύμπαντα

everything together

A3 APN · σύμπας

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

σύμπας: meaning 'everything together'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

ματαιότης

vanity

N3T NSF · ματαιότης

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

ματαιότης: meaning 'vanity'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

πᾶς

everyone

A3 NSM · πᾶς

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

πᾶς: meaning 'everyone'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

ἄνθρωπος

man / human being

N2 NSM · ἄνθρωπος

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

ἄνθρωπος: meaning 'man'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

ζῶν

living

V3 · παπνομ ζῶω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ verbal action or state

παπνομ ζῶω: meaning 'living'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

διάψαλμα

interlude

N3M NSN · διάψαλμα

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

διάψαλμα: meaning 'interlude'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

7 μέντοιγε ἐν εἰκόνι διαπορεύεται ἄνθρωπος πλήν μάτην ταρασσονται θησαυρίζει καὶ οὐ γινώσκει τίνι συνάξει αὐτά

Surely man passes along in an image; yet they are troubled in vain. He stores up treasure and does not know for whom he will gather it.

Expansion on vanity and futile accumulation μέντοιγε

Human life is described as shadowlike and unstable, and the psalm gives that abstraction a social form: anxious labor heaps up goods whose eventual owner remains unknown.

μέντοιγε

surely

X · μέντοιγε

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

μέντοιγε: meaning 'surely'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ἐν

in

P · ἐν

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ἐν: meaning 'in'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

εἰκόνι

to an image

N3N DSF · εἰκών

dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient

→ sphere or reference

εἰκών: meaning 'to an image'; it serves as dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient.

διαπορεύεται

passes through

V1 PMI3S · πορεύομαι + δια

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ ongoing verbal process

πορεύομαι + δια: meaning 'passes through'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

ἄνθρωπος

man / human being

N2 NSM · ἄνθρωπος

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

ἄνθρωπος: meaning 'man'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

πλὴν

except

D · πλὴν

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

πλὴν: meaning 'except'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

μάτην

in vain

D · μάτην

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

μάτην: meaning 'in vain'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ταράσσονται

are troubled

V1 PPI3P · ταράσσω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ ongoing verbal process

ταράσσω: meaning 'are troubled'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

θησαυρίζει

stores up

V1 PAI3S · θησαυρίζω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ ongoing verbal process

θησαυρίζω: meaning 'stores up'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καί: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

οὐ

not

D · οὐ

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

οὐ: meaning 'not'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

γινώσκει

knows

V1 PAI3S · γινώσκω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ ongoing verbal process

γινώσκω: meaning 'knows'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

τίνι

who?

RI DSN · τίς

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference or interest

τίνι: meaning 'who?'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

συνάξει

will gather

VF FAI3S · ἄγω + συν

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ future

ἄγω + συν: meaning 'will gather'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

αὐτά

them

RD APN · αὐτός

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference

αὐτά: meaning 'them'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

8 καὶ νῦν τίς ἡ ὑπομονή μου οὐχὶ ὁ κύριος καὶ ἡ ὑπόστασίς μου παρὰ σοῦ ἐστίν

And now, what is my endurance? Is it not the Lord? And my substance is from you.

Turn from vanity to hope καὶ νῦν

After surveying human emptiness, the speaker redirects expectation away from possessions and toward God himself. Hope is not denied; it is relocated.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καί: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

νῦν

now

D · νῦν

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

νῦν: meaning 'now'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

τίς

who / what

RI NSM · τίς

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference

τίς: meaning 'who'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ἡ

the

RA NSF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

ἡ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

ὑπομονή

abiding

N1 NSF · ὑπομονή

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

ὑπομονή: meaning 'abiding'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

οὐχὶ

not

D · οὐ

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

οὐχὶ: meaning 'not'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ὁ

the

RA NSM · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

ὁ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

κύριος

Lord

N2 NSM · κύριος

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

κύριος: meaning 'Lord'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καί: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ἡ

the

RA NSF · ἡ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

ἡ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

ὕποστασις

substance

N3I NSF · ὕποστασις

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

ὕποστασις: meaning 'substance'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

παρά

from

P · παρά

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

παρά: meaning 'from'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

σοῦ

you

RP GS · σύ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

σοῦ: meaning 'you'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ἐστίν

be

V9 PAI3S · εἰμί

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ ongoing verbal process

εἰμί: meaning 'be'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

9 ἀπὸ πασῶν τῶν ἀνομιῶν μου ῥῦσαί με ὄνειδος ἄφρονι ἔδωκάς με

Deliver me from all my lawless deeds; you gave me over to reproach by the fool.

Main plea for rescue from sins and disgrace

ἀπὸ πασῶν

The lament sharpens into confession. The deepest problem is not merely mortality but transgression, and public shame becomes one more consequence from which only God can rescue.

ἀπὸ

from

P · ἀπό

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ἀπὸ: meaning 'from'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

πασῶν

all

A1S GPF · πᾶς

genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality

→ relational specification

πᾶς: meaning 'all'; it serves as genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality.

τῶν

the

RA GPF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τῶν: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

ἀνομιῶν

lawless deeds

N1A GPF · ἀνομία

genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality

→ relational specification

ἀνομία: meaning 'lawless deeds'; it serves as genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ῥῦσαί

rescue

VA AMD2S · ῥύομαι

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ verbal action or state

ῥύομαι: meaning 'rescue'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

με

me

RP AS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference

με: meaning 'me'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ὄνειδος

reproach

N3E ASN · ὄνειδος

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

ὄνειδος: meaning 'reproach'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

ἄφρωνι

to a fool

A3N DSM · ἄφρων

dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient

→ sphere or reference

ἄφρων: meaning 'to a fool'; it serves as dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient.

ἔδωκάς

give

VAI AAI2S · δίδωμι

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

δίδωμι: meaning 'give'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

με

me

RP AS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference

με: meaning 'me'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

10 ἔκωφώθην καὶ οὐκ ἤνοιξα τὸ στόμα μου ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ ποιήσας με

I was struck dumb and did not open my mouth, because you are the one who made me.

Silent submission before divine action

ἔκωφώθην

Silence returns, but now it is explicitly theological. The speaker submits because the affliction is traced back to the God who formed and governs him.

ἔκωφώθην

I was struck dumb

VCi API1S · κωφάω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

κωφάω: meaning 'I was struck dumb'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καί: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

οὐκ

not

D · οὐ

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

οὐκ: meaning 'not'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ἤνοιξα

I opened

VAI AAI1S · οἶγω + ἀνα

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

οἶγω + ἀνα: meaning 'I opened'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

τὸ

the

RA ASN · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τὸ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

στόμα

mouth

N3M ASN · στόμα

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

στόμα: meaning 'mouth'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ὅτι

that

C · ὅτι

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

ὅτι: meaning 'that'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

σύ

you

RP NS · σύ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference

σύ: meaning 'you'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

εἶ

be

V9 PAI2S · εἰμί

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ ongoing verbal process

εἰμί: meaning 'be'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

ὁ

the

RA NSM · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

ὁ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

ποιήσας

having done

VA · ααπνσμ ποιέω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ verbal action or state

ααπνσμ ποιέω: meaning 'having done'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

με

me

RP AS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference

με: meaning 'me'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

11 ἀπόστησον ἀπ' ἐμοῦ τὰς μάστιγάς σου ἀπὸ τῆς ἰσχύος τῆς χειρός σου ἐγὼ ἐξέλιπον

Remove your scourges from me; from the strength of your hand I have failed.

Plea for removal of chastening ἀπόστησον

Submission does not eliminate petition. The sufferer can accept divine agency and still ask that the blow be lifted because his strength is exhausted.

ἀπόστησον

remove

VA AAD2S · ἵστημι + ἀπο

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ verbal action or state

ἵστημι + ἀπο: meaning 'remove'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

ἀπ'

from

P · ἀπό

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ἀπ': meaning 'from'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

ἐμοῦ

I

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

ἐμοῦ: meaning 'I'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

τὰς

the

RA APF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τὰς: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

μάστιγάς

scourges

N3G APF · μάστιξ

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

μάστιξ: meaning 'scourges'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

σου

you

RP GS · σύ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

σου: meaning 'you'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ἀπὸ

from

P · ἀπό

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ἀπὸ: meaning 'from'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

τῆς

the

RA GSF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τῆς: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

ἰσχύος

army / force

N3U GSF · ἰσχύς

genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality

→ relational specification

ἰσχύς: meaning 'army'; it serves as genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality.

τῆς

the

RA GSF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τῆς: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

χειρός

hand

N3 GSF · χεῖρ

genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality

→ relational specification

χεῖρ: meaning 'hand'; it serves as genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality.

σου

you

RP GS · σύ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

σου: meaning 'you'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ἐγώ

I

RP NS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference

ἐγώ: meaning 'I'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ἐξέλιπον

I have failed

VBI AA11S · λείπω + ἐκ

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

λείπω + ἐκ: meaning 'I have failed'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

12 ἐν ἐλεγμοῖς ὑπὲρ ἀνομίας ἐπαίδευσας ἄνθρωπον καὶ ἐξέτηξας ὡς ἀράχνην τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ πλήν μάτην ταρασσεται πᾶς ἄνθρωπος διάψαλμα

With reproofs for lawlessness you disciplined man, and you consumed his soul like a spider's web; surely every man is troubled in vain. Pause.

Generalized reflection on disciplinary frailty

ἐν ἐλεγμοῖς

The prayer widens from the individual to humanity in general. Divine correction exposes how quickly human strength thins out, as fragile and perishable as a web.

ἐν

in

P · ἐν

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ἐν: meaning 'in'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

ἐλεγμοῖς

reproofs

N2 DPM · ἐλεγμός

dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient

→ sphere or reference

ἐλεγμός: meaning 'reproofs'; it serves as dative nominal element marking relation, instrument, sphere, or recipient.

ὕπέρ

for / on behalf of

P · ὕπέρ

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

ὕπέρ: meaning 'for'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

ἀνομίας

lawlessness

N1A GSF · ἀνομία

genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality

→ relational specification

ἀνομία: meaning 'lawlessness'; it serves as genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality.

ἐπαίδευσας

you disciplined

VAI AAI2S · παιδεύω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

παιδεύω: meaning 'you disciplined'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

ἄνθρωπον

man

N2 ASM · ἄνθρωπος

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

ἄνθρωπος: meaning 'man'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

καί

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καί: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ἐξέτηξας

you consumed

VAI AAI2S · τήκω + ἐκ

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ constative aorist

τήκω + ἐκ: meaning 'you consumed'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

ὥς

as

C · ὥς

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

ὥς: meaning 'as'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ἀράχνην

spider's web

N1 ASF · ἀράχνη

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

ἀράχνη: meaning 'spider's web'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

τὴν

the

RA ASF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τὴν: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

ψυχὴν

life

N1 ASF · ψυχή

accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal

→ object specification

ψυχή: meaning 'life'; it serves as accusative element functioning as object, extent, or goal.

αὐτοῦ

his

RD GSM · αὐτός

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

αὐτοῦ: meaning 'his'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

πλὴν

except

D · πλὴν

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

πλὴν: meaning 'except'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

μάτην

in vain

D · μάτην

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

μάτην: meaning 'in vain'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ταράσσεται

shake

VF FMI3S · ταράσσω

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ future

ταράσσω: meaning 'shake'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

πᾶς

everyone

A3 NSM · πᾶς

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

πᾶς: meaning 'everyone'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

ἄνθρωπος

man / human being

N2 NSM · ἄνθρωπος

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

ἄνθρωπος: meaning 'man'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

διάψαλμα

interlude

N3M NSN · διάψαλμα

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

διάψαλμα: meaning 'interlude'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

13 εἰσάκουσον τῆς προσευχῆς μου κύριε καὶ τῆς δεήσεώς μου ἐνώτισαι τῶν δακρύων μου μὴ παρασιωπῆσης ὅτι πάροικος ἐγώ εἰμι παρὰ σοὶ καὶ παρεπίδημος καθὼς πάντες οἱ πατέρες μου

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my supplication; do not be silent at my tears, for I am a sojourner beside you and a temporary resident, like all my fathers.

Closing appeal as resident alien

εἰσάκουσον

The final plea binds prayer and anthropology together. Human beings are not owners but temporary dwellers before God, and that fragile status becomes the basis for asking him to heed tears.

εἰσάκουσον

hear

VA AAD2S · ἀκούω + εἰς

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ verbal action or state

ἀκούω + εἰς: meaning 'hear'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

τῆς

the

RA GSF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τῆς: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

προσευχῆς

prayer

N1 GSF · προσευχή

genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality

→ relational specification

προσευχῆς: meaning 'prayer'; it serves as genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

κύριε

Lord

N2 VSM · κύριος

vocative nominal element used in direct address

→ direct address

κύριος: meaning 'Lord'; it serves as vocative nominal element used in direct address.

καὶ

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καὶ: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

τῆς

the

RA GSF · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τῆς: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

δεήσεώς

petition

N3I GSF · δέησις

genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality

→ relational specification

δεήσεως: meaning 'petition'; it serves as genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ἐνώτισαι

give ear

VA AMD2S · ὠτίζομαι + ἐν

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ verbal action or state

ὠτίζομαι + ἐν: meaning 'give ear'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

τῶν

the

RA GPN · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τῶν: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

δακρύων

tears

N2N GPN · δάκρυ

genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality

→ relational specification

δακρύων: meaning 'tears'; it serves as genitive nominal element defining relation, possession, source, or quality.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

μή

not

D · μή

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

μή: meaning 'not'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

παρασιωπήσης

be silent

VA AAS2S · σιωπάω + παρα

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ subjunctive contingency

σιωπάω + παρα: meaning 'be silent'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

ὅτι

that

C · ὅτι

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

ὅτι: meaning 'that'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

πάροικος

sojourner / resident alien

A1B NSM · πάροικος

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

πάροικος: meaning 'sojourner'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

ἐγώ

I

RP NS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference

ἐγώ: meaning 'I'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

εἰμι

am

V9 PAI1S · εἰμί

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ ongoing verbal process

εἰμί: meaning 'am'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

παρά

from

P · παρά

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

παρά: meaning 'from'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

σοὶ

you

RP DS · σύ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference or interest

σοὶ: meaning 'you!'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

καί

and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καί: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

παρεπίδημος

temporary resident

A1B NSM · παρεπίδημος

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

παρεπίδημος: meaning 'temporary resident'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

καθώς

just as

D · καθώς

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καθώς: meaning 'just as'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

πάντες

all

A3 NPM · πᾶς

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

πᾶς: meaning 'all'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

οἱ

the

RA NPM · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

οἱ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

πατέρες

fathers

N3 NPM · πατήρ

nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition

→ participant prominence

πατήρ: meaning 'fathers'; it serves as nominative element functioning as subject, predicate, or apposition.

μου

my

RP GS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ relational specification

μου: meaning 'my'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

14 ἄνες μοι ἵνα ἀναψύξω πρὸ τοῦ με ἀπελθεῖν καὶ οὐκέτι μὴ ὑπάρξω

Relent toward me, that I may be refreshed before I depart and am no more.

Final request for respite before death ἄνες

The psalm closes without triumphal resolution. It asks only for a little easing before the speaker passes from the scene, which makes the prayer's realism part of its faith.

ἄνες

let go / release

VB AAD2S · ἵημι + ἀνα

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ verbal action or state

ἵημι + ἀνα: meaning 'let go'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

μοι

to me

RP DS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference or interest

μοι: meaning 'to me'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ἵνα

so that

C · ἵνα

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

ἵνα: meaning 'so that'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ἀναψύξω

I may be refreshed

VF FAI1S · ψύχω + ἀνα

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ future

ψύχω + ἀνα: meaning 'I may be refreshed'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

πρὸ
before

P · πρό

preposition governing its complement phrase

→ spatial or relational framing

πρὸ: meaning 'before'; here it marks the relation signaled by preposition governing its complement phrase.

τοῦ
the

RA GSN · ὁ

article marking the following noun phrase

→ noun-phrase marking

τοῦ: Greek article marking definiteness and the role of the accompanying noun phrase.

με
me

RP AS · ἐγώ

pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause

→ participant reference

με: meaning 'me'; pronoun marking person, possession, or reference within the clause; here it functions as pronominal form marking person, reference, or participant role within the clause.

ἀπελθεῖν
to depart

VB AAN · ἔρχομαι + ἀπο

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ infinitival complement

ἔρχομαι + ἀπο: meaning 'to depart'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

καὶ
and

C · καί

connective or conjunction linking the clause to its context

→ discourse linkage or contrast

καί: meaning 'and'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

οὐκέτι
no longer

D · οὐκέτι

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

οὐκέτι: meaning 'no longer'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

μή
not

D · μή

adverbial or particle element shaping the clause or phrase

→ discourse linkage or contrast

μή: meaning 'not'; conjunction or particle linking this unit with the surrounding discourse.

ὑπάρξω
I remain

VA AAS1S · ἄρχω + ὑπο

verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause

→ subjunctive contingency

ἄρχω + ὑπο: meaning 'I remain'; it carries the action, process, or state of the clause; here it functions as verbal form carrying the action, process, or state of the clause.

On the labels. Parsing gives Tense·Voice·Mood·Person·Number (+ Case·Number·Gender for participles) and lemma. The *syntactic-function* and **semantic-force** tiers follow standard intermediate-grammar categories (e.g. Wallace, *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics*); both involve interpretive judgment, and the majority reading has been chosen where opinions differ. Lexical notes condense commonly cited data (etymology, sense range, synonym contrasts, NT frequency, OT/LXX echoes) and are no substitute for a lexicon.

On the discourse tier. Discourse structure operates above the word, so it is shown at the clause/verse level (the connective, the relation it signals, and the role of the clause) and summarized in the chapter outline. Relation labels, any proposed chiasm,

and the paragraph divisions reflect a common reading of the argument; other discourse analyses segment and label some relations differently.