

“DIVINE MEMORY”

Psalm 111:1-10

(How God Is Ever Mindful of His Faithful People)

“He hath given meat unto those who fear him; he will ever be mindful of his covenant.” (v. 5)

— INTRODUCTION —

- Psalm 111 was sung at Pentecost, the Passover and at the Feast of Tabernacles.
- It is a hymn of praise that magnifies God’s faithful care.
- It was written to reveal the “behind the scenes” activity of God, written from a heart ablaze and aflame for God.

3 Reasons Why The Psalmist Praises God (Reasons That will Cause Us To Praise God As Well)

I. God’s Road Map for Your Life Is Perfect (v. 1-8)

Fact: “The works of the Lord are great” (v. 2)

Fact: “His work is honorable and glorious” (v. 3)

Fact: “The Lord is gracious and full of compassion” (v. 4)

Fact: “The works of his hands are verity and judgment” (v. 7)

Fact: “His works are done in truth and uprightness” (v. 8)

Question: Why did the psalmist pen this truth (that the works of God are perfect, just, and glorious)?

Because...

1. Haven’t we all questioned God at some time?
2. Haven’t we all asked “why this?” or “why that?”
3. Doesn’t the enemy want us to believe that God has let us down, makes mistakes and forgets us?

Illustration: A young child gets sick or dies unexpectedly.

Illustration: A young mother is taken from her family.

Illustration: A spouse deserts and goes AWOL.

Illustration: A severe disappointment breaks your heart.

Illustration: An unfulfilled expectation leaves you wondering.

And the Accuser Comes Along and Whispers:

- “God is not interested in you.”
- “God is not perfect in all His ways.”
- “God makes mistakes too, you know.”
- “God is not working on your behalf.”

Even Worse, the Devil Will Tell You: (When You Go Through Fire)

- “You must have sin in your life.”
- “You must not have faith.”
- “You must be out of the will of God.”

But Listen To God

Fact: “As for God, his way is perfect” (Psalm 18:30)

Fact: “He is the Rock, his work is perfect” (Deuteronomy 32:4)

Fact: “The ways of the Lord are right” (Hosea 14:9)

Fact: “The Lord is righteous in all his ways” (Psalm 145:17)

Let This Sink In:

God Is Gracious (v. 4) which means:

He is full of favor toward you because of Jesus. And He is smiling upon you because of Calvary.

God is Compassionate (v. 4) which means:

He is full of feeling toward His children. And He is full of care toward His own beloved.

God Is Faithful To Provide (v. 5)

“He gives meat unto those who fear him” which means:

- For 40 years God’s people survived in the wilderness.
- For 40 years God supplied what was needed.
- For 40 years (even in times of scarcity) God furnished a table in the wilderness.

II. God’s Memory of You Is Precise

“He will ever be mindful of his covenant” (v. 5)

“He has commanded his covenant forever” (v. 9)

Which Means:

- That God could never let His people lack what was needed, because He was in covenant with them.
- That God would never fail in the future because He acts upon the terms of His covenant.

Question: What is a “covenant” ?

Answer: A covenant is an agreement between two parties.

Question: What is the meaning of “covenant” to us?

Answer: When God made a covenant with His people, He promised to arrange His providence for the welfare of those who would render Him obedience.

Fact: God made a covenant with **Noah** (Genesis 9)

Fact: God made a covenant with **Abraham** (Genesis 12)

Fact: God made a covenant with **David** (II Samuel 7)

Fact: God made a covenant with **Israel** (Exodus 34)

Fact: God has made a covenant with **me** (Hebrews 8:10)

In Exodus 24:6-8, Israel was formally consecrated to the position of God's covenant people through the sprinkling of blood.

Let's Let It Sink In

- "He hath remembered His covenant forever" (Psalm 105:8)
- "The faithful God who keeps His covenant" (Deuteronomy 7:9)
- "I will establish my everlasting covenant between Me and thee" (Genesis 17:7)
- "My covenant will I not break" (Psalm 89:34)
- "I will never break my covenant with you" (Judges 2:1)

Can We Rest Upon His Promises ?

- "There has not failed one word of all His good promise" (I Kings 18:56)
- "Not one of these (promises) shall fail" (Isaiah 34:16)
- "God is faithful" (I Corinthians 1:9)
- "The Lord is faithful" (I Thessalonians 3:3)
- "He abideth faithful" (II Timothy 2:13)
- "He is faithful that promised" (Hebrews 10:23)

III. God's Might Is Powerful On Your Behalf

"He hath shewed His people the power of His works, that He may give them the heritage of the heathen." (v. 6)

Fact: This "power" refers to God when He enabled Israel to overcome every strong Canaanitish nation, and bring the land into total possession.

Meaningful Today

- It means that victory is ours over every sin, heathen practice, bad habit, carnal passion and enemy stronghold.
- What was impossible for man to do, is now possible for God.
- God desires and intends for you to overcome, regardless of the heathen environment around you.

Remember This !

God Has A Covenant With You !

AMEN !

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