

LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN

Scripture: Psalm 111:1-10

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Introduction:

- A. No one knows for sure who the human writer was; but we do know that the Holy Spirit of God moved upon some man to write these words as a challenge to God's people of all ages and generations.
- B. There are great lessons and challenges found in them for us.

I. LEARN THAT THE LORD OUR GOD IS WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE.

- A. To praise is to commend, to glorify, to ascribe honor to. ALSO: it is to acknowledge the Lord (a) in His being; (b) in His attributes; and (c) in His acts.
- B. The writer commands the reader to praise the Lord. v.1
- C. The writer commits himself to praise the Lord with his whole heart. v.1
- D. The writer also commits himself to private and public praise of the Lord. v.1
- E. Establishes the truth that the Lord shall be praised forever and forever. v.10

II. LEARN SOME INSPIRED REASONS FOR PRAISING THE LORD OUR GOD.

- A. Because of His Name...His Name is HOLY AND REVEREND. v.9
- B. Because of His graciousness (His grace). v.4
 - 1. Someone has said, "His grace gives us what we do not deserve." v.9
 - 2. He sent redemption to His people.
 - 3. He gave His people the heritage of the heathen. v.6
 - 4. He gave His people meat. v.5
- C. Because of His compassion (His mercy). v.4
 - 1. Someone has said, "His mercy does not give us what we do deserve."
 - 2. He did not destroy His people even though they sinned
 - 3. He did not leave His people in want.
- D. We should praise Him because of His righteousness.
 - 1. His righteousness...purity and holiness. v.3
 - 2. His commandments done is truth and uprightness. v.8
- E. We should praise Him because of His faithfulness.
 - 1. He will be mindful of His covenant. (promises) v.5
 - 2. All His commandments are sure. (What He has said, He will do.) v.7
 - 3. All His commandments stand fast forever. v.8
 - 4. He has commanded His covenant forever. v.9
- F. The Lord is to be praised because of His works.
 - 1. His works are great...renowned...sublime. v.2
 - 2. His works are honorable and glorious...majesty... v.3
 - 3. His works are wonderful...marvelous. v.4
 - 4. His works are powerful...v.6
 - 5. They are verity and judgment...truth and justice...faithful and just. v.7
- G. We should praise Him because He is our source of wisdom and understanding. v. 10
 - 1. Wisdom begins with reverence for the Lord.
 - 2. They who live by His commandments grow in understanding.

CONCLUSION:

- A. The writer of this Psalm did indeed praise the Lord by acknowledging:
 - 1. The Lord's being, His existence.
 - 2. The Lord's attributes, His characteristics.
 - 3. The Lord's acts, His works.

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- B. Let us be thankful that we know this great God AND may we praise His holy Name in word and in deed...FOR HE IS TRULY WORTHY.