#### "THE BOOK OF PSALMS" - Book V (107- 150) Psalm 111 – June 23, 2021 "Celebration of God's Faithfulness"

**Summary:** Psalm 111 and 112 form a unit and were probably written by the same author. Psalm 111, celebrating the wonders of the Lord in the form of a hymn but has a clearly defined concern with wisdom. Praise for God's unfailing righteousness. Introduces the Hallelujah psalm (111-118). Most likely postexilic. Acrostic style of writing.

### **Outline:**

- I. Public Praise for God's Mighty Acts (vv.1-3)
- II. The Work of the Lord in Redemption (vv.4-9)
- III. Response to God's Mighty Acts (v.10)

# CONCLUSION: COMPLETING THE CYCLE – WE END AT THE BEGINNING

A. Foundation of Wisdom and Worship = the Fear of the Lord - "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom"

it is certainly the beginning of Wisdom which is what we need to properly reflect on the character of God, to appreciate His awesome works, and to respond with heartfelt Worship.

B. Obedience = Key to Discernment and Worship - "A good understanding have all those who do His commandments"

Obedience is the key to maintaining that proper attitude of the fear of the Lord and thus being continually blessed with more and more wisdom and understanding.

C. Eternal Value of Praise - "His praise endures forever".

Forever = a long time; what else can we participate in that has eternal value?

When the praise of the Lord is uttered from the heart, it lasts forever. Genuine praise never "vanishes from the atmosphere," becoming instead part of an everlasting song offered by creation to the Creator. True praise starts with the Fear of the Lord and it never Ends!

## WORSHIP REFLECTS ON THE CHARACTER OF GOD DISPLAYED IN HIS AWESOME WORKS!

- Royal Righteousness
- Memorable Grace
- Promised Provision
- Providential Power

What type of memorials of God's Grace have you established for your family?

### Psalm 111: Praise to God for His Faithfulness and Justice

**111** Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,

In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation. <sup>2</sup> The works of the LORD *are* great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

<sup>3</sup> His work *is* honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion. <sup>5</sup> He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

<sup>6</sup> He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of His hands *are* verity and justice; All His precepts *are* sure.

<sup>8</sup> They stand fast forever and ever, *And are* done in truth and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup>He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever:

Holy and awesome *is* His name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments.* His praise endures forever.