



This makes the remainder of Psalm 111 even more relevant. An acrostic psalm, the author weaves through the Hebrew alphabet while offering numerous allusions to the proven character of God, with special attention to the Pentateuch. Thus, pointing to the past, the psalmist pictures the steadfastness of the God of the present, giving all readers a series of recommendations that provide motivation to assemble together and worship the LORD and that offer focus as we bow before His throne. Therefore, in preparing yourself for the assembly, give attention to the message of this brief psalm.

1. Contemplate the power the LORD displayed in creation (Psa. 111:2). Never view the beauty of creation without seeing beyond the physical majesty to the spiritual majesty of the Creator (Psa. 19:1).
2. Consider how the work of the LORD through His providence contributes positively to life (Psa. 111:3). Whether working through Joseph or Esther, God accomplished great things by using the faithfulness of ordinary people. This should be our goal as those belonging to Him (Phil. 1:21).
3. Think about how the LORD put His grace and mercy on display in making salvation possible in a way worthy to be remembered. Every day should include thanksgiving for God's grace displayed in the cross of Jesus Christ, and every remembrance of that love should bring us back together to remember Him as His people (1 Cor. 11:23-29).
4. Reflect on God's faithfulness in caring for us (Psa. 111:5). Whether physical or spiritual, the Lord has provided what we need the most (Jas. 1:17; Eph. 1:3; Matt. 6:33).
5. Ponder how much God did to make a people HIS people (Psa. 111:6). The LORD took a people enslaved in Egypt and made them the nation of Israel. In Christianity He has taken a mass of unrelated individuals and made them His family (1 Pet. 2:9-10).
6. Study the inspired truth God has revealed (Psa. 111:7-8). The more attention we give God's Word, the more guidance it offers, the more it unites us, and the greater our reward (2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Pet. 3:18).
7. Meditate on His majesty and holiness that have made redemption possible (Psa. 111:9). Regardless of all the evil that goes on in this world, God's plan will prevail; therefore, His will deserves our greatest attention and His Son our every allegiance (Rom. 8:35-39).

If these truths do not motivate us to gather in the assembly and do not help us focus on our Lord while there, we have lost sight of everything God has done. In the end, our motivation to worship should find root in something greater—our motivation to serve and obey the LORD every moment of every day. Therefore, all this reflection should serve as both motivation and means to translate our reverence for God and a knowledge of His will into humble obedience (Psa. 111:10). Many attempt to worship with a passive heart, learn with a passive interest, and live with a passive faith. But a real relationship with God requires more, and that is why God is right to expect more.

## Order of Service

Opening Remarks		Ray Parks
Song Leader		Tom Barr
Song #290	<i>I Love They Kingdom, Lord</i>	
Song #297	<i>I Want to be a Worker</i>	
Prayer		Chris Windham
Song #495	<i>O the Depth and the Riches</i>	
Communion		Sam Phillips Clay Bond
Song #36	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	
Song #248	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	
Sermon		Clay Bond
Song #237	<i>His Grace Reaches Me</i>	
Offering		
Closing Remarks		Ray Parks
Song #663	<i>There is Sunshine in My Soul</i>	
Dismissal Prayer		Sam Tarbet

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Tonight! Fish Fry after evening worship. Bring a side or dessert and your appetite!
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Holiday Dinner at the Bond's home after evening worship

### **Wednesday Devotional**

Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Russell Haydon
Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Parks
Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Windham

### **...Prayer List...**

*Gay Kyle, Eugene & Barbara Haydon, Don Walker, Gary Schneider, Kathy Ivanciw's mother Shirley, Butch Crownover, Chris' cousin Tyler, Melvin Wright*

Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon, Emily & Courtney Meredith, and Dylan & Steven Petrosky

Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Attendance: Sunday AM: 28 PM: 27 Wednesday: 29 Contribution: \$2507.62