

Part 4 – Holy and Reverend is His Name

In part 3 we learned of *another* one of our Heavenly Father's 'wonderful works' and, *specifically*, that which pertains to His grace and compassion. For, the Lord (YHVH) is always faithful to give us what we *need* (not want) IF we 'fear' Him, which does mean *fear* but also *reverent* (#3373). In other words, so long as we do 'our part' to keep our 'covenant' with Him, He'll be 'ever mindful' (always remember #5769, 2142) to keep (perform) 'His part' of the 'covenant' *with us*. Jesus taught us this too (in Matt 6:31-34) by pointing out that, so, as long as we *first* seek the kingdom of God (*and* His righteousness) then all the things we *need* will be furnished by our Heavenly Father. So, as long as we're trying to sincerely obey Him, He'll *always* provide for us. But, the 'deeper level' of this promise concerns what we *really* need (to live *eternally*), which is *the spiritual* food that can *only* come from our Heavenly Father, i.e. *the truth* (John 6:63). For Jesus is our spiritual 'bread' of life (John 6:48) and our spiritual 'living waters' that will sustain our soul (and spirit) forever (John 4:13-14; 6:35 7:37-39). So, as long as we continue to desire (hunger and thirst spiritually for) the truth (God's Word, John 17:17) then our Heavenly Father (via His Holy Spirit, John 6:63) will always help us to understand His Word (as we faithfully, and diligently, study it). And, thus, give us the knowledge, and wisdom (from His word) that *truly* satisfies the *spiritual* hunger, and thirst, of our inner man (Heb 5:12-14).

And then we learned how the Lord (YHVH) showed (manifested) His 'wonderful works, (that verses 2-5 spoke) to Israel when He brought them into the Promise Land. And, indeed, that was one of the *best* examples that proves (manifest) how He is truly able to perform that which He promises. And, in like manner, our Heavenly Father will *again* show (manifest) the power of His 'wonderful works' to His people during the 'great tribulation' (Mth 24:21). Not only through the 'two witnesses' but also through the Holy Spirit speaking through His other faithful servants. And *the purpose* (of God manifesting the power of His 'works') will be the same then, as it has *always* been: to show people that the Lord (YHVH) *truly is* the Supreme God (our Creator) and that we should worship Him *only* (Rev 14:7)! And we also learned that the 'inheritance' of those who *remain faithful* to the *true* God (and *true* Jesus Christ) at that time (during the 'great tribulation') will be receiving *eternal* life (the first resurrection) and being be allowed to *govern with* Jesus Christ in His righteous government (Rev 20:4-6; Phil 3:21; John 27:2).

And then we learned that, the actions of our Heavenly Father are *always* done with truth and justice, which is *why* they are *trustworthy*. And likewise, so are Laws, because all that the Lord (YHVH) does (and thinks) is done in righteousness, which is why He is the only 'God of truth'. So, our Heavenly Father's works are based upon truth and judgment, which is why Jesus said He doesn't judge like mankind does (after the flesh, i.e. with a carnal mind) but according to how our Heavenly Father judges, which is righteously (John 8:15-16). That's why Jesus told us to *judge not according to the appearance* (i.e. carnally), *but judge righteous judgment* (John 7:24). Therefore, as we *continue* to trust in (and obey) our Heavenly Father (no matter what happens to

us), He'll *always* help us through whatever comes our way (1 Cor 10:13) *because* trusting in the Lord (YHVH) is what gives us *everlasting* strength! So long as we don't forsake our Heavenly Father, He'll never forsake us...

Psalms 111

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

Now, this verse picks up with the thought of the prior verse (7) which stated that, *the works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure*. So, along with the Lord's works being done with truth, and justice (and His Laws being righteous) they also 'stand fast forever and ever'. The words '**stand fast**' here are a prim root that means **to prop, to lean upon or take hold of** (#5564). And the words '**for ever**' mean **a duration**, in the sense of **advance or perpetuity** (#5703), while the word '**ever**' means (in the context of this verse) **eternity** as well as **always** (#5769). So, the Lord's (YHVH's) works are *always* 'propped up' (in a moral sense) with 'truth and righteousness'. The word '**truth**' here is the same word rendered as 'verity' in the prior verse (7). So, it means **stability, certainty, truth** and **trustworthiness** (#571). And it comes from a prim root that means (figuratively) **to render (or be) firm or faithful, to trust or believe, to be permanent or quiet; and morally to be true or certain** (#539). And then the word '**uprightness**' is the *same* Hebrew word rendered as 'upright' back in verse 1. So, it simply means **straight** (#3477) but comes from a prim root that means **to be straight or even** and, figuratively, **to be (or, to make) right, pleasant, prosperous** (#3474).

This means that our Heavenly Father's Word is something we can (and should) *take hold of* (spiritually) *to prop us up* (morally). As Deut 32:4 says, our Heavenly Father a 'God of truth'. And that's because *His work is perfect, for all his ways are judgment*: and thus, He's also *without iniquity*, (He's always 'just and right') in all He does. And, of course, Jesus Christ is *also* all these things (Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5) *because* He IS God incarnated into a flesh body (John 1:1-4, 14, John 10:30, 14:8-11, Heb 1:1-6, Col 1:12-20, Col 2:8-11, 2 Cor 5:19, 2 Cor 4:4-6; 1 Tim 3:16; Isa 7:14, 9:6-7, 43:10-11, 45:21-22, 49:26, 60:16) as the study on **Two Separate People** explains [<https://t.me/BibleStudyGodsWord/460>]. Said another way, *because our Heavenly Father's works are all done in truth and uprightness, He's someone we can truly 'lean upon' to morally 'prop' us up*. For, just as a vine (or tomatoes) need to be 'staked up' in order to grow properly (and thus be productive), so too do we need to be morally 'staked up' (propped up by God's Word and Holy Spirit) so we can be productive too. And Jesus actually used the analogy of a **Vine** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/992>], in John 15, to explain this very concept. If we are not *spiritually* 'plugged into' Him (via faith in Jesus Christ and knowing His Word) then we cannot produce good *spiritual* fruit. For the only way we can do what's right is by *learning* God's Word (which is truth and uprightness). But we also need the Holy Spirit *within us* to help us learn *how* to do what's right in our everyday life. While the Law of God is *wonderful* to help us *learn* the difference between right from wrong, it cannot address

every situation we will find ourselves in throughout each day of our life. And that's *why* God gave us His Holy Spirit (via our *faith in* Jesus Christ and dedication to *obeying* Him). Because the Holy Spirit can (and will) help us learn *how to obey* our Heavenly Father, *even when* difficult situations (that the Law does not specifically address) arise. So, not only does the Holy Spirit help us to truly understand (and remember) God's Word (and Laws), He'll also help us learn to use righteous wisdom (and good judgment), even in the most difficult of situations.

Therefore, only when we are 'plugged into' Jesus Christ (the Vine) will we get the spiritual nourishment we need to produce *good* spiritual fruit. Yet, the Holy Spirit will also 'prop up' (steak up) our inner man (heart and mind) to the principles Jesus Christ taught (God's Word, John 7:16) which also helps us to remain upright in heart (i.e. not corrupted). Further, Deut 32:4 also says our Heavenly Father is our spiritual 'Rock', which means He's someone we can *truly* trust in, *and* rely on - just as when you build a house on a rock, your house won't ever fall (as Jesus taught Mth 7:24-27). So, we're given several good examples of why it's ever so important to keep our spiritual 'eyes' (heart and mind) upon God's Word, i.e. because His Word *is truth* and (along with the Holy Spirit) teaches us to be upright (i.e. how to do what's right, in any given situation). Peter also explains this really well...

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

*23 **Being born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.***

24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

*25 But **the word of the Lord endureth for ever.** And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.*

1 Peter 1:22-25

So, while our flesh bodies will eventually die, God's Word *endures forever*. And that's *why* we need God's Word *in our inner man* (heart and mind); for that's the *only* way we too can live forever. As Jesus said in John 6:63, ***It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*** So, this means that, the Word of God IS His Holy Spirit in written form! And it's the *only* thing that can give us eternal life; nothing of the flesh can do that, for as Jesus said (above) flesh profits *nothing*. It is Christ's Words (the Word of God) that give us life *because they are the truth* (John 17:17) that feeds us *spiritually*, forever! And, when we obey God's Word (the truth), our souls are also cleansed *because it changes our heart and mind* (spirit) into a 'new person' inside, which Paul calls the 'new man' in Eph 4:24, Col 3:10. And, as Paul explains in Rom 8:11, the Holy Spirit within us is what will give us *eternal life* when Jesus Christ returns (Phil 3:21; Rev 20:4-6). Therefore, *studying God's Word is well worth our time*. For it's truly the only thing that 'props us up'

(morally) so we can produce *good* spiritual fruit (learn to do what's right). And not only does this bring God's blessings to us *now*, it's also what will bring us blessings when we die (or, when Jesus returns; whichever comes first). As Rev 14:13 says, the only thing we can take with us when we die is our 'works' and we'd better hope they are *good* (i.e. works of *faith in God*)!

Psalms 111

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

Our Heavenly Father sent 'redemption' (deliverance, #6304) to His people (Israel) when He sent them Moses, whom He used to free Israel from Egyptian bondage (Ex 15:13; Deut 7:8). And when they came to Mount Sinai, our Heavenly Father did 'command' (constitute, enjoin, #6680) a national 'covenant' (compact, #1285) with them, which they were to keep 'forever' (always, #5769). However, Israel *broke* that covenant (Jer 31:32), which is why He then (*many* years later) sent the Messiah (Jesus Christ) to (again) redeem (deliver, #6034) His people *and* make a 'New Covenant' with them, as He prophesied through the prophet Jeremiah (Jer 31:33). This Covenant was not based merely on Israel *obeying* God's Laws, but actually 'writing' His righteous Laws (that stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and righteousness, verse 8) *into their hearts* (Jer 31:31-33), so they wouldn't become rebellious (corrupted) *again* - as happened to Israel after the *first* covenant was made (Ex 32:7; Jud 2:19; Isa 1; Hosea 9:9; Zeph 3:7; Mal 2:8, etc.).

Thus, the redemption (deliverance), and giving of the Law (making a covenant), via Moses, was merely a 'type' of *what was to come*. And that's why this verse is clearly prophesying of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, *in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace* (Eph 1:8). And we can discern this is prophetic of the Messiah (Jesus Christ) *because* the first part of this verse was quoted in the New Testament, when speaking of the Messiah. To 'set the stage' a bit, in the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, we are told how the angel, Gabriel, appeared to the priest Zacharias. And he told Zacharias that he would have a child with his wife, Elisabeth, who had formerly been barren. But, because Zacharias doubted this news (for he and his wife were very old) and asked for a 'sign'... well, Gabriel gave him a sign all right – he made Zacharias unable to speak ('dumb')! That is, until John (the Baptist) was born. And after the Lord (YHVH) loosed Zacharias' tongue, the Holy Spirit then had this to say...

67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,
68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; **for he hath visited and redeemed his people,**
69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;
70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:
71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;
73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, [Gen 12:3, Gen 22:18, Gen 26:4, Gen 28:14]
74 That he would grant unto us, that we **being delivered** out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,
75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life
76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,
78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,
79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Luke 1:67-79

Therefore, the *true* redemption this precious verse looks forward to, is the redemption Israel would receive *through Jesus Christ*. But, the wonderful thing about this is that, this redemption (that Jesus Christ brings) is not given to Israel *alone*. No, it is given to ‘whomsoever’ believes in Jesus Christ – no matter what race (or gender) they are (Gal 3:13-14; Rom 3:23-26; 1 Cor 1:29-31; Eph 1:6-7; Col 1:12-15; Heb 9:11-15, etc.)!

Now then, this verse 9 (here in Ps 111) ends with a solemn statement of “*holy and reverend is his name*”. The word ‘**holy**’ here means *sacred* (ceremonially or morally) (#6918) and comes from a prim root that means *to be (make, pronounce or observe as) clean* (ceremonially or morally) (#6942). And then the word ‘**reverend**’ means *to fear* (as in be afraid of) but can also mean to *revere* (#3372). And truly, both senses of the word ‘fear’ are applicable here. We *should* fear the Lord (YHVH) in the sense that we *fear to disobey Him because* that’s what causes us (motivates us) to ‘depart from evil’ (Prov 16:16). But, we should most certainly also fear Him in the sense that we have a *profound* respect for Him. After all, He is our Creator (Ezek 18:4; Rev 4:11, etc.)! And then the word ‘**name**’ here means *an appellation, as a mark, or memorial, of individuality*. However, by implication, it can also mean *honor, authority or character* (#8034). So, our Heavenly Father’s ‘name’ (honor, authority and character) truly is ‘holy’ (clean, as in totally righteous) and reverend (worthy to be revered and we should be afraid to disobey Him). And the fact that the Psalmist adds this thought to this verse – after speaking of how God sent redemption to His people (saves us) and given us His covenant forever (to teach us how to do what’s right) – teaches us the importance of striving to earnestly obey the Lord (YHVH), from the heart, once we have received the blessed redemption via our faith in Jesus’ atoning blood. In fact, those who truly do (from the heart) accept God’s redemption (via Jesus Christ) **will** earnestly strive to obey Him *as well as* have great respect for Him; and they will also greatly fear to disobey Him too!

And let us *never* forget the reasons our Heavenly Father *deserves* our faithful (*and willing*) obedience, as well as our *profound* respect (reverence). As the former verses in this great Psalm

explain, our Heavenly Father is not only gracious and full of compassion, He also blesses us with things we need to sustain ourselves (physically and spiritually). And further, He *always* treats us right, for He (and His Word) are full of truth and uprightness (moral correctness, not political correctness). So, He'll never let us down. And when we fall short (as we all do, Rom 3:23), when we sincerely repent (and earnestly strive to do better) He'll not only forgive us but help us learn (and be able) to do better via the strength, and understanding, His Holy Spirit gives to our inner man (Eph 3:16-20). As Eph 3:20 says, through Jesus Christ within us, our Heavenly Father is *able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us*. That 'power' that 'worketh in us' IS the Holy Spirit of God. So, once you have 'tasted' (spiritually speaking) how gracious the Lord is (1 Peter 2:3) one cannot help but to give great honor, and respect, to our Heavenly Father (i.e. revere His holy name *and* character). After all, while mankind will always let us down (eventually) our Heavenly Father never will, for He is *the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever* (Heb 13:8) because there is no variableness, *neither shadow of turning within Him* (James 1:17) ...

Psalm 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.

Now, the word '**fear**' here is similar to the word 'reverend' in the prior verse and, essentially, means the same thing, i.e. *to fear* or *morally reverence* (#3374). And the word '**Lord**' is again God's sacred (and covenantal) name **Yehovah** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>] which means (the) *self-Existent* or *Eternal* (#3068). Thus, His name *reveals* that our Heavenly Father (Yehovah) is the *only* one who has *always* existed and *always* will, which is why He is *eternal* (Rev 1:8, 4:9, 11:17, 16:5, 22:13). And the word '**beginning**' here means *the first, in place, time, order or rank* (specifically, a firstfruit) (#7225) while the word '**wisdom**' does mean *wisdom, in a good sense* (#2451). And it comes from a prim root that means *to be wise* (*in mind, word or act*) (#2449). As James 3:14-18 tells us, there is a bad kind of wisdom which is *earthly, sensual, devilish* and *comes not from above* (i.e. not from God Almighty, but from Satan). That kind of 'wisdom' only produces *confusion and every evil work* (vs 16). But the wisdom this Psalm is speaking of, is wisdom that is 'from above' (from our Heavenly Father) - and *it is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy* (vs 17). Therefore, 'good' wisdom (that only comes from God Almighty) produces the 'fruit of righteousness' (vs 18). And the book of Proverbs has much to say about 'wisdom' from the Lord (YHVH). For example, Prov 1:7 also tells us that *the fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction*. And chapter 3 tells us...

13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

15 *She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.*
16 *Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.*
17 *Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.*
18 *She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.*
19 *The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.*
20 *By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.*
21 *My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: **keep sound wisdom and discretion**:*
22 ***So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.***
23 *Then shalt thou **walk in thy way safely**, and **thy foot shall not stumble**.*
24 *When thou liest down, **thou shalt not be afraid**: yea, thou shalt lie down, and **thy sleep shall be sweet**.*
25 *Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.*
26 ***For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.***
Prov 3:13-26

As you can see, God's 'wisdom' (given to us in His written Word) is *more* precious than all the riches in this world. For it's the only thing that can truly make us happy, *because* using God's wisdom helps us to avoid *many* troubles. Further, when we have God's wisdom, we'll also have *peace in mind* because we learn to *trust in* our Heavenly Father, who will not allow our 'foot' to be taken in any traps that the wicked people put in front of us (spiritually or physically). So, there's *many* benefits from obtaining God's wisdom; we just have to be diligent (and earnest) enough to 'dig it out' of God's Word as we *study it each day*. Further, the *Companion Bible* also has an enlightening note, pointing out how this verse does not say that fearing the Lord (YHVH) is wisdom itself, but *only the beginning*! Meaning, once you *begin* to learn to 'fear' (and respect) our Heavenly Father (His Son and His Word) then you are *beginning* to learn what true wisdom (that brings eternal life) really is. As Jesus Himself said, *this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent* (John 17:3). God's Word *does* teach us *who* our Heavenly Father (YHVH) is *and why* He sent us Jesus Christ. Further, our Heavenly Father (via His Word and Holy Spirit) teaches us in 'the way' (John 14:6) of life, i.e. He leads us to eternal life (Ps 16:11). And He uses His wisdom (from His Word) to do so!

Now, this last (10th) verse (in Ps 111) also tells us that ***a good understanding have all they that do his commandments***. The word 'good' here does indeed mean *good* (#2896) and the word 'understanding' means *intelligence* or, by implication, *success* (#7922). And the word 'do' here means *to do* or *make* (#6213) while the word 'commandments' is *not actually in the original manuscripts* (#9999). The translators added it because it is *inferred* from what this Psalm has been speaking about. So, those who strive to actually obey our Heavenly Father will be smart and successful. And 'success' is not defined by the world (i.e. riches), but by God's Word! So, it

is referring to being *spiritually* ‘fruitful’, as Jesus referred to in John 15:4-5. However, that’s not to say that you won’t have any material goods. Our Heavenly Father *does* give those to some people; but, it’s mostly to those who know how to *wisely* manage their money (and other assets) *and* use it to help His children (Ps 112:5; 1 Tim 6:17-19) *instead of* blowing it on their carnal lusts (James 4:2-3).

Now, there’s something in this phrase (*a good understanding have all they that do his commandments*) that we shouldn’t overlook. Did you catch it? It says those who have a good understanding (intelligence and success) are those that actually **DO**... and ‘His commandment’s are inferred here, from verse 7. In the Old Testament, our Heavenly Father told us we should keep His Commandments and DO them (Lev 22:31) and He would show us mercy when we fall short and sin, upon repentance of course (Ex 20:6). And, in the New Testament, Jesus told us that IF we truly love Him, we will ‘keep’ His Commandments (John 14:15), which means His Words. And, if we do this, our Heavenly Father *will* love us, and the Holy Spirit *will* abide within us (John 14:23; John 15:10). So, actually obeying (from the heart) is a vital part of truly loving our Heavenly Father. In other words, God’s ‘love language’ is obedience! And that really shouldn’t be hard to understand. If someone you love is constantly doing things to hurt you, and you ask them to stop, but they do not... do you really think they love you? Love is more than just a feeling. Rom 13:10 tells us it’s *obeying* God’s Word. So, if we don’t actually strive (from the heart) to obey our Heavenly Father, then we simply don’t love Him *and* we certainly don’t have any ‘good understanding’ (intelligence) *nor* will we be truly successful, *nor* have peace of mind.

And, as James warned us, if we don’t actually DO God’s Word (obey Him, from the heart) we’re only deceiving ourself. That means we are *not deceiving God* and He won’t bless us for our disobedience (James 1:22-25). And in the second chapter, James puts for the one of the best explanations why, **if** we truly love (and have faith in) our Heavenly Father (and Jesus Christ) then we **will** produce good ‘fruit’ (works) *because true* faith always produces good works. Lack of faith can bring forth *fake* works but the fruit from that is pretty rotten. True faith in God’s Word will always produce true (and good) works for our Heavenly Father. As James 2:18 says: *Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.* And he sums it up really well (in vs 26) when stating, *as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also*. But James wasn’t the only one who taught us this. Jesus did to. In Matt 12:46-50 Jesus said He considered those who actually DO the will of His Father (God Almighty) to be His *true* (spiritual) family. And, in an earlier chapter, He also warned us...

*21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.***

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

24 *Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and **doeth them**, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: [Deut 32:4; 1 Cor 10:4]*

25 *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; **and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.***

26 *And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, **and doeth them not**, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house **upon the sand**:*

27 *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; **and it fell: and great was the fall of it.***

Matt 7:21-27

So again, we see the *great* importance of striving to obey God's Word (earnestly). For, if we don't actually learn God's Word *and then put it into practice* into our own life (i.e. trying hard to obey it, *from the heart*) we really are *not serious about serving our Heavenly Father*. That's why those who don't obey Jesus (i.e. the Word of God, John 1:1,14) are likened to someone who put his house (heart and mind) upon the sand (ways of the world) - they *will* fall to sin *because* they cannot discern what's right versus what's wrong. That's why Jesus will tell those who do not obey Him *to get away from Him because* He 'never knew them'! *Why* didn't He know them? *Because they were 'workers of iniquity' not 'workers (doers) of righteousness'*! And, we could go on and on, for there's *many* Scriptures that explain the importance of actually striving hard, from the heart, to do what's right (ex: John 3:19-21; Col 3:23-25; 1 John 2:15-17, 29, 3:7-11; 3 John 11). And, of course, we cannot *fake* 'works of faith' because 'works' without true faith (in God's Word) simply cannot produce the 'good fruit' of righteousness! (Mth 7:15-20)

Lastly, this 10th (and last) verse (here in Ps 111) ends with: ***His praise endureth for ever***. The word '**praise**' means *a hymn* or a *laudation* (high praise) (#8416). And the word '**enduerth**' means *to stand* (#5975) while the words '**for ever**' mean *perpetuity* (#5703). So, because our Heavenly Father endures forever, so will His praise! ... which (recall) is actually how this Psalm began (Praise Ye the Lord, i.e. Hallelujah). So, from the beginning - to the end - of this Psalm, we have learned of some of (the many) '*wonderful works*' that our Heavenly Father was, is, and *will forever* be praised for. For, just as His 'works' (and ways) are always righteous and holy (clean) (Ps 145:17), so is He! And that is why He'll forever be praised and also, why we can forever trust in Him...

4 *But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,*

5 *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, **but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;***

6 *Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;*

7 *That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

8 *This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that **they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works**. These things are good and profitable unto men.*

9 *But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.*

Titus 3:4-9

3 *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, **whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee**.*

4 ***Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength**:*

Isa 26:3-9

AMEN.