



## Psalms 111-113

**\*Psalms 111:1–10** *Psalms 111 and 112 are alike in that 1) they both begin with, “Praise the LORD!” (as does Ps. 113), and 2) they both are acrostics with 22 lines corresponding to the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Psalm 111 exalts the works of God, while Ps. 112 extols the man who fears God. The author(s) and occasion(s) are unknown.*

- I. A Word of Praise (111:1)
- II. Words about God’s Works (111:2–9)
- III. A Word of Wisdom (111:10)

**\*Psalms 112:1–10** See note on Ps. 111:1–10. *Ps. 112 extols the man who fears God.*

- I. The Blessing of Obedience (112:1–9)
- II. The Emptiness of Sin (112:10)

### “The Egyptian Hallel”

**\*Psalms 113:1–9** *Psalms 113–118 comprise a rich 6-psalm praise to God commonly called the “Egyptian Hallel” (“hallel” meaning praise). These were sung at Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles, but had the greatest significance at Passover, which celebrated the Jews’ deliverance from Egypt (cf. Ex. 12–14). Traditionally Pss. 113, 114 were sung before the Passover meal and Pss. 115–118 afterwards. Psalm 118 would most likely be what Christ and the disciples sang before they left the Upper Room the night Christ was betrayed (cf. Matt. 26:30; Mark 14:26). There are two other notable sets of praise in the Psalter:*

1) *The Great Hallel* (Pss. 120–136) and 2) *The Final Hallel* (Pss. 145–150).

- I. The Call to Praise (113:1–3)
- II. The Cause for Praise (113:4–9)
  - A. God’s Transcendence (113:4, 5)
  - B. God’s Immanence (113:6–9)

**\*Psalms 114:1–8** See note on Ps. 113:1–9. *This psalm is the one most explicitly related to the Exodus (Ex. 12–14). It recounts God’s response to a captive nation (Israel in Egypt) in order to honor His promises in the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 28:13–17) given to Jacob (cf. 114:1, “The house of Jacob;” 114:7, “the God of Jacob”).*

- I. God Inhabits Israel (114:1, 2)
- II. God Intimidates Nature (114:3–6)
- III. God Invites Trembling (114:7, 8)

Come, you children, listen to Me and I will teach you

## **FEAR OF THE LORD**

Job 28:28...that is wisdom and to depart from evil is understanding

\***Problem in O.T.** - There is no fear of God before their eyes. Rom 3:18 (*all mankind*)

\***Solution N.T.** - Jer 32:39 –40, “I will give them one heart and on way, that they will fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them.”

\***New Covenant** “And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good, but *I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.*”

\***Isaiah 11:2** “The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him (Jesus), the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of *the fear of the Lord.* (*Fullness of the Holy Spirit includes the Fear of the Lord.*)

*\*Definition: "Fear of the Lord": To honor in my attitudes and obey in my words and actions in my relationship with God and others."*

(attitude)

*Deception – Quench the Holy Spirit*

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**FEAR OF THE LORD**

To honor in my attitudes and obey in my words and actions in relationship with God and others.

*Rebellion – Grieve the Holy spirit*

(action)

