

PSALM 111 2023 – The Psalm of God’s Works – Leads Us to Works of Praise

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – Heber, Dikes; London Orchestra Festival (3:07)

1. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

2. *Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

4. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty God in three persons, blessed Trinity. AMEN!*

PSALM 111 – Great Are the Lord's Works; Praise to God for His Faithfulness and Justice

Psalm 111, an acrostic (alphabetical, twenty-two lines) psalm, is a psalm of praise as the psalmist thinks on the works of God. The context of this psalm is the last verse; ***Psa 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.***

The works of God are a great subject for meditation. This is a psalm of praise as the psalmist meditates on the works of God. First, he calls forth for praise!

Psa 111:1 Praise the LORD!

- Hallelujah is actually what is in the Hebrew. “Hallelujah to YAWEH.” Do it now, do it always: do it heartily, do it unanimously, do it eternally. Even if others refuse, take care that you always have a song for your God.

I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,

- I see people praise the Lord half-heartily. The psalmist really got into it. Half-hearted is not praise at all!
- Our whole heart is little enough for His glory, and there can be no reason why it should not all be lifted up in His praise.

In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

- Great to gather together with the people of God and praise the Lord! Let us praise God, whether the hearers be a little band of saints or a mixed multitude.
- Come, believer, the psalmist who pens this comment is in his heart magnifying the Lord: will you not pause for a moment and join in the delightful exercise?

Psa 111:2 The works (6x; 79x-Psa; Ex-58x) of the LORD are great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

- He is thinking now on the works of the Lord. I start to think of the work of God in creation. Oh, how glorious!
- Beyond that, the work of God in my redemption, sending His Son, the work of God in my life and all of the things that God has done. The psalmist is praising the Lord for His works are great. Seeking the work of God, having pleasure in the work of God.
- Those who love their Maker delight in His handiworks, they perceive that there is more in them than appears upon the surface, and therefore they work their minds to study and understand them.
- The hidden wisdom of God is the most marvellous part of His works, and hence those who do not look below the surface miss the best part of what He would teach us.

Psa 111:3 His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever.

- The glorious thing about His righteousness is that His righteousness is my righteousness!

- The knowledge of Christ is worth more to me than all of the righteousness and all the righteous points I had built up under the law because I want to be found in Him “Not clothed in my own righteousness which was of the law but the righteousness which is of Christ through faith.”
- His righteousness is forever. If you have the righteousness of Christ then it is forever. Glory! His righteousness is my righteousness because God has imputed the righteousness of Jesus Christ to my account.
- The righteousness of Christ has been imputed to my account by my faith in Jesus Christ. You can’t improve on that. You’re a fool if you think you can.

Psa 111:4 He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

- It’s a psalm that is devoted to praising God for His works. That is, He has made them so that they will be remembered. It is interesting that God had all kinds of things established to put into memory the work that He had done. Have you ever noticed how songs will somehow remind you of events in your life?
- God has established many things to bring to our remembrance of His works. He has accomplished or done His works to be remembered. He wants us to remember the works that he has done.
- This is demonstrated in His works. This is demonstrated in the work of Jesus Christ in suffering for your sins and giving Himself for you. The compassion of God is thereby demonstrated, His grace is demonstrated through Jesus.
- They need not fear to trust His grace for the future, for they remember it in the past. Grace is as conspicuous as righteousness in the great work of God! Yes, a fulness of tender love is seen in all that He has done.

Psa 111:5 He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

- He has not forgotten His covenant that He has made. He will forever remember it or be mindful of it. He has made a covenant to redeem you, to save you.
- His word is as nourishing to the soul as bread to the body, and there is such an abundance of it that no heir of heaven shall ever be famished.
- Upon this most blessed time nest, let us settle our minds. Let us rest in the faithfulness of the Lord and praise Him with all our hearts every time that we eat bread or feed upon His word.

Psa 111:6 He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations.

- His works are honorable, they’re glorious, they’re great, they’re to be remembered, they’re powerful and has shown the people the power of His works. Just think of the power in our redemption from sin! Just think of the history of the nation, Israel!
- One day we are going to rule over the world over Jesus. We will have the heritage. The world will belong, it belongs to the children of God. “Theirs is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof” and you are the Lord’s, so one day we will take possession of that which is the Lord’s. We shall live and reign with Him upon the earth.

Psa 111:7 The works of His hands are verity and justice; All His precepts are sure.

- Truth and justice are conspicuous in all that God does.
- God’s works are truth and judgement. His commandments are sure and standing fast. He turns at this point from the works to the covenant that God has established, the covenant of redemption through Jesus. He sent redemption. He has commanded His covenant forever.
- This also should lead us to praise Him, since it is of the utmost advantage to us to live under a Sovereign whose laws, decrees, acts, and deeds are the essence of truth and justice.

Psa 111:8 They stand fast forever and ever, And are done in truth and uprightness.

- He is of one mind, and none can turn Him. He acts in eternity and for eternity, and hence what He works abides forever.
- God always acts according to the glorious principles of truth and integrity, and hence there is no need of alteration or revocation; His works will endure to the end of time.

Psa 111:9 He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant (through Jesus Christ) ***forever: Holy and awesome*** (*yare* – *revere* – “reverend,” used only here in KJV Bible) ***is His name.***

- Redemption we can sing of, as an accomplished act! It has been wrought for us, sent to us, and enjoyed by us, and we are in very deed the Lord's redeemed!
- The whole name or character of God is worthy of profoundest awe, for it is perfect and complete, whole or holy.

Psa 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

- To fear God, that's the start of wisdom. It isn't the end of it but it's the start of it. “Fear” here, is comprehensive of all true godliness, or the worship of God.

A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.

- Those that do His commandments.

His praise endures forever.

- His righteousness endures forever, and His praise endures forever.
- Indeed, this is a Psalm devoted to the works of God, to His covenant and a Psalm of praise unto Him.

Summary:

- We do well to turn this Psalm into a prayer and ask to see more and more the power of the Lord at work among us in these latter days. O Lord, let us now see how mightily You can work in the saving of sinners and in preserving and delivering Your own people.
- May we give You all praise!

O PRAISE THE NAME (Anástasis -Resurrection) (4:06) Hillsong

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me

I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears; They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb

The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone

(Refrain) O praise the name of the Lord our God O praise His name forevermore

For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

And then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again

O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King (Refrain)

He shall return in robes of white The blazing sun shall pierce the night

And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face (Refrain)

Oh Lord, oh Lord our God, Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE

OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL:

PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD

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