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A *Pickles* cartoon by Brian Crane shows an older gentleman named Earl hunched over a typewriter. When his wife, Opal, asks him what he's doing, he responds that he's writing a memoir and thus passing on "the wisdom that I've acquired over my long lifetime." A bit skeptical, Opal asks how long this might take. Just then, he proclaims "All done!" "Wow," she observes, "almost a whole page!"

Psalm 111:10 expresses wholehearted praise founded on the fear of the LORD. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts will have good understanding. To him belong eternal praise."

Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

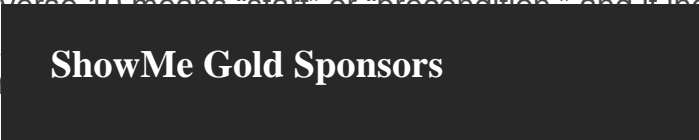
PSALM 111:2

We praise God for His attributes. He's glorious, majestic, and eternal, as well as righteous, gracious, and compassionate (vv. 3–4). He's also faithful, just, trustworthy, and upright (vv. 7–8). He is further to be praised for His deeds, especially in Israel's history. He powerfully freed them from slavery and brought them to a new land. He miraculously provided food (manna) along the way. He remembers His covenant, even when His people forget and disrespect it (vv. 5–6). The bottom line: "Holy and awesome is his name" (v. 9).

How should we respond? We should praise and worship our God! These truths should delight us and inspire awe-filled gratitude. We should continually ponder them and marvel at God's greatness (v. 2). This is how we learn the fear of the Lord, grow in godly wisdom, and can

begin to seek His glory as our life's purpose."FAITH MATTERS"

The word “beginning” in verse 10 means “start” or “precondition,” and it indicates that tenacious commitment and a firm foundation are essential. The translation renders this word “foundation,” also in



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Where are you in your journey to wisdom? One way to find out is to make a list of God’s attributes that you especially praise Him for and of things He’s done for you that you’re especially thankful for.

Pray with Us: How do we grow in wisdom? Praise and worship our God, says Psalm 111. Lord Jesus, give us every day the desire to pray, to ponder Your truths, to study Your Word, to marvel at Your greatness, and to seek Your glory. Increase our faith!

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