

Fear God and So Be Wise

Psalm 111

1.) Call to Praise God (V. 1)

"Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart..." (v. 1a)

A.) Praise the Lord Wholeheartedly

"I will bless the Lord at all times." (Psalm 34:1)

"Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me..." (Isaiah 29:13)

B.) Praise the Lord Corporately

"...In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation." (v. 1b)

"I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes." (Matthew 11:25)

"I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." (Luke 19:40)

2.) The Reasons for Praise (V. 2-9)

A.) Praise God for His Work

i.) Praise God for All of His Works (v.2-3)

Read verses 2-3

"He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He." (Deuteronomy 32:4)

ii.) Praise God for His Work of Redemption (v. 4)

"He has made His wonderful works to be remembered..." (v.4a)

"Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (Exodus 15:11).

"... The Lord is gracious and full of compassion." (v. 4b)

"The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. 9 The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works." (Psalm 145:8-9)

iii.) Praise God for His Work of Provision (v. 5-7a)

Read verses 5-6

"He also drove out the nations before them, Allotted them an inheritance by survey, And made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents." (Psalm 78:55)

"The works of his hands are Verity and Justice" (v. 7a)

B.) Praise God for His Word (v. 7b-9)

"...All His precepts are sure." (v. 7b)

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;" (19:7)

i.) His Precepts are Forever (v. 8)

Read verse 8.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

"He has sent redemption to His people..." (v. 9a)

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

"...He has commanded His covenant forever"(v 9b)

ii.) His Covenant is Forever (v. 9)

3.) Call To Fear God (V. 10)

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom..." (v. 10a)

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7)

"The Lord is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. 6 Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the Lord is His treasure." (Isaiah 33:5-6)

*"...but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; **43** for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." (John 12:42-43)*

"...whose praise is not from men but from God." (Romans 2:29)

"There is no fear of God before their eyes." (Romans 3:18)

"Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come..." (Revelation 14:7)

"...His praise endures forever." (v. 10b)