

"A Thanksgiving Hymn"

Text: Psalm 111

Scripture reading: Colossians 1:1-12

I. The passion in praise - vv. 1-3

A) A grateful heart - vs. 1a

B) A grateful people - vs. 1b

C) A grateful study - vv. 2-3

II. The provisions of praise - vv. 4-8 (Job 1:20-21)

A) The history of worship - vs. 4

B) The benevolence of God - vv. 5-6

C) The honor in hardships - vv. 7-8

III. The preparations for praise - vv. 9-10

A) Prepared by redemption - vs. 9

B) Prepared in reverence - vs. 10a (Jas. 3:13-18)

C) Prepared by revelation - vs. 10b (Ps. 73:17, 24, 28)

"Let us study with care and admire with heartiness the grace and compassion of God. There is not a day of our lives that does not demand of us some pious notice of the divine kindness, in sparing, and pardoning, and restoring, and preserving us when we have deserved to be utterly destroyed."

William Plumer - Pastor and theologian (1802-1880)

Sermon quotes:

I. The passion of praise - vv. 1-3

Unger's Bible Dictionary,

Hallelujah = "...*a common form of adoration and thanksgiving in Jewish worship.*"

B) A grateful people - vs. 1b

John Calvin; on the worshiper of God,

"He very properly begins with heart-praise, because it is much better to praise in secret, and when no one is conscious of it, than to lift up our voice, and shout forth His praises with feigned lips."