



Book of Faith Bible Study Psalm 111: 2, 10

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.*

The psalmist in this passage is praising God for God's works. Among these works was the delivery of God's people from their enemies through the exodus, during which God also provided for God's people's needs beyond their deliverance from their enemies. Though God's people had suffered in the hands of their enemies, their suffering did not alienate them from God but became a source of renewal for them. St. Paul clearly and eloquently writes about renewal through the hope that can be the outcome of the experience of suffering for God's people: "...suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:3-5). Such insights are among the depths of delight that cause us to study the great works of God.

The psalmist also ushers us into a new way of viewing life by saying that "the fear/reverence of God is the beginning of wisdom." The fear of the Lord alters, indeed transforms, the way we think and act because we now submit our lives to God knowing that no matter what happens to us, good or bad, God will never leave us abandoned. We fully and wholly rely on God, and this is a leap of faith.

As you consider opening Scripture individually or with others, you may wish to consider these general questions:

How does the Bible feed your daily life?

How does the Bible feed the life of this community?

How are we renewed, empowered, and enlivened by the Word?

What stands in the way of our opening the Bible and joining the conversation?



As we continue to study the works of God, we move ever deeper and delightfully into the wisdom of God.

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Questions on Psalm 111: 2, 10

- *What works are we to praise God for in our day? (Delivering us from our sin through Jesus Christ's death on the cross and his resurrection ... for we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves).*
- *How is God's Word, as preserved in the Old and New Testaments, a source of hope for us in this generation?*
- *How can the struggles and sufferings of previous generations bring hopeful renewal for today?*
- *How can we more deeply learn to delight in the Scriptures as a means of grace?*

In addition to questions found in the studies, here are general questions that can be used for each of the texts:

What is God saying to us through this passage?

What does this passage tell us about God?

How does this passage speak to us as individuals and to us as a community?

What does this passage teach us about our neighbors and our world?