

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

# I WILL PRAISE THE LORD WITH MY WHOLE HEART PSALMS 111

Text: Psalms 111:1-2

## ***Psalm 111:1***

*<sup>1</sup> Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.*

Introduction:

The Psalmist David gives us a great illustration of what true worship really is.

Worship is not just a one-hour thing we do on Sunday, it's a way of life.

Our worship on Sunday is nothing more than a reflection of the worship we do during our week.

Before we can learn from David on the means of worship, let's talk about why we need a messages on this subject.

This should be something that is automatic for the child of God. But yet, we have books upon books trying to teach us how to properly worship our God.

One reason why it is so hard for folks to worship:

It's not a top priority in their life.

While priority maybe one reason for lack of worship, another could be that individuals simply don't know how to worship.

That is the focus of today's message.

If there were ever a man in the Bible that could school us on worshipping God, it would be David.

Read Text (Psalms 111:1-2)

***Psalm 111:1-2***

*<sup>1</sup> Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. <sup>2</sup> The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.*

Note three components regarding worship.

# 1. HOW ARE WE TO WORSHIP (VS. 1)

“I will praise the Lord with my whole heart”

David states that he would praise the Lord with his whole heart.

David brought nothing less than his whole heart.

Coming with your whole heart represents the whole being. David is worshipping God with every part of his being.

Many will stand and say that unless you are:

- Shedding tears – you’re not worshipping
- Raise your hands – you’re not worshipping
- Shout with joy – you’re not worshipping

We are told to worship with our heart!

Just because one cries, raises their hand, or even shouts does not mean that one is worshipping God.

People shed a tear over a lost animal, and people shout for joy when their team is victorious.

All of those things that I mentioned are effects of worship not the basis of worship.

We are instructed here that we are to worship with our heart.

Note not only How We Are To Worship but secondly:

## **2. WHERE WE ARE TO WORSHIP (vs. 1)**

We have all heard people make this statement, “I can worship God on my boat at the lake. After all, I’m surrounded by God’s creation.”

Taking nothing away from God’s creation:

The Rocky Mountains of Colorado

The Everglades of Florida

The Sandy White Beaches of Hawaii

The Smoky Mts. during the change of the seasons.

It’s all beautiful and great to admire. But it’s not the principle place to offer our worship.

Note again verse 1:

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Illustration:

The difference in watching a game in person and listening to it on the radio.

There is something about being at the game.

- Sitting in the stands
- The smell of popcorn and hotdogs
- The crack of the bat when contact is made
- The sound of the crowd

When you are live at the game, you get motivated along with the others that you are around.

It catches on!

There's just something about being in church with fellow believers who all come "in one mind and one accord" and that is to worship the true and living God.

It is encouraging as we are exhorted.

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

*<sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: <sup>25</sup> Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

As we are encouraged we lift our voices in song, and our prayers with fellow believers.

If I feel bad and discouraged, my spirits can be lifted because I am around others who are being used by God to encourage me.

You'll not get that sitting at home on the couch.

We are to:

Praise the LORD with our whole heart, **in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.**

We have considered briefly how and where we are to worship, not lastly:

### 3. WHY WE ARE TO WORSHIP (VS. 2)

**Psalm 111:2**

<sup>2</sup> **The works of the LORD are great**, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

David was worshiping the Lord:

- Who gives us strength
- Who provides for our every need
- Who puts food on our table
- Who is our Shepherd
- Who provides rest for the weary

True Worship comes from the heart; in the company of other believers, and it magnifies our God for the mighty works He has done

Close:

May we worship God rightly and as He deserves.