



Psalm 112: The Fear of the Lord

Lesson 4: Psalm 112:4, 5

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
- His life is going forward
- _____
- _____
- Prosperous

Definition of FEAR THE LORD: To live your life with a deep and reverential sense of accountability to God.

Definition of DELIGHTS:

- Has vehement pleasure
- _____
- Willing to bend

We have already looked at the blessing in verses two and three. We also looked at the first part of verse four which tells us that the blessed man experiences light arising in the darkness.

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.

2. A shift in the Psalm

Psalm 112:4

The next part of verse four says – He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Up until this point, Psalm 112 has been talking about the blessed man. Now, for some reason, the Psalm makes a shift and begins talking about God.

Why does this happen? – It will make sense to you when you discover what some of the words mean.

Definition of GRACIOUS: _____

Definition of FULL OF COMPASSION: Full of love and mercy

Definition of RIGHTEOUS: _____

The Lord shows us kindness and favor. He is full of love and mercy. He always does the right thing.

Why does verse four talk about the Lord like this?

Answer: When you read this Psalm it becomes overwhelming. The more you understand it the more you cannot comprehend it with your brain. The Psalmist takes a break and says, “Remember all of these blessings are possible because the Lord shows kindness and favor, is full of love and mercy, and always does the right thing.”

3. The blessed man is a good man.

Psalm 112:5

The next blessing is – A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion.

A good man – What makes a man good?

Answer – He is blessed

What makes him blessed?

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

Definition of GOOD:

- _____
- Better
- Bountiful
- _____
- Joyful
- _____

These words describe the blessed man.

4. He deals graciously.

Definition of DEALS GRACIOUSLY: _____

This man will speak kindness and favor. His life will declare kindness and favor.

When you think of this man, you will think, “He is a kind man and shows favor to other people.”

But the word “deals” does not just mean “declares”. It also means “lives it”.

Why does it mean both these things? - It is easy to “talk the talk” but not “walk the walk”.

5. He unites people.

What does this verse say about this good man who declares and lives a life of kindness and favor? – He lends.

Definition of LENDS: _____

A good man (the blessed man, the man who fears the Lord and delights greatly in His commandments) has fruit to his life. His fruit is that he declares and lives a life of kindness and favor. The other fruit of his life is that this good man is going to create unity with people, not cause division.

Do you see how this works? – If you live a life of kindness and favor you will cause unity. It will naturally happen.

When you want your own way, are unkind, and do not give preference to other people you cause division.

6. He guides his affairs with discretion.

Guide his affairs with discretion – What does that mean?

All of us have affairs in our lives. We all have things we have to do. We all have responsibilities.

We all of choices we must make. We need to know many times what to do and when to do it.

We know that we could make the wrong choice that could mess up our lives. When we make the wrong choices in life it is because our affairs were not guided by discretion.

Definition of DISCRETION: _____

The blessed man is making the right choices because he is guiding his affairs by divine law.

How did he learn that divine law?

Answer – Because he is doing two things.

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

Do you remember one of the definitions of the word “commandments”? One of the definitions is “laws”.

How did he learn those laws that he is guiding his decisions by?

Answer: _____

When the time comes for the blessed man to make an important decision, he knows the law that he has been delighting in, so that law guides him in his choice.

Because he makes his decisions based on the law he is blessed. Because he allowed the law to guide him and make the right choices he is happy, prosperous, going forward, upright, strong, showing favor, and bringing unity.

Definition of AFFAIRS:

- _____
- Manners
- Things
- _____
- Answers
- _____
- Communications
- Judgments
- _____
- Questions
- Provisions
- _____

7. The life of a blessed man

Taking what we have learned so far, let's follow the life of a blessed man.

- He has been delighting himself in the law of God.
- He must make a decision.
- When he makes a decision, he makes it based on the divine law that he knows.

- When he gives an answer to someone, he does it based on the divine law that he knows.
- As he communicates, he does it based on the divine law that he knows.
- Before he makes a promise, he makes sure it lines up with the divine law that he knows.
- As he gathers provision for his life, he does it in the light of the divine law that he knows.
- As he sets out the purpose for his life, he does it in the light of the divine law that he knows.

It is possible to be someone who fears God but does not delight himself greatly in the commandments of God.

It is possible to fear God but not be soft and pliable when the Word of God comes.

On the other hand, it is possible to be someone who can quote chapters and verses out of the Bible, but their lives are not right.

They know the Word of God, but they don't fear Him.

That is why God put two hinges on the door!