

Praise the Lord – Part 2! – Psalm 111

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Communion to follow

Memory Verse: Psalm 111:2

**Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them**

Introduction and Background

- what is wise?
- now that is a good question because _____ means different things to different people
- I thought I would plunge into the dark world of Twitter to see what people were saying about _____!

- 1) "If you hear something nice about someone, go tell the whole world. Everything else, keep to yourself," my dad used to say. #wisdom
- 2) Being satisfied at all times is the sign of an honourable soul. #Wisdom
- 3) The more you know the less you need to say. #Wisdom
- 4) Money isn't the most important thing in life But it's reasonably close to oxygen on the "gotta have it" #Wisdom

- now these twitter quotes do contain some wisdom, but none of them _____ wisdom in the sense that the _____ does

- Psalm 111 _____ what Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes all say about wisdom
- when you _____ or have reverence for the Lord then you are wise

Psalm 111 - English Standard Version

- ¹ I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- ² **Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**
- ³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- ⁸ they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!



- if our wisdom does not come from a _____ for God it is just not wisdom
- Psalm 111 has _____ components, it is a praise Psalm, a thanksgiving Psalm and a wisdom Psalm
- Psalm 111 has no indication of the author's _____
- nor is there a subscript that gives a _____ for this Psalm
- we do not have any details in the Psalm that indicate the time when Psalm 111 was _____
- Psalm 111 recalls the Lord's deliverance of Israel from Egypt, the Lord's provision for _____ in the wilderness and the Lord's _____ of settling Israel in the promised land
- this Psalm was either written by someone who was _____ worship in Israel or by someone who is _____ people in a learning setting
- Psalm 111 is an acrostic Psalm
- this means that the first _____ in every phrase in the Psalm starts with the _____ of the Hebrew alphabet all the way down to the last letter
- the Psalmist intentionally used an acrostic format so as to make the Psalm easier to _____ and remember the _____ found in it
- this Psalm has three parts
 - 1) 111:1 - an introduction with an _____ to praise and give thanks to the Lord
 - 2) 111:2-9 - this is really the heart of the Psalm with a description of the _____ and attributes of _____
 - 3) 111:10 – this Psalm ends with a description of _____

Outline In Brief

- 1) (111:1) Praise the Lord**
- 2) (111:2-9) The Faithfulness of the Lord is Eternal**
- 3) (111:10) Fear the Lord**

1) (111:1) Praise the Lord

(111:1) _____ the LORD! I will give _____ to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

a) "Hallelujah"

- this Psalm, starts out much like many other Psalms with the exhortation to "_____ the Lord"
- this is the _____ phrase "Hallelujah"
- to praise the Lord is to declare or make known the majesty or _____ of God
- just like Psalm _____, Psalm 111 declares to "praise the Lord" and gives reasons for why the _____ is to be praised in Psalm 111:2-9

- the Psalmist declares that he is going to _____ thanks to the Lord
- the Psalmist is thankful to the Lord for the Lord's _____ and works
- do you see the how much the Psalmist is thankful to the Lord?
- He is thankful with his whole _____
- with everything within him, he is _____ to the Lord

b) Corporate Worship

- do you see how the Psalmist identifies _____ in the corporate setting?
- this praise and thanksgiving is done in the _____ of the upright, who are _____ people
- the fact that the Psalmist mentions praising and thanking the Lord in the _____ setting reveals the _____ of corporate worship for the people of God
- we are _____ to gather together to praise the Lord, to thank the Lord and be _____ of the greatness and grace of God (Ephesians 5:19-20)

2) (111:2-9) The Faithfulness of the Lord is Eternal

- in Psalm 111:2-9 the Psalmist reflects upon the great _____ of God done in the life of Israel found in the books of Genesis to Joshua

a) (111:2-3) The Righteousness of the Lord is Eternal

(111:2-3)² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

- yes, the works of the Lord are great!

- can you think of all the great _____ the Lord has done in creation?
- can you think of all the great works the Lord has done for _____?

- do you remember Genesis 1, the Lord made all of _____ out of nothing
- the Lord spoke _____ times and it came about
- think about the great work of God in Genesis 6-8 where the Lord brings a massive _____
- think about all the _____ acts of God found in Genesis to Deuteronomy

- the great works of God are studied by those who _____ in God's great works
- do you diligently _____ God's great works?

- the Lord righteousness is _____
- this means that God's _____ and purity is consistent for eternity
- in 100 years or in a 1000 years from now the Lord will still be _____ and without _____

b) (111:4-5) The Covenant of the Lord is Eternal

(111:4-5)⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

- God's works are remembered and we know this is _____, because thousands of years later we are _____ talking about the great works of God

- the Psalmist makes a bold declaration about the Lord, He is "_____ and merciful"

- this is exactly what the Lord _____ to Moses while he is on the mountain after he asks to see the _____ of God

- the Lord says to Moses!

Exodus 34:6-7 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God _____ and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

- the Psalmist declares that the Lord provides _____

- this is exactly how we see the Lord _____ for Israel while they are in the wilderness even though they _____ against God

i) in Exodus 16 the Lord provides bread for the people of God

ii) in Numbers 11 the people complain about the bread that the Lord has provided, so the Lord gives them quail

iii) the Lord provides water for Israel on numerous occasions when they were thirsty

- in Exodus 15 we have the bitter water made sweet

iv) in Numbers 20 the Lord provides water for Israel after they complain

- in _____ of Israel's rebellion against God and complaining the Lord _____ to provide for His people

- no wonder the Psalmist can declare about the Lord that He is _____ to His covenant with the people of Israel for eternity

c) (111:6-8) *The _____ of the Lord is Eternal*

(111:6-8) ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; ⁸ they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

- in Psalm 111:6 the Psalmist _____ us of the Lord's great work when He settled His people in the promised land

- in Joshua 1-12 we see the Lord's _____ to Israel as they clear the land so that God's people can live in the land

- in Joshua 6 the great city of Jericho is brought down by the people of God _____

- in Joshua 10 the _____ stands still by the power of the Lord

- these are great works of the Lord that reveal His _____ and His glory

- next the Psalmist talks about the _____ of the Lord or the word of the Lord
- the word of the Lord is _____ worthy
- the word of the Lord is trustworthy because His word is _____ with no mistakes or broken promises
- furthermore the word of the Lord is continues to be true _____
- Jesus said this about the _____ of God

Matthew 5:18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a _____, will pass from the Law _____ all is accomplished.

- the Lord has given us His _____ and we must live His word out with diligence and faithfulness
- the Lord has given us His precious word but we are _____ to perform with faithfulness all the "precepts" or commands _____ in His word

d) (111:9) The Covenant of the Lord is Eternal

(111:9) He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

- the Lord sends _____ to His people
- here the Psalmist is reminding us of the great work of God in the _____
- Israel went to Egypt in Genesis to avoid a _____ and then there was a new Pharaoh that became very concerned with the strength of numbers of the people of God and he _____ them for his own advantage
- Israel cries out to the Lord for deliverance in Exodus

Exodus 2:24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his _____ with Abraham, with Isaac, and with _____

- in Exodus 4-12 we see the 10 _____ and God's great work in the land of Egypt
- after the Lord worked _____, the Egyptians now knew that the Lord was not just the God of the land of Israel, He was the God over all _____
- God fulfilled His _____ in Exodus 14:4

Exodus 14:4 And I will _____ Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get _____ over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD." And they did so.

- _____ and awesome is the name of the Lord
- the Lord is holy meaning that He is _____, blameless and without sin
- He is _____ of our awe
- the Lord is _____ some
- the "awesome" word in Hebrew is the word for _____
- naturally then, the Lord is to be _____ because He is great and powerful

- the Lord is “awesome” or “_____ -inspiring” and the next verse puts this into perspective
- _____ you are in awe-struck wonder of the Lord then you are living in _____

3) (111:10) Fear the Lord

(111:10) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

- do you want to know what _____ is all about?
- when you begin to _____ in the knowledge God, then you _____ in reverence for God and thus you become _____

- this is exactly what the _____ says about wisdom

Proverbs 1:7 The _____ of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise _____ and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of _____, and the knowledge of the _____ One is insight.

- if we want to be _____ we must understand and know the greatness of God
- if we want to _____ in wisdom we need to get into the _____ of God and learn more about _____
- we cannot grow in wisdom without growing in our _____ of God
- this Psalm ends with the Psalmist declaring that the Lord’s praise is for _____
- the Lord will be praised for eternity _____ He is an eternal Lord and God
- in a _____ from now the Lord is still worthy of all praise
- in a _____ from now the Lord is still worthy of all praise
- in a _____ from now the Lord is still worthy of all praise
- if we could go into a time machine and go a thousand years in the _____, the Lord would not have changed and is still worthy of all praise

Application

1) God has sent redemption to His People – Praise the Lord!

Psalm 111:9 says that “God _____ redemption to His people”

- the word redemption means “ the experience of being _____ from an oppressive situation”
- this word is often used with the release of prisoners
- a prisoner who has been set free has been redeemed
- humanity, apart from the grace of God is in an oppressive situation, with regards to their sin
- because of our sin we are in _____ to sin
- often people _____ to acknowledge the consequences of their sin but once in a while people will get honest with you and speak about their sin condition
- our sin _____ apart from Jesus Christ is at _____ with our soul

- in 1 Peter, Peter describes sin as waging _____ against our soul (1 Peter 2:11)

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage _____ against your soul.

- Psalm 111:9 is fulfilled in the person and _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ

- the work of the redemption of Christ is amazing

- Christ Jesus sets us free from the consequences and bondage of sin

- the first time this word “redemption” is used in the New Testament it is found in the _____ of Luke on the lips of Zechariah

- Zechariah was visited by an _____ that announced to him that his wife Elizabeth would bear a child that would _____ the way for the Messiah

- Zechariah was unable to speak for months and after John the Baptist his son is _____ he makes this declaration about the _____ of Jesus Christ for the people of God

Luke 1:68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and _____ his people.

- Jesus Christ came and _____ with the sin problem for His people once for all

- hear how the book of Hebrews describes this wonderful work of the Lord _____

Hebrews 9:12-14 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit _____ himself without blemish to God, _____ our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

- God sent Jesus to give us an _____ redemption

- this means that once you are redeemed you cannot be unredeemed

- if you are set _____ you are truly free

- if you have been released from the power of _____ you cannot go back into the _____ of sin

- if Christ sets you free you are free _____

- the work of _____ purifies you

- this means that your sins are _____ away

- this means that the Lord will remember your sins and _____ deeds no more!

- I know we as humans love to hold onto the sin and we stew in the bitterness of unforgiveness

- but in contrast when the Lord _____ sin, it is gone and never to be used against us because of Christ

- if you are _____ of Jesus Christ today, you desperately need to be set _____ from the bondage of sin through Jesus _____

- you cannot set yourself _____, you can only experience freedom through _____ and His work He has graciously accomplished for you
- Jesus _____ the punishment of sin you rightly deserve and takes on that punishment in your _____
- so _____ in Christ and His work done for you and experience His _____
- sin only wages _____ against your soul and offers zero promises, _____ Christ offers freedom, joy and eternal _____

2) Ponder the Great Works of God in His Word

- in _____, challenging things are going to happen
- you will not always have your health and you will not always be young and _____
- over the last few weeks, I have had two friends who have had _____ attacks and one friend who has had back surgery removing _____ and now cannot even walk
- _____ can a middle aged person have joy when you have to learn to walk again and have to be dependent upon your children and spouse?
- we can only have _____ in a situation like that by _____ in the greatness and sovereignty of _____
- this Psalm just bombards us with many wonderful _____ about the Lord
- this Psalm _____ us of the great power of God in the past
- this Psalm _____ us of the wonderful grace of God given to the people of God in the past
- but you need to see that the Psalm says that God's great _____, grace is eternal (Psalm 111:3, 5, 8, 9)
- the Lord is _____, the Lord is majestic, the Lord is _____ and the Lord is gracious and _____
- the Lord provides for His people and the Lord is _____ and just
- the Lord gives us His word and His _____ is trustworthy
- the Lord sends _____ to His people
- the Lord is Holy and _____
- the Psalms have been given to us by God, to _____ us about God
- but are we _____ and are we pondering all these wonderful _____ so that we can have rest and joy in the Lord even in the _____ of trials and tribulations?
- will you _____ and store these truths in your heart and _____ joy, satisfaction and contentment in the Lord?
- or will you find distraction in other _____?
- the possibilities of _____ satisfaction and escapism are endless in our culture
- you can _____ live your life in the metaverse, as you live your life completely online
- you can find false _____ and satisfaction with many sinful things in our society
- but only the Lord can _____ satisfy and give joy!
- that is why the Psalmist can _____ in Psalm 43:4 that God is his joy of joys!

Psalm 43:4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding _____, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

3) Fear the Lord

- when Canadians hear the word _____ they usually think of a horror movie, a scary person, a fear of spiders or other horrifying things
- but in the _____ fear has a different meaning
- fear in the Bible has the idea of _____
- this is an _____ struck wonder
- this means that we are to respect the Lord as a _____ God
- this aspect of the _____ of God is often missing in our own lives and is a topic avoided by many churches in Canada

- Psalm 111:10 says that the _____ of wisdom is by reverence for God
- when we think of _____ we might think of older people who have had more experience than us and know _____
- we might also _____ of people who have more education than us
- we might think of an older gentlemen with a beard, glasses and smoking a pipe talking about philosophy
- but God describes _____ as fear, reverence and awestruck wonder _____ Himself and His _____

- one of the reasons the Lord has given us the _____ Testament is so that we can _____ in the fear of the Lord
- do not neglect reading about the _____ of God in the Old Testament and thus put yourself at a disadvantage to grow in the _____ e of the greatness of God

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- a) “Hallelujah”
- b) corporate worship

2) (111:2-9) The Faithfulness of the Lord is Eternal

- a) (111:2-3) *The Righteousness of the Lord is Eternal*
- b) (111:4-5) *The Covenant of the Lord is Eternal*
- c) (111:6-8) *The Word of the Lord is Eternal*
- d) (111:9) *The Covenant of the Lord is Eternal*

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Application

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Next Sunday (Weather Permitting)

Gather for a Picnic!

**Pack a Sandwich and Bring Your Lunch
to Johnson Park (west of McKinstry Chrysler)
For a Picnic Lunch Following Worship Service
Next Sunday - August 14**

Next Sunday...

- **Psalm 100 – Pastor Adam Hall**
- **Memory Verse:** Psalm 100:5 - For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.