



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

# Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

April 21st, 2021

“Song of Reverent Praise”

Psalm III

There is no title to this psalm, but it is an alphabetical hymn of praise, having for its subject the works of the Lord in creation, providence, and grace. The sweet singer dwells upon the one idea that God should be known by his people, and that this knowledge when turned into practical piety is man's true wisdom, and the certain cause of lasting adoration. Many are ignorant of what their Creator has done, and hence they are foolish in heart, and silent as to the praises of God: this evil can only be removed by a remembrance of God's works, and a diligent study of them; to this, therefore, the psalm is meant to arouse us. It may be called *THE PSALM OF GOD'S WORKS* intended to excite us to the work of praise.

**DIVISION.** – The psalmist begins with an invitation to praise, verse 1; and then proceeds to furnish us with matter for adoration in God's works and his dealings with his people, verses 2-9. He closes his song with a commendation of the worship of the Lord, and of the men who practise it.

*Treasury of David*

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

VOLUME V, PASSMORE & ALABASTER EDITION

### Devotional Thoughts from Psalm 111:10

**DR. JOHN GILL** (1697-1771) on Psalm 111:10a, *The fear of the LORD*, "whose name is revered, is not a fear of his judgments here or hereafter, but of his goodness and grace; it is a reverential affection for him, a fiducial<sup>1</sup> fear of him, a fear of offending so good a Being as he is; and it includes all religious worship of him, inward and outward, private and public."

*The fear of the LORD.* **FEAR OF THE LORD.** Often, this is understood as a "fear" toward the LORD God, as if it was simply something we do; however, in the original Hebrew, יראת יהוה (y'r-âT Yehovah), it must be understood first as something originating in the Lord; in other words, this fear is a grace of God that comes from Him.

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.* **BEGINNING**, ראשית (re-SHIYT), not only means "first" in chronological order, but also means "first" or "chief" in prominence or importance. Wisdom does not only begin with the fear of the LORD, the fear of the LORD is of chief importance for any wisdom. As a grace from God, godly fear may include...

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<sup>1</sup> **Fiducial**, adjective [from L. fiducia, from fido, to trust.] 1. Confident; undoubting; firm; as a fiducial reliance on the promises of the gospel. 2. Having the nature of a trust; as fiducial power. (from *Webster's Dictionary of American English*, 1828; footnote added)

- princely love toward God
- precious passion for God
- pure reverence unto God
- pious devotion to God

*A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. DO. Literally, "Good understanding is with all who do." What then are we to do? I suggest it applies to the subject of the sentence, "the fear of the LORD." I might paraphrase it in this way: "Good understanding is with all who embrace, employ, and exercise the fear of the Lord." The fear of the Lord causes wisdom to begin, increases good understanding in our exercise & practical application of this fear, and leads to eternally enduring praise unto God, for "His praise endures forever."*

### **Devotional Challenge for Our Youth (& Young at Heart)**

**CONSIDER THESE GRACES FROM THE LORD:** (1) a princely love toward God; (2) a precious passion for God; (3) a pure reverence unto God; and (4) a pious devotion to God. How do you suppose these graces put into practice help you know God more personally and praise Him more righteously?

**CONSIDER CHRIST JESUS AS THE UTMOST EXAMPLE** of the fear of the LORD exhibited in one's life. Meditate upon His earthly ministry, His prayer in Gethsemane, His arrest, trials, and crucifixion, and His resurrection and ascension into heaven in order to cultivate and harvest the fear of the LORD in you.

**CONSIDER THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**, according to Galatians 5:22-23. Does the thought you may not be loving Christ in a noble, princely way frighten you? Does it frighten you with a holy fear that you may take the joy or peace of the LORD for granted? Is patience easier to experience when the fear of the LORD is exercised in your life? Why or why not?

## What to Pray for This Week:

1. May the blessed truth of Your Word minister to us as we pray.
2. May our prayers begin sounding like those prayed in Scripture because You're conforming our lives to Christ.
3. May our focus in prayer be upon You, and not for the ears of man.
4. Pour out Your Spirit upon Christ's church, and upon the world.
5. Purify Your children, and unite us to worship You in Christ, with one heart, one mind and one accord.
6. Raise up godly ministers unto Your harvest, and bless those who are already laboring in Your field.
7. Be merciful unto us by bringing saving faith to our unsaved family, friends, neighbors, the village of Ninilchik, and all the residents of the Kenai Peninsula.
8. Remove from us all pride, haughtiness and arrogance, and make us ever watchful against the flesh and every temptation from the enemy.
9. Humble us as we commune with You in prayer, and keep us from lip-service, from deedless word religion and heartless works religion.
10. Teach us to abide in Christ each time we pray; that our hearts may be knit to His so we may glorify You.

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