

DELIGHTING in God's WORKS ~ Psalm 111

→Scripture Reading Psalm 11:2-4, 7-8

INTRODUCTION

² How amazing are the DEEDS of the LORD! All who delight in Him should PONDER them. (NLT)

⁹ He has PAID a full RANSOM for his people. He has guaranteed His covenant with them forever. What a holy, awe-inspiring name He has!

God's Character and Works ~ Psalm 111:1-6

¹ Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. ² Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. ³ Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has caused His wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. ⁵ He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. ⁶ He has shown His people the power of His works, giving them the lands of other nations.

Those who **fear** God are those who Recognize their proper place in HIS creation. He is the Creator and they are His creatures. Tyndale

IMPLICATIONS

→God's WORKS are Clearly SEEN in CREATION

² How amazing are the deeds of the LORD! All who delight in Him should ponder them. (NLT)

Psalm 19:1-4 (NLT) The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. ² Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make Him known. ³ They SPEAK without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. ⁴ Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world...

→Pictures

Romans 1:19-20 (NLT) They know the truth about God because HE has made it obvious to them. ²⁰ For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly SEE His invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Psalm 8:3-4 (NLT) When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers - the moon and the stars you set in place - ⁴ what are people that you should think about them, mere mortals that you should care for them?

...⁹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! (NIV)

God's Covenants and Commands ~ Psalm 111:7-10

⁷ The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy. ⁸ They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹ He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever - holy and awesome is His name. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise.

IMPLICATIONS

→ God's WORD is True - Never Changing - worth OBEYING

⁷ ...ALL His commandments are trustworthy. ⁸ They are forever true, to be OBEYED faithfully and with integrity. (NLT)

Psalm 119:9, 11 (NLT) ⁹ How can a young person stay pure? By **OBEYING** Your **WORD**...

...¹¹ I have hidden your WORD in my heart, that I might NOT SIN against You.

We have God's Word SO THAT we can Learn to REFLECT the Character and Priorities of God

→ Our RANSOM has been Paid in FULL

⁹ He has PAID a full ransom for His people. He has guaranteed His covenant with them forever. What a holy, awe-inspiring Name He has! (NLT)

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 (NIV) The LORD did not set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath He swore to your forefathers that He brought you out with a mighty hand and REDEEMED you from the land of slavery...

Romans 7:24-25 (NLT) Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will FREE me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord...

Romans 8:1-3 (NIV) Therefore, there is now NO condemnation for those who are IN Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me FREE from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by **sending** His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to BE a SIN OFFERING. And so he condemned sin in sinful man...

TAKE AWAY ??

→ God's WISDOM is to be VALUED above ALL

¹⁰ FEAR of the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom. All who OBEY His commandments WILL grow in wisdom. Praise Him forever! (NLT)

Many people want to skip these steps, thinking they can become wise by life experience and academic knowledge. But if we do not acknowledge **God as the SOURCE of wisdom**, then our foundation will be weak and shaky. HOTC

¹⁰ FEAR of the LORD is the **foundation** of true wisdom.

How we SEE God - that is the Foundation the Starting Point of ALL Wisdom

...All who **OBEY** His **commandments** WILL **grow** in wisdom.

What we DO with His WORD- as we seek to OBEY and Live out His Word we KEEP Growing