

# **A GOD-FEARING MAN**

## **Psalm 112**

**Tonight we'll look at some of the qualities of the God-fearing.**

### **I. THE CHARACTER OF THE RIGHTEOUS** (1)

#### **A. HE FEARS THE LORD**

1. He stands in reverent awe of God
2. And he bows in humble adoration
3. Wisdom begins with reverence - Ps.111:10

#### **B. HE DELIGHTS IN GOD'S COMMANDS**

1. Some delight in the promises of God but not the precepts
2. This is a willing and prompt response
3. He greatly delights!

### **II. THE BLESSINGS OF THE RIGHTEOUS** (2-9)

#### **A. HE IS PROSPEROUS** (2-3)

1. Physical Prosperity (2)
2. Material Wealth (3a)
3. Spiritual Wealth (3b)
4. Exp: Lot's contrast > Losing everything!

#### **B. HE IS HOPEFUL** (4a)

1. Light arises in darkness
2. Dawn is a special blessing for those who've gone through a difficult night
3. Others are hopeful also - See Micah 7:8 and II Cor. 4:6-12

#### **C. HE IS WISE** (4b-5)

1. By his compassion
2. With his cash
3. In his conduct
  - "He conducts his affairs with justice" (ESV & NIV)
  - a. Dependable integrity - See Gen. 39:10 and I Sam. 18:12-14
  - b. Balanced attention

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## D. HE IS CONFIDENT (6-8)

1. Unshaken (6a)
2. Remembered (6b)
3. Unafraid (7a)
4. Steadfast (7b-8)

## E. HE IS HONORED (9)

1. He has given liberally to many
2. His righteousness endures
3. He is exalted

III. **THE MISERY OF THE WICKED** (10)

## A. HE IS ANXIOUS - Vexed

1. Grieved over the happiness of the righteous
2. He sees them doing good and being blessed and cannot figure it out!

## B. HE IS JEALOUS - Gnashing his teeth and melting away

- Wasting away with envy

## C. HE IS POWERLESS - His desire perishes

- He is therefore unfulfilled and discouraged

## D. EXAMPLE: Haman in Esther 5:9-10, 6:6-12

IV. **A CALL TO THE GODLY** (1a)

## A. PRAISE GOD: Lift up the name of our Lord

## B. GIVE THANKS: Be grateful for what God has enabled His servants to become

## C. BE INSPIRED: We have reason to praise God that there are praiseworthy people who are happy in their walk with God

**CONCLUSION: Might we shine brightly amid the blight of this world**

*“Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.” – Daniel 12:3*

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