

Read Psalm 111 and Psalm 111:2

If these psalms are about praising God and they are so important, why are they near the back of the book of psalms?

a) They are part of the fifth book of the psalms, as this fifth book is all about preparing us to lead the type of life God wants us to live.

i) Both Deuteronomy and this fifth book of psalms teach us how to live the type of life God wants us to live. Instead of giving us a list of "do this and don't do that", these specific psalms teach us that if we focus on praising God, it will lead the type of life that God desires of us. Obviously, there is more to it than that, or else we would just have one short psalm telling us just to praise God.

b) In summary, praising God is what we should do to be obedient. The concept of praise and obedience are intertwined and that is why these psalms are here.

What comes to mind when you see the words below? Are these words speaking to us as possible characteristics we should possess?

Commitment, Happiness, Optimism, Thanksgiving, Understanding

Verse 5

Generosity will cure problems that money can cause or create. One who is rich and has no generosity may abuse others in order to create their gain and fulfill their desire to accumulate wealth. Generosity will eliminate that abuse. With the rich there is a fear of losing the wealth. One becomes fearful of giving to others because they do not trust God to replenish or repay them for their generosity. God wants us to trust God and not our money.

The person with generosity has no fear because of their trust in God. If any person scatters some of their wealth around to God's church that it may prosper and grow to the poor that they may eat and be clothed and to widows and children that they know they are of concern, God's righteousness will endure forever, and they will gain honor.

Generosity (**Talents, Time, and Tithes**)

As a wrap up for this lesson of tying together the whole concept of praising God and what that does for our lives. Hopefully, this closing prayer will assist us.

Closing prayer: God, we praise You because You do watch over our lives and guide them to make a difference for You. We can't explain all the things that happen in our world.

We just know that we trust in You and praise You for how You do work in our lives. Now guide us as You desire us to live and help us to do Your will and live to make a difference for You. We ask this in Jesus name, Amen.