

## A POEM CELEBRATING GOD'S FOREVERNESS

Psalm 111:1–10

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a theologian who grew up during WWI. His older brother was killed in battle and his mother was irreparably shocked by the loss. Fear and morbidity filled their home. To cope with those years, Dietrich, along with his twin sister, Sabine, would put themselves to sleep each night thinking about heaven, repeating into the darkness a single word: *eternity*. They wanted to make it their only thought as they fell asleep. When he turned twelve and was given his own room, Dietrich would lie in his bed and tap the wall that separated the twins. It was his signal to his sister that meant, “Think of God. Lift your mind to heaven. Think of eternity.” We too face much in our present world that can break our hearts, cause us fear, and steal our sleep. But Psalm 111 knocks on the bedroom wall of our lives and reminds God’s people to think of God, to lift our minds to heaven, and to think of eternity.

### EXPLORING the Foreverness of God

His character is *eternal* vv. 3, 4, 9

His works are *everlasting* vv. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9

His words are *unchanging* vv. 5–6, 7–9

### RESPONDING to the Foreverness of God

We *thank* him v. 1

We *explore* him vv. 2, 10

We *praise* him vv. 1, 10

## **THE PSALMS: SONGS *FROM* GOD AND *TO* GOD**

Oakridge Bible Chapel

Winter/Spring 2024

January 7	A Psalm of Personal Lamentation (3:1–8)
January 14	A Psalm of Divine Protection (27:1–14)
January 21	A Psalm of Humble Thanksgiving (30:1–12)
January 28	A Psalm of Messianic Expectation (45:1–17)
February 4	A Psalm of Desperate Repentance (51:1–19)
February 18	A Psalm of Communal Restoration (85:1–13)
February 25	A Psalm of Celebratory Anticipation (96:1–13)
March 3	A Psalm of Messianic Instalment (110:1–7)
March 10	A Psalm of Eternal Praise (111:1–10)
March 17	A Psalm of God’s Wisdom (119:1–8)
April 7	A Psalm of Desired Peace (122:1–9)
April 14	A Psalm of Communal Thanksgiving (136:1–26)
April 21	A Psalm of Covenantal Cursing (137:1–7)
May 5	A Psalm of Lifelong Worship (146:1–10)