

"Great Are the Lord's Works"

(Psa 111:1-2)

Part I

Psa 111:1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.

Psa 111:2 The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

Psa 111:3 His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Psa 111:4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

Psa 111:5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

Psa 111:6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

Psa 111:7 The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment; all his commandments *are* sure.

Psa 111:8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *and are* done in truth and uprightness.

Psa 111:9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

Psa 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

God's works will deeply confirm in the heart of His people that He is great, as these works are accomplished in a way that is not like our ways, but rather much higher than our ways ([Isa 55:7-9](#) , [Pro 3:3-8](#)). We can learn of those higher ways of the Lord, but that can only happen by God giving us the power to forsake our own wicked ways first, and that is an ongoing process being accomplished by grace through faith ([Eph 2:8](#)).

[Isa 55:7](#) Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

[Isa 55:8](#) For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

[Isa 55:9](#) For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

[Pro 3:3](#) Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

[Pro 3:4](#) So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

[Pro 3:5](#) Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

[Pro 3:6](#) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

[Pro 3:7](#) Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

[Pro 3:8](#) It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

In this study we will look at how "Great Are the Lord's Works" that God gives us to better understand how we are to "grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" ([2Pe 3:18](#)). We can have greater peace and understanding of how his mercy and righteousness that we are promised will endure forever, as we give all diligence to make our calling and election sure ([Psa 111:3](#) , [2Pe 1:3-11](#)).

[2Pe 3:18](#) But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

[Psa 111:3](#) His work *is* honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

[2Pe 1:3](#) According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

[2Pe 1:4](#) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

[2Pe 1:5](#) And beside this, **giving all diligence**, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

[2Pe 1:6](#) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

[2Pe 1:7](#) And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

[2Pe 1:8](#) For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[2Pe 1:9](#) But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. ([Pro 29:18](#) , [Psa 119:105](#) , [Rev 3:17-19](#) , [Heb 12:6-8](#) , [Mat 25:1-13](#))

[2Pe 1:10](#) Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence to make your calling and election sure:** for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

[2Pe 1:11](#) For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

[Pro 29:18](#) Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

[Psa 119:105](#) NUN. Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

[Rev 3:17](#) Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: [[Mar 2:17](#)]

[Rev 3:18](#) I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. [[Luk 11:35](#) we can be blinded by the light of our spiritual riches, no longer seeing the natural state of our minds that is "blind, and naked" [Joh 9:41](#) , [Luk 17:10](#)]

[Rev 3:19](#) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Heb 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Heb 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Mat 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins [*symbol of the carnal mind that is against the spirit, and can only be conquered through Christ who gives us the ability to trim our lamps and narrowly escape [1Pe 4:18](#)*], which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Rev 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth [[Rom 8:12-17](#)]. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. [*God is redeeming us from ourselves and He alone can give us the power to endure unto the end [Rom 7:24](#) , [Rev 13:4](#)*].

Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

Mat 25:2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. [*These were redeemed from among men, is primarily to be understood within, where we are being redeemed of our Lord, we are being saved from our own wretchedness and deceitfully and wicked hearts*]

Mat 25:3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

Mat 25:4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. [*that oil produced through the diligence described in [2Pe 1:5-10](#) that we just looked at. Again we learn of His ways that are higher than our ways by loving "the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself" [Isa 55:7-9](#) , [Luk 10:27](#) , [Mat 22:39](#)*]

Mat 25:5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

Mat 25:6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Mat 25:7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

Mat 25:8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

Mat 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and

you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. [[Rev 3:18](#)]

[Mat 25:10](#) And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

[Mat 25:11](#) Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. [[Mat 7:21](#)]

[Mat 25:12](#) But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

[Mat 25:13](#) **Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.**

A very important point that continues to be made throughout this particular Psalm is that it is He who is doing all these works ([Php 2:13](#)) amongst his people who are a blessed and holy nation ([Exo 19:6](#) , [1Pe 2:9](#)), identified as the workmanship of his hands in our age ([Eph 2:10](#)). Israel of old is in fact a shadow of the Israel of God ([Gal 6:16](#)) where God "**shewed his people the power of his works**"([Psa 111:6](#) , [Rev 11:3](#)).

[Php 2:13](#) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

[Exo 19:6](#) And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

[1Pe 2:9](#) But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

[Eph 2:10](#) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

[Gal 6:16](#) And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

[Rev 11:3](#) And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

[1Pe 5:6](#) **Humble yourselves** therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Here are some of the words mentioned in this particular Psalm that remind us that we are the workmanship of God's hands, and we are benefactors of these blessings because we are being received of Him through judgement in this age ([Heb 12:6](#) , [1Jn 3:1](#)).

His work is honourable and glorious

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered

He hath given meat unto them that fear him

He hath shewed his people the power of his works

The works of his hands are verity and judgment

He sent redemption unto his people

he hath commanded his covenant for ever

Seeing that we don't know "neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh", we are commanded to "**Watch therefore**" and what we are seeing as we watch and pray is the Lord doing a great work of maturing the bride and making her ready ([Rev 19:7](#)) and that gives us reason to "**be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him**".

God has been steadily giving us increase in our knowledge and understanding of Him and his Son because this is eternal life ([Joh 17:3-4](#)), and that knowledge is being given to you who are "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" being sent as Christ was sent to do the work he has given us, and that is how we can glorify God on this earth as we go from glory to glory by his power that has been given unto us for that reason ([Joh 20:21](#) , [2Co 3:18](#))

[Joh 17:3](#) And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

[Joh 17:4](#) I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

[Joh 20:21](#) Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. [[Php 1:6](#) *he will finish the work within the body of Christ*]

[2Co 3:17](#) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there is liberty.

[2Co 3:18](#) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **are changed** into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

In Mike's study on Sunday, we were reminded amongst many things of the progressive nature that God revealed through the church of how we continue "growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior", as we go from glory to glory and come out from being under the law. It is only in "the fullness of the time was come" that "God sent forth his Son" made of a woman [*the church that grows in grace and in knowledge*] made under the law ([Gal 4:4](#)).

The last part of Paul's life when his prison epistles were being written, are a parable that represent to us a time when the last vestiges of the law that is a curse ([Deu 21:23](#) , [Gal 3:13](#) , [Gal 2:20](#)) were being burnt out of Paul and must be burnt out of us. That was Paul's symbolic and real time of being in prison for 'ten days' as it says in Revelation ([Rev 2:10](#)), of being faithful unto death through Christ who alone can make us able "ministers of the new testament, not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" ([2Co 3:6](#))

[Deu 21:23](#) His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

[Gal 3:13](#) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

[Gal 3:14](#) That the blessing of Abraham ["**an inheritance**" explained [Gen 22:17](#) , [Rev 21:7](#)] might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the

promise of the Spirit through faith.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Rev 2:10 **Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer:** behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

2Co 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

To quote Mike in a recent email to our brother Dennis:

Amen, Dennis, We are "growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior".

In so doing we must expect to be rejected when we change our doctrine as we grow. Christ Himself was raised up "made of a woman made under the law". When He changed the law, and "broke the Sabbath" he was labeled a heretic by the church of His day.

Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, **m a d e u n d e r t h e l a w,**

Heb 7:12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

Galatians 4 reveals that there is a time for each advance in our knowledge of Christ, "...when the fulness of time was come". Christ and his entire family were "under the law", going up to the annual festivals and offering blood sacrifices until He began His ministry and even then Christ's family kept on keeping the law of Moses.

The 'changes of the law' were very sweeping and could not be taken in all at once even by Christ's apostles. Even Paul and Peter and all the apostles live "under the law" for decades after Christ's resurrection to life. It was not until Paul was in prison that we were finally made to know that the middle wall of partition between the Jews and the Gentiles was now removed.

Like Peter and Paul we are growing into "the fulness of Christ", and it did not happen overnight:

Gal 4:4 But **when the fulness of the time was come,** God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, **unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

Your brother who is growing in the knowledge of Christ with you. Mike

The same thing happened to Paul and Peter

These are VERY VERY VERY exciting times that we are living in as God humbles us under His mighty hand and encourages us through His word, through His promises, "**Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.**"

The verses we will look at in this Psalm will serve to remind us how "Great Are the Lord's Works" that He is working in His little flock who He has his eyes on ([Zec 2:8](#)), and to whom it is His good pleasure to give us the kingdom ([Luk 12:32](#)).

[Zec 2:8](#) For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

[Luk 12:32](#) Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

[Luk 12:33](#) **Sell that ye have**, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. [[Mat 19:21-24](#)]

[Mat 19:21](#) Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* **sell that thou hast**, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me.

[Mat 19:22](#) But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

[Mat 19:23](#) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. [[Rev 3:17](#) , *in other words holding fast to our ways that are not God's ways* [Isa 55:7](#) , [Luk 12:21](#)]

[Mat 19:24](#) And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Our first verse:

Psa 111:1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.

Our "sacrifice of praise to God continually" with a whole heart is the fruit on the lips of those who are seeking the Lord with all their hearts ([Heb 13:15](#) , [Jer 29:13](#)).

[Heb 13:15](#) **By him** therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

[Jer 29:13](#) And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

We love him because He first loved us ([1Jn 4:19](#)) and fills us with praise and thanks that help us understand His grandeur and wonderful works that he is accomplishing through Christ "**in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation**" [[Eph 3:10](#)]

[1Jn 4:19](#) We love him, because he first loved us.

[1Jn 4:20](#) If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

[1Jn 4:21](#) And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

Mat 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Mat 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Psa 111:2 **The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.**

We are called to seek the kingdom of God first and his righteousness, and to know that God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him (Mat 6:33-34 , Heb 11:6 , Deu 28:47-48). It is in that labouring for the meat that does not perish that we learn that "**The works of the LORD are great**"(Joh 6:27).

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mat 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. [Eph 2:8].

Php 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. ["**have pleasure therein**"]

Deu 28:47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; ["**have pleasure therein**"]

Deu 28:48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

Psa 37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Psa 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. ["**have pleasure therein**"]

Psa 37:5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Psa 37:6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Psa 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Psa 37:8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

Psa 37:9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.

Psa 37:10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

Psa 37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth [*Christ's bride 1Pe 3:4-5*]; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. [**"have pleasure therein"**]

Joh 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Next week, Lord willing, we will look at other ways in which the word of God describes the wonderful works that He is doing unto the children of men who are His workmanship in our age, being of that generation that shall not pass. All those things that must be fulfilled in the generation that Christ is working with is speaking of those who God is going to give the power through Christ to fill up what is behind of the afflictions of Christ in this age (Mat 24:32-35 , 1Pe 2:9 , Col 1:24-25).

Mat 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh:

Mat 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.

Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

Col 1:25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

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