

“Resolved: Praise the LORD” Psalm 111

Psalm 111 (NKJV)

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation.
- ² The works of the LORD *are* great,
Studied by all who have pleasure in them.
- ³ His work *is* honorable and glorious,
And His righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;
The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.
- ⁵ He has given food to those who fear Him;
He will ever be mindful of His covenant.
- ⁶ He has declared to His people the power of His works,
In giving them the heritage of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of His hands *are* verity and justice;
All His precepts *are* sure.
- ⁸ They stand fast forever and ever,
And are done in truth and uprightness.
- ⁹ He has 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;
A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*.
His praise endures forever.

The A, B, Cs of Praise!

All my heart shall praise Jehovah! Before my family, friends and the Congregation of the Righteous. Deeds of goodness are what our LORD does. Earnestly studied by those who take pleasure in them. For His righteousness endures forever! Glorious and honorable is His work. He has made His wonderful works to be remembered. In Jehovah is compassion and goodness. Jehovah has fed those

who fear Him. Keeping His covenant forever. Letting His people know the power of His works. Making them possess the heritage of the heathen. Nothing but true are the works of His hands. Ordered and sure are His commands. Permanent, they stand forever and ever. Question not, their truth and uprightness. Redemption, He has sent to His people. Sure, is His covenant with them, forever. Terrible is the Unspeakable Holiness of His Name! Verily, His fear is the beginning of wisdom. Yes, let us praise Him by doing His commandments. Zealously, He will be praised forever!

Alphabetical Psalm using the letters of the Hebrew Alphabet, Psalm 112 is an alphabetical Psalm as well. Making these easier to memorize!

I. A resolution to praise –

1 Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation. Psalm 111:1 (NKJV)

¹*Praise ye Jehovah. (א, aleph,) I will praise Jehovah with my whole heart, (ב, beth,) in the congregation and assembly of the just.*

1. *The first three words here in English, are one word in Hebrew “Hallelujah” meaning Praise ye Jehovah or Praise the Lord! This is the title of the Psalm!*

2. *The Psalmist starts with a resolution: “I will praise Jehovah with my whole heart”*

Verse 1.—“With my whole heart.” That is, earnestly, and with a sincere affection; meaning also, that he would do it privately, and, as it were, within himself, as by the next words he notes that he will do it openly.—*Thomas Wilcocks.*

3. *Openly, in two places:*

A. *In the assembly of the upright, meaning in his personal, private meetings with the people of God who are his closest friends!*

B. *In the congregation – referring to all of God’s people who gather for worship!*

4. *In all this he is presenting himself as an example to follow.*

II. *Reasons for praise –*

1. *The LORD’s works –*

² The works of the LORD are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them. ³ His work is honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; ... Psalm 111:2–4 A (NKJV)

A. *God’s works are great, worthy of being sought out and studied, worth our time and effort to know -*

² (ג, gimel,) *The works of Jehovah are great, (ד, daleth,) sought out of all who have a desire to them.*

What a great joy it is to study God’s works and word. I have often thought I wish more people could or would prepare sermons or Bible studies, everyone in church trying it at least once! It takes a great deal of effort to do it right, but the effort is WORTH it!

B. *His work is beautiful, magnificent, honorable, glorious, and His righteousness eternal -*

³ (ה, he,) *His work is beautiful and magnificent: (ו, vau,) and his justice endureth forever.*

C. *They (His works) are memorable, worthy of memorization -*

⁴ (ז, zain,) *He hath caused his marvelous works to be remembered:*

2. *His compassion and mercy -*

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion. Psalm 111: 4 B (NKJV)

(ת, cheth,) *Jehovah is compassionate and merciful.*

Study God's works :2 (creation and providence) and you will see His compassion and mercy everywhere! God is more full of mercy than our sun is full of heat and light! How do I know this? The heat and light of the sun are part His mercies to us, and just two of many!

3. *God's providential dealing with His people, according to His covenant promises –*

⁵ He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. ⁶ He has declared to His people the power of His works In giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷ The works of His hands are verity and justice; ... Psalm 111:5-7 A

A. *He feeds us –*

⁵(ת, teth,) *He hath given a portion to them that fear him: (י, yod,) he will remember his covenant forever.*



Verse 5.—“He hath given meat.” I rather choose to render it *portion*, in which sense it is taken in Prov. 30:8, and 31:15; as if he should say, that God has given his people all that was needful, and that, considered as a portion, it was large and liberal; for we know that the people of Israel were enriched, not in consequence of their own industry, but by the blessing of God, who, like the father of a family, bestows upon his household everything necessary for their subsistence. In the following clause of the verse, he assigns as the reason for his care and kindness his desire of effectually demonstrating that his covenant was not null and void.—*John Calvin.*

B. *Teaches us -*

6 (כ, caph,) *He hath declared to his people the power of his works,*

C. *Gives victory and provides -*

(ל, lamed,) *to give the heritage of the heathen to them.*

D. *This is all true -*

⁷ (מ, mem,) *The works of his hands are truth and judgment;*

4. *God's laws, precepts, and statutes are true and eternal –*

All His precepts are sure. Psalm 111:7 B

⁷ The works of His hands are verity and justice; All His precepts are sure. ⁸ They stand fast forever and ever, And are done in truth and uprightness. Psalm 111:7–8 (NKJV)

⁷(נ, nun,) *all his statutes are true.* ⁸(ס, samech,) *They are established forever, (ע, ain,) and are done in truth and righteousness.*

Statutes being true and established forever, means they are not old fashion or out of date, nor will they EVER be! No, matter how an ungodly world might try to change or nullify God's rules and laws, they are still the BEST and they are still in effect. People will be judged by them!

5. *His redemption, His covenant, His Holy and terrible name all make Him worthy of our praise –*

⁹ He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name. Psalm 111:9 (NKJV)

⁹(פ, phe,) *He sent redemption to his people; (צ, tzaddi,) he hath commanded his covenant forever: (ק, koph,) holy and terrible is his name.*

Verse 9.—“He sent redemption to his people.” Once out of Egypt, forever out of Satan's thralldom.—John Trapp.

III. The best kind of praise, real fear and reverence for our Real God –

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever. Psalm 111:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ (ר, resh,) *The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom:* (שׁ, schin,) *good understanding have all they who do these things:* (ת, tau,) *his praise endureth forever.*

1. *Fear is the good beginning*

2. *Obedience shows understanding (which will carry us successfully through this life)*

3. *Praising God forever means in Heaven, it is the ultimate reward, and it is a fulfilling of our purpose! God made us for His glory, praising Him in Heaven will be our pleasure -*

¹¹ You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11 (NKJV)

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