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Psalm 111: His Wonders To Be Remembered

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First two words of Psalm 111:

הללו יה

Hal-lu Yahweh (Hallelujah)

Praise THE LORD!

The Psalm has 22 statements about how praiseworthy God is, and how the Psalmist wants to thank him for that.

It is an organized as an acrostic.





An Acrostic poem is one which the initial letters spell out a word or are in some sort of pattern. Psalm 111 is an alphabetic acrostic poem.

THE HEBREW ALPHABET				
א Aleph 1	ב Bet 2	ג Gimmel 3	ד Daleth 4	ה He 5
ו Vav 6	ז Zayin 7	ח Het 8	ט Tet 9	י Yod 10
כ Kaf 11	ל Lamed 12	מ Mem 13	נ Nun 14	ס Samekh 15
ע Ayin 16	פ Pe 17	צ Tsade 18	ק Qaf 19	ר Resh 20
ש Shin 21	ש Shin 22	ת Tav 23		

אֶתְהַדָּתֶךָ יְהוָה - I will praise the Lord

בְּכָל־לֵבָב – with all my heart...

גְּדֹלִים מַעֲשֵׂי יְהוָה – Great are the works of the Lord...

“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” (Joshua 1:8)

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:11)

“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” (Ephesians 6:17)

(1) I will extol the Lord with all my heart (personally)...in the council of the upright (small groups of friends) and in the assembly (big group of people I might not know).

(2) Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.





The best scientists should be giving glory to our amazing creator.

(3-4) Glorious and majestic are His deeds... He has caused His wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate. (He is involved and at work in amazing gracious ways in the lives of His people.)

The history of the Lord's dealings with his people is especially a fit subject for the meditation of reverent minds who find therein a sweet solace, and a never-failing source of delight.

(Charles Spurgeon)

IN the NT, we are commanded to remember the saving work of Christ on the cross, when Jesus died for us, was buried, and conquered death and rose again.



Strive to remember God's saving hand in your life.

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

(6) The power of His works...



(7-8) He gave the Word and His promises. They are faithful and upright. (He does not change, and His Word does not pass away.)

(9) The redemption of God's people from Egypt...His covenant forever...

Redemption: to buy a slave out of the slave market so that he or she might be set free.

*“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”
(Romans 8:1–2)*

*“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”
(John 8:36)*

Is this not a great reason to praise God? He has set us free from the power of sin and death that separated us from God. Now, there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. Are you in Christ Jesus? Has the Son set you free?



*(10) The fear (תַּיִשָׁר) of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.*

The FEAR of the Lord – proper respect, reverence, knowing all things are from Him, to Him, and for Him, respect springing from love, His awesome being, His perfections, His claims, His might and holiness, His justice...

... “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence (FEAR) for God.” (2 Corinthians 6:18–7:1)

Summarizing this Psalm

God is so worthy of our praise - privately, in small groups, in large gatherings.

His works of creation are astounding. His majestic involvement in the lives of His people is so compassionate and gracious. He has done great things, and His works should be remembered. He is established forever, and His Word will not pass away.

He has redeemed us and made us a promise to never leave us or forsake us. We will be so blessed if we reverence and commit our lives to Him; to him belongs eternal praise.

Home Groups: Psalm 112

The last verse of Psalm 111 is the theme of Psalm 112. To put it another way, Psalm 112 picks up where Psalm 111 left off. Psalm 111 ended with that classic description of true, godly wisdom found several places in the wisdom literature:

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise (v. 10).*

Psalm 112 describes the character of the person who fears the Lord and honestly obeys his precepts. In doing so the psalm makes the point that the person who truly loves and worships God will be like him. Anyone will be like the god he or she worships.

In the last chapter I pointed out that Psalms 111 and 112 are a matched pair in every way. They are the same length, fall into identical stanzas, and even have identical or similar phrases occurring at the same places in each. Both are precise acrostics; that is, they have twenty-two lines each of which begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. J. J. Stewart Perowne summarizes the comparison:

The same significant phrases occur in both, and occur in such a way as to mark the mutual relation of the two poems. In the 111th the mighty deeds, the glory, the righteousness of Jehovah are celebrated in the assembly of the upright. In the 112th the righteousness, the goodness, the blessedness of the upright themselves are described and enlarged upon. The one sets forth God, his work and his attributes; the other tells us what are the work and character of those who fear and honour God.

The relationship of God to the godly person is like the relationship of the sun to the moon. The sun shines by its own glorious light. The moon does not, but still it shines, and the way it shines is by reflecting the light coming to it from the sun. If you are devoutly looking to God as you live your life, something of the glory of God will be seen in you and will be reflected from you to others. If nothing of God is reflected in you, it is a proof that you do not know him. It is because you are not truly a Christian.
(James Montgomery Boice)

Read Psalm 112 as a group.

1. What are the similarities between Psalm 111 and Psalm 112?
2. What sticks out to you about those who fear the Lord?
3. What is God calling you to obey after reading this?
4. What makes obedience in that area difficult?