

Introduction to series (week 5)

- There is more, we are less quote
- Work is changing in our day, no idea where it is going
- review of series and connection to teachers (thank a teacher)

Context and Psalm 111: Wisdom

1. Wisdom invites Learning

A fundamental starting points of this series is to see God as a worker – not just Genesis 1, but in Psalms: “Works” (image on screen)

- a. Works are worth studying (God in history and God in creation) – I learned the Hebrew word used can mean God’s deeds and the things He has made (heavens & earth)
 - b. America believes this, largely an inheritance of Christian influence (Univ.), Marsden – soul of American Universtiy.
 - c. Cavendish Laboratory Ex.
 - d. Discover Grain of universe, newspaper ex.
 - e. End section on learning by talking about how difficult it can be to truly learn
- ### 2. Wisdom reflects Eternity – see our challenges in light of something bigger than this moment, bigger than this generation
- f. He remembers His covenant forever (2x)
 - g. He provided redemption for his people (:9)
 - i. Show the photos of the Jesus mosaic as the transition to the last point (commercial for our Lakelight classes)
- ### 3. Wisdom begins with Fear of the Lord
- j. Fear of the Lord - explained
 - k. Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Ps 90:
 - l. Talk about how fear can have the double side – how amazing it can be to learn that God truly cares about your work, but then realize God cares about work. Daunting.

I have been trying to give hints the whole way: what can inspire us with wonder to learn, but humble us on the way? What can help us keep an eternal perspective, but not give up on today’s tasks in light of that? What can help us truly fear God, with all the right meanings of that phrase?

4. Wisdom is Foolish.– beyond a face to a cross.

- a. I Cor 1. – foolishness to Greeks
- b. Col 2 – all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ

c. There is more and we are less. We need something more.

Read: Closing prayer for school Teachers