

Psalm 111

“Hallelujah” = Praise The Lord

Praise in Creation, Redemption, Care for His people, His Precepts and Covenants. Wisdom

Psalm 111, A “Hallelujah Psalm” of Praise celebrating God’s great works.

God should be praised for **who He is**, and for **what He has done**.
God’s awesomeness in Creation: “[Earthrise Photo](#)” & video of the universe.

NASA estimates 200-400 billion stars in just the Milky Way Galaxy; add planets, moons...

The number of galaxies in the universe is estimated at 100 - 200 billion galaxies.

More than one universe?

Our personal problems, social, national and global conflicts... The universe provides us with a powerful perspective from which we can think about ourselves, our world, and God the architect and maker of our universe. The Psalms of Praise take the perspective of eternity to wake up the worshiper!

God’s Word gives reasons why praise is more than a pleasant extra in our walk with God.

The 2 Psalms [111-112](#) are a matched pair. The first is a poem about God’s works and the second Psalm is a poem about the godly person. Perfect alphabetical order:

Here’s this Psalm with the letters of the Hebrew alphabet.
(Aleph) Hallelujah! I will extol the Lord with my whole heart,
(Beth) in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
(Gimel) Great are the works of the Lord;
(Daleth) they are studied by all who delight in them. Etc...

THROUGH PRAISE YOU CAN STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH

Note: From beginning to end, the Bible shows us that faith is the basic response God is looking for:

- Through praise we focus on God. We fix our inner eyes on the all-powerful God who is infinitely greater than our failures.

- We acknowledge Him as our source of overcoming power. We begin to look at our problems from a new perspective—we would compare them with the mighty, unlimited God. We would then see them as molehills rather than mountains.

- Praise helps us to express our faith, to have more confidence in God.
- Faith moves God to reveal Himself to us and do His mighty work in us, as well as for us.

Praise: the example of Paul and Silas in Acts 16 and Paul’s letter to the Philippians. (**Phil 4:4**)

In 2024 the same as in the first century. A CBC example.

Illustration of the Power of Praise: the amazing story in 2 Chronicles 20:
*** Notice how King Jehoshaphat sandwiched his simple request for help between two thick slices of praise and worship!

CONCLUSION: Praise **can** move the mighty hand of God in our lives, bringing not only deliverance but also enrichment for us and glory to His name.

Why should you praise and give thanks in the middle of trials? Not all the things that happen to us are in themselves good! C.H. Welch: “The Lord may not definitely have planned that this should overtake me, but He has most certainly permitted it. Therefore, though it were an attack of an enemy, by the time it reaches me, it has the Lord’s permission and therefore all is well. He will make it work together with all life’s experiences for good.” **Romans 8:28**

Work in Redemption for His People

In addition to God’s act of creation, Psalm 111 stresses God’s mighty deeds of redemption for his people.

He provided redemption for his people, examples: rescuing the Israelites from their oppression,

- the miraculous provision of food during their wilderness wandering,
- the giving of the Law,
- and the conquest of the Promised Land.

They are amazing displays of His glory and majesty.

Wisdom What should be learned from God’s great works:

V. 10 “**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. All those who practice it have a good understanding.**”

This is the goal of redemption: to renew the image of God in human beings.

The purpose of singing the psalm is to remind God’s people then and God’s people now of these deeds and to encourage them to appreciate the privileges that God has bestowed upon them.