

Psalm 111

¹ Praise the LORD, Jesus Christ, the Messiah¹! That's right, brag on our great God! I don't know about you, but I will praise and thank Him with every ounce of my being. Yes, I will praise Him, and I'll do it in the presence of those who do what is right in the sight of the LORD. I will also do it before the general assembly of believers in the church. ² You might be saying, "What's the big deal? Why are you so adamant about it?" Read on, and I'll tell you why.

1) The works of the LORD are absolutely great and marvelous. Those who delight in them make a practice of studying both the Scriptures and His great deeds expecting to learn more about who God is, what He is, and how He works in the affairs of men.

2) ³ His works are wonderful and majestic, and the way He is good, just, and fair will go on forever and ever.

3) ⁴ He performed His great works knowing that we would remember them forever. He did such a wonderful job that this is exactly what has resulted. It is only right that He should do so because the LORD is always gracious to His children. You see, He has a deep sympathy for those of His children who are hurting or enduring hardships, and He has a strong desire to come to their aid².

4) ⁵ He faithfully provides His children with the food they need to get along when they trust Him enough to practice doing good and avoid doing evil. God will always fulfill His promises.

5) ⁶ The LORD has shown His people His great power by giving His people, the Jews, the nations around them as an inheritance.

⁷ All of the LORD's works are true, right, and good. There is absolutely no injustice in them, and every word of the Scriptures is completely trustworthy and dependable. ⁸ His works are eternal, and every one of them has been performed not only according to truth but also according to what is right in the sight of the LORD. ⁹ He will redeem men and women through the shed blood of Jesus Christ if they will only trust Him as their personal savior. He is holy in every way and absolutely awesome. He has made promises, and you can be sure that He will keep them forever. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the foundation upon which wisdom is based, and it is the starting point for those who seek her. Obeying the Scriptures produces good and godly understanding, and the praises offered by the one who gains this kind of understanding will go on forever and ever.

¹ For the sake of application, since Christ said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," the name "Jesus Christ, the Messiah" has been used.

² Definition of "compassion" www.dictionary.com/browse/compassion