

# Psalm 111-Hallelujah!

This psalm is divided into 4 parts.

- I. Proclamation to “Praise the Lord” verses 1-3
- II. Description of the Great Works of God Verses 4-6
- III. Description of the Nature of God Verses 7-9
- IV. Our Response Verse 10

Style of the Psalm 111

this psalm is an acrostic poem, each line beginning with the successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet. We also use acrostics poems as a “memory hook” to explain specific words or ideas. Try to make an acrostic poem for the theme “Praise the Lord”. Use “Fear the Lord” as an example.

## Example: Fear the Lord

- F-Father (God is our Father)
- E-Eternal (God is eternal)
- A-All powerful (God is all powerful)
- R-Respect

Praise the Lord	
P	_____
R	_____
A	_____
I	_____
S	_____
E	_____

## Psalm 111 & 112

Many commentaries consider these two psalms to be a matched pair. Psalm 111 is an acrostic poem about God and Psalm 112 is an acrostic poem about our response as a godly person. We are only going to look at Psalm 111.

### I. Proclamation to Praise God Psalm 111: 1-3

1. Why does the author make that declaration to “Praise the Lord”? (v. 1a)
2. The psalmist presents a progression in praising the Lord. What is the significance of that progression?
3. What did the psalmist mean by inserting the phrase “with my whole heart”? (verse 1b)
4. What “works” do you think the psalmist is thinking of in verse 2a?

5. How does one “study” the works of the Lord? Can one be a scientist and believe in God? Explain
6. In verse 3b, the psalmist honors the work of the Lord. What other characteristic does he note about God?

**II. Description of The Great Works of God Psalm 111:4-6**

7. What does the listener have to do before he can describe the works of the Lord(verse 4)
8. What is Israel to remember about God? (verses 4b-6)
9. According to verse 6, does God work in secret and make it difficult to see his influence in the lives of the Israelites?

**III. Description of the Nature of God**

10. List some of the characteristics of God that are suggested in verses 7-9
11. How did God demonstrate his redemption to the Old Testament people? (verse 9)

**IV. Our Response**

12. According the psalmist, how does a person acquire wisdom?
13. What does it mean to “fear” God?
14. How do we gain a “good understanding of His commandments”?
15. In summary, the author has offered all this evidence to support his proclamation to “Praise the Lord”. Notice he reviewed the past history of the Hebrew people to remind them of their relationship with God. This is a prototype for us. Use the evidence from our past to motivate us to Praise the Lord.

<p>16. <b><u>GRACE</u></b>  G-God’s  R-Riches  A-at  C-Christ’s  E-Expense</p>
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<p>17. <b><u>SMILE</u></b>  S-See  M-Miracles  I-in  L-Life  E-Everyday</p>
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<p>18. <b><u>BIBLE</u></b>  B-Basic  I-Instructions  B-Before  L-Leaving  E-Earth</p>
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