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The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Psalm 111

“The ABC’s of Praise & Thanksgiving”

Discussion & Application:

1. Why does Pastor Paul call Psalm 111 the “ABC’s of Praise & Thanksgiving”? Why would the Holy Spirit inspire the psalmist to put the phrases in alphabetical order? (See also Ps. 25, 34, 37, 112, 119, 145; Prov. 31:10-31; Lam. 1-4; Nahum 1:1-9) How does this help the worshiper?
2. What is your current plan to memorize Scripture? What have you found to be most helpful? Share with one another a verse (or passage) you have recently memorized and how it has impacted your life.
3. Besides the fact that they are both in alphabetical order, what is the connection between Psalm 111 and Psalm 112? How many parallel statements can you find in the two Psalms? How does a deep understanding of the works and words of the LORD impact the works and words of man?
4. When we want praise and thanks from others it is often due to our pride (ego). How is it that God can require our praise and thanksgiving and it not be prideful or sinful? Why is it so important to God that we praise Him and give Him thanks?
5. The psalmist specifically uses the name Yahweh (LORD) throughout the psalm. What does that name mean? How does that relate to His works and His covenant (v. 5, 9)? How does that motivate us to praise and give thanks?
6. What does the “heart” represent in Hebrew literature? What does it mean to give thanks to the LORD with all your heart?
7. A lot of people who used to attend church services (and are physically capable of doing so now) are now content to stay home and watch livestreams. What does Psalm 111:1 say about that? Why is it important to worship the LORD (praise, give thanks, study His Word) in the assembly of the people of God? What advantages are there? What opportunities are there?
8. What are some of the specific “works” of the LORD mentioned by the psalmist that motivate us to give praise and thanks? What adjectives does he use to describe them? What other works of the LORD could you add to that list? Why does the psalmist tell us to “study” & “delight” in them (v. 2)?
9. In verse 7, the psalmist moves from the “works” to the “words” (precepts) of the LORD. How does he describe the words of the LORD? What is the connection between the words of the LORD (covenant promises) and the works of the LORD? Are you thankful for the Word of God? How does that show up on a daily basis?
10. What does it mean to “fear the LORD”? Why is it the beginning of wisdom? According to verse 10, how does a person who truly fears the LORD respond to His Word? What benefit is there when you respond that way?
11. Note how Psalm 111 begins with a command to praise the LORD and ends with a statement that His praise endures forever. On top of giving thanks & praise to God on the 4th Thursday of November, what will you do to develop a lifestyle of praise and thanksgiving every day of the year? Share specific and practical ways you will do this.
12. Memorize Psalm 111:1 and make public worship a vital part of your weekly schedule.