



Finding Purpose

Psalm 111:1-10

Listen: In a crazy, confusing, and chaotic world like ours it can be very hard to know our purpose.

Question: What is your purpose in life? Have fun? Enjoy your family? Help others? Get stuff?

The greatness of God in His Person and His actions:

- His deeds—vv 2, 6:
- His creations—another aspect of “deeds”—Psalm 8:3:
- His providential acts—v 3 and Isaiah 45:9-13:
- His wonders—great saving acts—vv 4, 6:
- His steady faithfulness—v 5:
- His precepts—v 7:

The responses of our lives to the great God:

- Praise—v 1:
- Thanks—v 1:
- Fear—v 10:
- Obedience—v 10:

Our purpose in life: “To know God in His greatness...and therefore to praise, thank, fear, and obey Him in our lives.”

I missed Ike and it made me mad! Approach-Avoidance. Attraction—Terror.

Practical steps toward this purpose—five actions for profound personal change:

- #1 Read Psalm 111 and list all 21 things that the psalmist says are true about God.
- #2 Reflect on Isaiah 6:1-8 and compare Isaiah's depiction of God with America's.
- #3 Read *Recalling the Hope of Glory* by Allen Ross.
- #4 Write a description of a life that truly fears God.
- #5 Read *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

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- Please read Psalm 111 each day before looking at the exercises.
- **Today:** What are the 21 things that the psalmist says are true about God?
- **Monday:** Please write the five “greatest deeds” that God has done for you in your lifetime. (vv 2, 6) What is the sane response to these?
- **Tuesday:** In your life how have you experienced the “steady faithfulness” of God? (v 5) What is the sane response to these?
- **Wednesday:** How have you found the precepts of God to be “sure and reliable?” In other words, for you how has the Word of God been “fair and for your good?” (v 7) What is the sane response to this?

The “Quotient Scale” for the next three days: 0=non existent. 10=could not be better.

- **Thursday:** What is your “Worship Quotient?” How could you make it better?
- **Friday:** What is your “Obedience Quotient?” How could you make it better?
- **Saturday:** What is your “Fear Quotient?” How could you make it better?

God’s Core Question for us from Psalm 111: Are you intentionally growing in your understanding of the majesty and mystery of God—His deeds, creations, providential acts, wonders/great saving acts, steady faithfulness, and precepts?