

## **PSALM 112 2023 – The Blessed State of the Righteous**

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**BLESSED ASSURANCE** – Fanny Crosby -Billy Graham Choir (2:13 )

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.***

***Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;  
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***Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above, Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain***

**PSALM 112 – The blessings on the man, the woman, that fears the LORD!**

Psalm 112 is another acrostic Psalm and is the companion Psalm to Psalm 111, continuing from where Psalm 111 left off. **Psa 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.**

Psalm 112 talks about that man who fears the Lord and obeys His commands. It talks about the works of the Lord! How awesome they are and how that because of God and His awesome works, He is to be revered by man. He is to be held in great awe of wonder, reverential fear! Psalm 112 talks about that man who is committed to the Lord, who is obeying God, doing His commandments.

Psalms 112 through 116 are called the Hallel psalms. Hallel is praise. So, they are psalms of praise and these six psalms are the psalms that are sung during Passover. On the first day of the Passover feast they begin the Passover meal with Psalms 112 and 113. At the end of the Passover meal, they sing Psalms 114 through 116. Those are all the Hallel psalms.

Do you believe that crime doesn't pay? Do you believe that living righteous does pay? The present world is moving very strongly to the idea that crime does pay and that righteous doesn't pay?

Here is a great Psalm to show us the blessings of living a Godly, righteous life, including obeying the Word of God!

***The Righteous Will Never Be Moved***

***Psa 112:1 Praise the LORD (Hallelujah)! Praise the LORD! Blessed (Oh how happy) is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments.***

- David began the first psalm with the words “Blessed is the man” or “How happy is the man who walks not in the counsel in the ungodly” but he goes on to say, “but whose delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law he meditates day and night.” Here, “the blessed man who delights greatly in God’s commandments.” Now it describes conditions and things that will transpire, that will come to pass, in and for this man. Am I delighting in His commandments?

***Psa 112:2 His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.***

- The posterity of the upright man, those children that follow him shall be blessed. In another psalm it talks about the blessedness of serving God and committing yourself to Him. It says, “You will see your children’s children, the blessings upon your children’s children.” Surely it is such a thrill to see children’s children loving the Lord, serving the Lord, following after the Lord, and singing praises to the Lord. It’s just a great delight, the posterity; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

***Psa 112:3 Wealth and riches will be in his house (righteous, conscientious and hard working), And his righteousness endures forever.***

- Psalm 1 declares concerning that man who delights in the law of the Lord that “he shall be like a tree that’s planted by the rivers of water bringing forth fruit in the season. His leaves also shall not wither and whatsoever he does shall prosper.”
- Prosperity does not destroy the holiness of his life, or the humility of his heart.
- Our righteousness really is that which God has accounted to us through our faith in Jesus Christ.

***112:4 Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.***

- That is the upright man that is blessed in verse two. He does not lean to unfairness or injustice in order to make life easier, but like a pillar stands erect, and he shall be found so standing when the ungodly, who are as a bowing wall and a tottering fence, shall lie in ruins.
- **Jesus Christ is indeed that light!** He said, “I am the light of the world.” There are so many scriptures that relate to Jesus Christ as the light and the contrast between light and darkness; the kingdom of God verses the kingdom of Satan.
- How glorious and how gracious is Jesus Christ? We think of what a gracious person He was, “A bruised reed shall he not break.” He was just so tender towards people in need. He was so gracious towards sinners. It’s a beautiful example for us, the graciousness of Jesus.
- All through the gospels we read over and over how Jesus was moved with compassion towards people, towards individuals who are going through deep sorrow, towards individuals who had great infirmities and towards the multitudes who were sheep without a shepherd without someone to truly guide them.
- They lived in a day of religious confusion. They lived in a day of religious hypocrisy where the religious leaders were corrupt when they had made the house of God a den of thieves and when there was all kinds of confusion in the minds of the people. When Jesus came along they recognized His genuineness, and they were drawn to Him and just pressed upon Him.
- What can you say? He said, “I do always those things that please the Father.” You can’t improve on that. He said, “If you have seen Me you have seen the Father.” He was a perfect example of what God is, He is righteous. Now we are coming back to the good man, the man who fears the Lord, and the man who does and delights in His commandments.

***Psa 112:5 A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion.***

- He is gracious and generous and yet he is discrete. (*Gen 18:25*) *Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?!”*

***112:6 Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.***

- God has rooted and established him so that neither men nor devils shall sweep him from his place.
- The righteous may be moved for a time. All of us go through problems and trials where we are moved but not moved forever. We go through the trials, but we come out, we don’t stay in despondency
- You may be going through some trials, but they haven’t come to stay!
- None of us likes the idea of being forgotten, and yet the only way to avoid it is to be righteous before God.

***Psa 112:7 He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.***

- How this verse speaks to us! Through life, we are destined to receive evil tidings; tidings of a loved one who has died, he had been killed in an accident, tidings of financial setbacks. As Christians, we are not immune from problems and troubles, but we don’t fear evil tidings because we trust in the Lord! We know that all things are working together for good because we love God and He’s called us according to His purposes.
- Because of our trust in the Lord, our heart is *steadfast*, fixed on Him, not on our circumstances. (*Psa 119:133*) *Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me.* As a result, there is no fear in the day of evil tidings, when those evil tidings come, we are not destroyed by them and we are not devastated because our heart is fixed, and we trust in the Lord. David said, “*I will not fear though the*

*mountains be removed and cast into the midst of the sea” because his trust is in the Lord. Put your trust in the Lord. “Trust in Him at all times you people for the Lord will sustain us.”*

***Psa 112:8 His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his enemies.***

- His love to God is deep and true. His confidence in God is firm and unmoved. His courage has a firm foundation and is supported by the LORD. He has become settled by experience, and confirmed by years. He is not a rolling stone, but a pillar in the house of the Lord. (*Isa 26:3*) *You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.*
- **“He shall not be afraid.”** He is ready to face any adversary - a holy heart gives a brave face.
- **His desire** - When the LORD leads the way victory follows at His heels. See God, and you need not fear to see your enemies.
- Grace makes him desire his enemies' good- though nature leads him to wish to see justice done to his cause, he does not desire for those who injure him anything by way of private revenge.

***Psa 112:9 He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn (symbol of power) will be exalted with honor.***

- What he received, he distributed; and distributed to those who most needed it. He was God's reservoir, and forth from his abundance flowed streams of liberality to supply the needy. “It is more blessed to give than to receive” - perhaps they think that the blessing of receiving is enough for them.
- This is the second time that we have this remarkable sentence applied to the godly man, and it must be understood as resulting from the enduring mercy of the Lord. The character of a righteous man is not spasmodic, he is not generous by fits and starts, nor upright in a few points only; his life is the result of principle, his actions flow from settled, sure, and fixed convictions, and therefore his integrity is maintained when others fail. He is not turned back and forth by companions, nor affected by worldly customs; he is resolute, determined, and immovable.
- God shall honor him! Even the wicked shall feel an unconscious reverence of him!

***Psa 112:10 The wicked will see it and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked shall perish.***

- We are very forcibly the contrast between the righteous and the ungodly, thus making the blessedness of the godly appear all the more remarkable.
- The ungodly shall first see the example of the saints to their own condemnation, and shall at last behold the happiness of the godly and to the increase of their eternal misery. The child of wrath shall be obliged to witness the blessedness of the righteous, though the sight shall make him gnaw his own heart. He shall fret and fume, lament and wax angry, but he shall not be able to prevent it, for God's blessing is sure and effectual.
- Being very wrathful, and exceedingly envious, he would try to grind the righteous between his teeth; but as he cannot do that, he grinds his teeth against each other.
- The heat of his passion shall melt him like wax, and the sun of God's providence shall dissolve him like snow, and at the last the fire of divine vengeance shall consume him as the fat of rams. How horrible must that life be which like the snail melts as it proceeds, leaving a slimy trail behind. Those who are grieved at goodness deserve to be worn away by such an abominable sorrow.
- He shall not achieve his purpose, he shall die a disappointed man. By wickedness he hoped to accomplish his purpose-that very wickedness shall be his defeat. While the righteous shall endure forever, and their memory shall be always green; the ungodly man and his name shall rot from off the face of the earth. He desired to be the founder of a family, and to be remembered as some great one: he shall pass away and his name shall die with him. How wide is the gulf which separates the righteous from the wicked, and how different are the portions which the Lord deals out to them. O for grace to be blessed of the Lord! This will make us praise him with our whole heart.

**Summary:**

- We observe, in summing up the qualities of the God-fearing man; Kindness, benevolence, and generosity,

are essential to the perfect character; to be strictly just, is not enough, for God is love, and we must love our neighbor as ourselves: to give everyone his due is not sufficient, we must act upon those same principles of grace which reign in the heart of God. The promises of establishment and prosperity are to bountiful souls who have proved fit to be stewards of the Lord by the right way in which they use their substance.

**OPEN OUR EYES, LORD** - Maranatha Music (4:30)

*Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus*

*To reach out and touch Him And say that we love Him*

*Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen*

*Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus (2X)*

**PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE**

**OFFICERS/MILITARY; ISRAEL:**

**PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD**

**LEADERS: - Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation!**

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