



Psalm 112: The Fear of the Lord
Lesson 3: Psalm 112:3, 4

1. Introduction and review

Psalm 112:1-10

This Psalm can be *for* everyone, but it is not written *to* everyone.

Who would not want these promises?

Everyone would like to have these promises. However, these promises are not just for anyone who picks up their Bible and claims them.

The promises listed in verses 2-10 are ignited in a person's life by verse one.

Psalm 112:1

Two things cause the man to be blessed and receive all the promises included in this chapter.

- _____
- _____

Definition of BLESSED:

- Happy
- _____
- To be level; to be right
- _____

Many Christians do not understand that God wants them to be blessed.

How do we know this? – We know this because Psalm 112 gives us instructions on how to have a blessed life.

He wants you to be blessed. If He did not want you to be blessed, all He would have to do is keep this knowledge to Himself.

Definition of FEAR OF THE LORD: _____

You make a choice to bring this into your life.

You can decide to reject this idea. You can say, “That is nice, but I’m going to live my life my way.”

It is a dangerous way to live.

Other people live this way – God has one room in their house. They run to that room whenever they get into trouble.

Other people will say, “I can live whatever way I want to live, and God loves me anyway!”

That is true. The Bible says that when you were a sinner God loved you.

IMPORTANT! – Psalm 112 is not about getting God to love you. It is about living the blessed life.

Definition of DELIGHTS GREATLY IN HIS COMMANDMENTS:

Definition of DELIGHTS:

- Has vehement pleasure
- _____
- Willing to bend

It is possible to hear the Word of God and have a hard heart.

Someone like that says, “I know what the Bible teaches, but this is what I think.”

Psalm 112:2

The first blessing listed is - His descendants will be mighty on earth

The second blessing listed is - The generation of the upright will be blessed.

2. Wealth and riches

Psalm 112:3

The next blessing listed is – Wealth and riches will be in his house.

Whose house? – _____

What caused the man to be blessed?

- He fears the Lord.
- He delights greatly in His commandments.

Definition of WEALTH:

- _____
- _____
- Power
- Force
- Goods
- _____
- Substance
- _____

Definition of RICHES: Accumulation

Definition of HOUSE: _____

3. Righteousness

Psalm 112:3

The next blessing is – His righteousness endures forever

Whose righteousness? – The blessed man

What caused the man to be blessed?

- He fears the Lord.
- He delights greatly in His commandments.

Definition of RIGHTEOUSNESS:

- _____
- Prosperity
- _____
- Virtue

What exactly does this mean? How can my righteousness endure forever?

Look at the people in the Bible whose righteousness still stands to this day:

- Joseph's righteousness stands to this day.
- Nehemiah's righteousness stands to this day.
- Abraham's righteousness stands to this day.
- Elijah's righteousness stands to this day.
- Peter's righteousness stands to this day.
- James' righteousness stands to this day.
- John's righteousness stands to this day.

These were just people living their lives. They never thought that we would be studying them thousands of years later.

If you fear the Lord and delight greatly in His commandments your life will speak to generations after you are gone!

You think you are just living right for your own benefit. But God says if you live right, you will affect generations after you.

4. Light in the darkness

Psalm 112:4

The next blessing is – Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness

Who are the upright? – _____

Who are the blessed? – Those who fear God and delight greatly in His commandments.

What happens to them? – _____

Definition of ARISES: This is the same word used to describe the sun when it comes up in the morning.

It does not matter how dark it is, because as soon as the sun breaks the horizon the darkness leaves.

As a matter of fact, darkness is not an entity in itself. Darkness exists only because there is an absence of light.

Darkness has no power. Light has power.

Definition of LIGHT:

- Illumination
- Happiness
- _____

Definition of DARKNESS:

- Misery
- _____
- Death
- _____
- Sorrow
- Chaos

What is God saying?

When a blessed man finds himself in a place of misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow, or chaos he can be sure that illumination, happiness, and order will come out of it.