

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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