

Psalm 111-112

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Psalm 111;10 gives us the well known axiom, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” We find the same words in Proverbs 9:10. But that’s not all.

The fear of the Lord is ...

Clean, enduring forever (Psalm 19:9)

The beginning of knowledge (Proverbs 1:7)

Hatred of evil (Proverbs 8:13)

A fountain of life (Proverbs 14:27)

Zion’s treasure (Isaiah 33:6)

Fear of the Lord is related to godliness and may be considered a mixture of awe, reverence, and genuine fear of displeasing. It is an enduring awareness of the presence of God and His interest in our lives. We would do well to cultivate this fear and enjoy the benefits listed above.

Questions for study and discussion:

1. In what type of company should we praise and thank the Lord? Why?
2. In 111:4, how has the Lord provided for His works to be remembered?
3. What does verse 6 refer to, past and future?
4. How are the precepts of the Lord faithful or trustworthy? Do we need to be reminded of this?
5. What is a covenant of the Lord that endures forever?

6. How does fearing and obeying the Lord lead to more knowledge of Him?

7. Psalm 112 starts the same as Psalm 111 and has the same acrostic form (verses begin with the letters of the Hebrew alphabet in order. But where Psalm 111 focused on the Lord, this Psalm speaks of the godly person who reflects His righteousness. What are some parallels between God in the first Psalm and His follower in the second?

8. Does 112:3 apply to us?

9. See 112:4. How does light dawn in the darkness for us?

10. What does it mean for the righteous to not be moved?

11. Why can we be unafraid of bad news?