

# Psalms 111 & 112

## The ABC's of "Our Generous God Creates Generous People"

These two companion psalms are both acrostic psalms, the lines of which begin with the successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

Psalm 111 describes our Generous God. Psalm 112 describes the Generous People created by our Generous God.

Psalm 111	Commentary	Psalm 112
Praise the LORD.	Praise the LORD for who He is! Praise the LORD for whom He makes you!	Praise the LORD.
I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.	The LORD is worthy of praise! The LORD finds us "praiseworthy."	Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands.
Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.	The LORD's works are great. The works of the LORD's people are great.	Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.	The LORD's righteousness and ours endures forever!	Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.	The LORD and his people are gracious and compassionate.	Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.
He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.	The LORD provides for us and his people provide for others.	Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.
He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.	The LORD is powerful and makes his people secure (powerful).	Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.
The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.	The LORD's word is trustworthy and his people trust that word.	They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.	The LORD's promises are secure and his people's hearts are secure.	Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever— holy and awesome is his name.	The LORD has given the great gift of of his covenant that last forever. His people give gifts that will be remembered forever.	They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn <sup>[c]</sup> will be lifted high in honor.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.	The key to life is the fear or awe of the LORD. Those who don't have it have nothing.	The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.