

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Psalms 111:2 ESV

In my daily Bible reading plan, Psalm 111 was on the list for yesterday. It is one of my favorites, probably because of verse 2 (above) that clearly encourages believers to worship our Lord through the study of the works of our God. One part of God's works is his physical creation and, as a scientist, my enjoyment of the study of physics inevitably becomes worship. The depth of the wisdom of God in how he built the natural laws is staggering, humbling, and beautiful. Of course, his works go far beyond the physical creation, and all those works are worthy of being studied by us.

I can't say it better than Charles Spurgeon, so I leave you with an extend quote from his magnificent "Treasury of David" on this verse:

Those who love their Maker delight in his handiwork, they perceive that there is more in them than appears upon the surface, and therefore they bend their minds to study and understand them. The devout naturalist ransacks nature, the earnest student of history pries into hidden facts and dark stories, and the man of God digs into the mines of Scripture, and hoards up each grain of its golden truth. God's works are worthy of our researches, they yield us instruction and pleasure wonderfully blended, and they grow upon, appearing to be far greater, after investigation than before. Men's works are noble from a distance; God's works are great when sought out. Delitzsch reads the passage, "Worthy of being sought after in all their purposes," and this also is a grand truth, for the end and design which God hath in all that he makes or does is equally admirable with the work itself. The hidden wisdom of God is the most marvellous part of his works, and hence those who do not look below the surface miss the best part of what he would teach us. Because the works are great they cannot be seen all at once, but must be looked into with care, and this seeking out is of essential service to us by educating our faculties, and strengthening our spiritual eye gradually to bear the light of the divine glory. It is well for us that all things cannot be seen at a glance, for the search into their mysteries is as useful to us as the knowledge which we thereby attain. The history of the Lord's dealings with his people is especially a fit subject for the meditation of reverent minds who find therein a sweet solace, and a never failing source of delight.

I pray that today you can engage your mind to study the works of our loving God and that it will bring you to praise!

Delighting in our Lord,
Pastor Aaron