

Acrostic Declarative Praise

Writer not named · Book V · Alphabet Psalms

IN ONE SENTENCE



od's works are great, faithful and just, he provides for those who fear him, and fearing him begins wisdom.

Remember it: One-eleven: great works, holy name, and wisdom starts with awe.

MEMORY VERSE

The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom. All those who do his work have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Psalm 111:10 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

יִרְאַת

"fear of" · verse 10

In the Psalms: eight times, in 8 psalms

יִרְאַת means "fear" in the sense of awe and reverence, the trembling respect of a creature before its holy Maker. Proverbs uses the same phrase: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom." After listing God's works, the psalm says the right response is not fright but worshipful awe that leads to obedience.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1-4 I will give thanks for the LORD's great works
- 5-9 He feeds, keeps covenant, and sends redemption to his people
- 10 Fearing the LORD is where wisdom begins

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 111 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/111.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Praise & Thanksgiving

The Two Ways

Israel's Story

FILL IN THE BLANKS

God's _____ are great, faithful and just, he _____ for those who fear him, and fearing him begins _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. Who ponders the LORD's works?

(A) All the nations

(B) The kings of the earth

(C) All those who delight in them

(D) The priests alone

2. What has he given to those who fear him?

(A) Food

(B) Armies

(C) Silver

(D) Long hair

3. What is the beginning of wisdom?

(A) Reading many books

(B) The fear of the LORD

(C) Old age

(D) Good teachers

TALK IT OVER

1. Verse 2 says God's works are "pondered" by those who delight in them. Which work of God do you most love to ponder?

2. What does it mean to fear the LORD in a healthy way? How is it different from being terrified?

3. How could you begin a decision this week with the fear of the LORD?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM III TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I can say verse 10 by heart

☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: works · provides · wisdom · Check yourself: 1. C (v. 2) · 2. A (v. 5) · 3. B (v. 10)