Psalm 111

Wisdom Subsists in Praising God's Works and Character


A1 THE CALL TO PRAISE YAHWEH 111:1

B1 The Call to Praise:  {1} Praise the LORD!

B2 The Resolve to Praise

C1 The Object of Praise: I will give thanks to the LORD

C2 The Fervor of Praise: with all my heart,

C3 The Places of Praise: In the company of the upright and in the assembly.

A2 THE GREATNESS OF HIS WORKS AND THE GREATNESS OF HIS CHARACTER 111:2-9

B1 The Greatness of His Works 111:2

C1 The statement of their greatness:  {2} Great are the works of the LORD;

C2 The study of their greatness: They are studied by all who delight in them.

B2 The Glory of His Works 111:3

C1 The statement of their glory:  {3} Splendid and majestic is His work,

C2 The eternal righteousness of His character: And His righteousness endures forever.

B3 The Memorability of His Works 111:4

C1 The statement of their memorability:  {4} He has made His wonders to be remembered;

C2 The grace and compassion of His character: The LORD is gracious and compassionate.

B4 The Provision Inherent in His Works 111:5

C1 The statement of His provision:  {5} He has given food to those who fear Him;

C2 The tenacity of His character: He will remember His covenant forever.
111:6 - The power of His works:

C1  The statement of His power:  (6) He has made known to His people the power of His works.

C2  The demonstration of His power:  In giving them the heritage of the nations. 1

111:7 - The works of His hands are truth and justice:

B6  The Integrity of His Works  111:7-8

C1  The statement of His integrity:  (7) The works of His hands are truth and justice; ² 111:7

C2  The reliability of His Word:  All His precepts are sure.  111:8

D1  The eternity of His precepts:  (8) They are upheld forever and ever;

D2  The integrity of their performance:  They are performed in truth and uprightness.

111:9 - The redemption of His people:

B7  The Salvation of His Works 111:9

C1  The redemption of His people:  (9) He has sent redemption to His people;

C2  The irrevocability of His covenant:  He has ordained His covenant forever;

C3  The grandeur of His name:  Holy and awesome is His name.

A3  THE CALL FOR WISDOM  111:10

B1  The Foundation of Wisdom:  (10) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

B2  The Evidence of Wisdom:  A good understanding have all those who do His commandments;

B3  The Essence of Wisdom -- Praising Yahweh:  His praise endures forever.

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¹ 111:6 - the heritage of the nations: The psalmist referred to God’s having given Israel the land of Canaan that had previously been owned by certain nations. These nations are referred to as “the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Gergashite and the Jebusite” (Gen. 15:19-21). Israel is the rightful owner of this land now just as much as then, despite the fact that virtually all the world and most of Christendom disagrees. During Christ’s Millennial Kingdom, Israel will rule the entire world through her greatest King, Jesus. It is my belief that New Earth will contain the land of Israel that God ordained to be the eternal possession of His chosen people. The eternal capital of Israel is New Jerusalem.

² 111:7 - the works of His hands are truth and justice: It cannot be reasonably argued that Israel, either in 1400 B.C. or today, is unjust in seeking to claim the land God has given to her in perpetuity. God gave the land to Israel, and the works of God’s hand are truth and justice!