

Psalm 112:1–10 is a continuation of the acrostic style introduced in Psalm 111, where each line begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Like its companion psalm, it is rich with praise and grounded in the theme of blessing for those who walk in reverent fear of the Lord.

Praise the LORD!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who delights greatly in His commandments (Psalm 112:1).

This psalm opens with a joyful exclamation—*Hallelujah*—calling God's people to praise. The blessed (or truly happy) person is described not as one who reveres titles, traditions, or religious figures, but as one who truly fears the Lord and finds great delight in obeying His Word. This fear is not dread, but reverent awe and worship. Personal application: Are you someone who delights in God's commandments? Do you find joy in knowing and doing what He says?

*His descendants will be mighty on earth;
The generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches will be in his house,
And his righteousness endures forever (vv. 2–3).*

The blessings of the godly extend beyond the individual—they flow down to future generations. While this may at times include material wealth, the context points more to spiritual riches: a household marked by godly values, peace, and divine favor. Real wealth is found in walking with God and leaving a spiritual legacy.

*Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness;
He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous (v. 4).*

God illuminates the path of the righteous even in life's darkest moments. The upright reflect God's own character—graciousness, compassion, and integrity. Personal application: In a dark and confusing world, those who walk uprightly serve as a light, revealing the heart of God.

*A good man deals graciously and lends;
He will guide his affairs with discretion.
Surely he will never be shaken;
The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance (vv. 5–6).*

The godly person is generous and discerning. Their life is marked by stability, not because they are free from trouble, but because their trust is firmly placed in the Lord. God remembers and honors the righteous long after their time on earth.

*He will not be afraid of evil tidings;
His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
His heart is established;
He will not be afraid,
Until he sees his desire upon his enemies (vv. 7–8).*

In times of fear or crisis, the righteous remain firm because their faith is fixed on God. Their peace isn't rooted in circumstances but in the character of the Lord. When trouble comes, they are not shaken because they know that whatever is allowed has first passed through God's hand. This kind of steadfast trust brings calm and courage.

*He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever;
His horn will be exalted with honor (v. 9).*

The life of the righteous is marked by generosity. He gives, not out of compulsion, but from a heart that reflects God's own giving nature. His strength ("horn") is lifted up—not in arrogance, but in honor bestowed by God.

*The wicked will see it and be grieved;
He will gnash his teeth and melt away;
The desire of the wicked shall perish (v. 10).*

Here we have the contrast common to Hebrew poetry. While the righteous flourish, the wicked ultimately perish. Their dreams dissolve, and their frustration is evident. This verse echoes Psalm 1, which contrasts the tree-planted-by-water life of the righteous with the wind-blown chaff of the wicked.

Final Reflection:

Psalms 112 shows that true blessing is rooted in reverence for the Lord and joyful obedience to His commands. This psalm does not promise a pain-free life, but it does describe a steadfast one. A life built on trust in God cannot be shaken by the news of the day or the fears of tomorrow. Such a life is fruitful, generous, courageous, and honored by God.

Let us fix our hearts on the Lord, delight in His Word, walk in His righteousness, and shine as lights in a dark world. And let us remember: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and those who walk in His ways will not be moved.