# THE ASSURANCE OF OUR HOPE

Psalm 111

### HE GIVES US ALL THINGS

Psalm 111 // Matthew 6.25-34 // Psalm 40

This Psalm celebrates the Lord's faithfulness. It is an "alphabetical" psalm, where each line starts with a consecutive letter from the Hebrew alphabet in order to serve as a memory aid. It is probably a psalm that was sung during Passover (Matthew 26.30). Verse 1 is an invitation, 2-9 give us they "why" of why we should praise the Lord, and verse 10 is a commendation for those who obey.

### WHAT IS THE COVENANT?

Covenant: A relational promise of commitment.

So often in the Psalms, and the rest of the Word, there is talk about the covenant promises of God. These references serve as reminders for us that God has given us great and many promises.

Psalm 119.50, 76, 116 // Psalm 105.8, 9

God made a covenant with Abraham, but knew that Abraham could not keep it, so God promised to Himself that He would keep it. Peter reminds us, as well, that our future inheritance (which is ours if the covenant is kept) is secured in heaven. But how is this so? Again, we look to the nature of God's covenant promise, with more light shed on it in Hebrews.

Genesis 15.1-18 // 1 Peter 3-9 // Hebrews 6.13-19

# **GOD'S WISDOM**

To have true wisdom, it is to be in awe and wonder and holy fear of our great God. To trust in His great wisdom, and believe in His perfect covenantal plan.

Wisdom is the ability to devise perfect ends and to achieve those ends by the most perfect means. It sees the end from the beginning, so there can be no need to guess or conjecture. Wisdom sees everything in focus, each in proper relation to all, and is thus able to work toward predestined goals with flawless precision. All God's acts are done in perfect wisdom, first for His own glory, and then for the highest good of the greatest number for the longest time. All His acts are as pure as they are wise, and as good as they are wise and pure. Not only could His acts not be better done: a better way to do them could not be imagined. God's work cannot be improved upon by finite creatures.

Without creation, His wisdom would have been remained forever locked in the boundless abyss of the divine nature. But God brought about His creatures into being that He might enjoy them and that they may enjoy Him.

-AW Tozer, "The Knowledge of the Holy"

Romans 8.32-39

# NOTES:

## **Upcoming Sermons:**

Next week we will be having a little "say so." Psalm 107 tells us that God's people, if they know and see what God has done, should "say so" in the midst of the congregation. We're going to give God thanks and praise for all that He has done among us.

## This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

#### Psalm 107:13-14

- <sup>13</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- <sup>14</sup> He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart.

### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along in our Daily Prayer Journal by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **Weekly Memory Verse** and our **Morning and Evening Psalm Reading**.

## **ARE YOU NEW HERE?**

#### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

#### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids** on **Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

#### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth.** You won't regret it!

#### **GIVING**

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets during service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

#### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv** 

#### JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

#### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our 9th - 12th graders stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact Casey Barnes at casey@lifemission.tv.

# VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

# MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

# STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's alory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

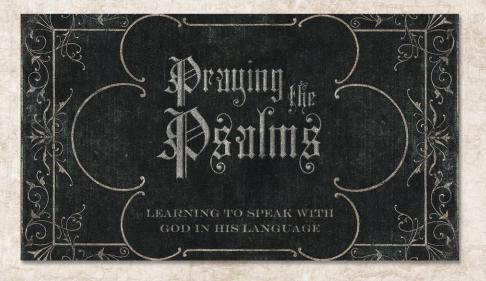
Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

- 1. Read Psalm 111. What stuck out to you from these set of verses or what did you take out of the sermon on Sunday?
- 2. After the past two Psalms sermons we heard, what was different about this one? How did Psalm 111 affect your worship and/or your faith in the One whom is faithful?
- 3. Read 2 Timothy 2:11-13, Romans 15:13 and Hebrews 10:19-23. What do these verses say about the promises of God? Remember a time in life that God remained faithful despite your faithlessness and share with one another.
- 4. Read Hebrews 6.13-19. In thinking about God's promise He made to Abraham, how does reminding yourself that God promises not just Abraham (and you), but actually promises Himself help to "convince" you, as Hebrews says, of your inheritance?
- 5. When you are in a place of discouragement or doubt, how can the reminder in prayer, such as, "Lord, You have promised Yourself to be with me and see me through and remain faithful to me," help you find God's strength to get through your trial, even when you are tempted to give in?
- 6. In reading verses 1-9 of Psalm 111 we see a whole lot of praise and we see that praise continue differently in verse 10. Reminding ourselves of who God is should bring us to a place of fear, humility and wonder. Now think and write down a time when God's wondrous works completely humbled you.
- 7. Read 1 Thessalonians 1 2-10. What happens when we, affected by the Gospel, declare the glory of God with belief in the Son? How does your life change and how does the lives of those around you change? And should they change?

Spend time as a group praying in the P.R.A.Y. model, which is modeled after the Lord's Prayer. Share with the group situations in your life that you need to be able to have honest and real prayer for.



Making Disciples Who Make Disciples Locally and Globally, Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.



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