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THE RESULT OF REVERENT FEAR

Psalm 111:10 says, ***“The fear of the LORD [Jehovah] is the beginning of wisdom. A good understanding have all they that do his commandments. His praise endureth for ever.”***

The word “commandments” here is not in the original Hebrew text at all. It was added later by others. The true sense of this part is not referring to the legalistic commandments of the Law. It really refers to obedience or compliance to the heart of the Father.

The Amplified Version gives a clearer revelation of the meaning of verse 10 as it says, ***“The [reverent] fear of the LORD is the beginning [the prerequisite, and the absolute essential, the alphabet] of wisdom. A good understanding and a teachable heart are possessed by all those who do the will of the LORD; His praise endures forever.”***

It begins with our heart in reverence, respect, honor of a heart [our spirit] that desires God in one’s life. All wisdom comes from God to us. Wisdom brings understanding. Our enduring praise to Him opens the pathway of wisdom and understanding from Him.

It begins with fear. This fear is not a negative feeling, nor a kind of dread. It is an awesome reverence, the highest respect, the high admiration for an Almighty Holy Supreme being. As we hold Him in this high regard [reverentially], He reveals Himself to us more intimately. This is where wisdom and understanding for living comes from. And we eternally praise Him for it.