

Psalms 112-115 – 16 November 2025

“Faith On Display”

Introduction

*This is 3rd of about 12 messages in the 5th & final Book of Psalms

*In 1800s Charles Blondin became famous for crossing Niagara Falls on a tightrope (blindfolded, man on back, even on stilts)

*Popularly he would cross pushing a wheelbarrow

*To a cheering crowd, he would ask if they believed he cross pushing a wheelbarrow, to which they cheered, “We believe, you can do it!”

*So he asked the man cheering the loudest to get in the wheelbarrow – but no one ever did

*We talk having faith as if it’s something we can catch, but in fact, it’s something that we do

***Today, we’ll see 4 indicators that we’re trusting Jesus as God & Savior in our lives**

#1: The faithful are fixed reverently on receiving righteousness from God (Psm 112)

Read Psm 112:1

1. Happiness doesn't come by hearing of the right path, but by walking down the right path
 - a. Read Heb 11:6 – Knowing & seeking are 2 different things
 - b. Read Psm 1:1-2 – There is a path for joy
2. We will not choose this path of joy unless we have a great reverence for God

Read Vs 2-3

1. This connects fear of God w/ righteousness
 - a. True love for God prompts us to reverence
 - b. True reverence for God prompts us to right living
2. This has real value as seen in the effects it has on our family and children

Read Vs 4-6

1. Our direction is to do our works w/ justice, but to give graciously and lend (Quote Micah 6:8)

2. Look at the results
 - a. Vs 4 – A way out of trouble will arise
 - b. Vs 6 – Just ones will be remembered forever

Read Vs 7-8

1. The Bible speaks of Rehoboam doing evil b/c his heart wasn't set on God
 - a. Yet Jehoshaphat & Ezra are known for setting their hearts on God & prospering for it
2. The righteous have their heart is fixed on God
 - a. 'Who can mind the journey when the road leads home'
 - b. We trust that where God guides, He provides & He will take us there

Read Vs 9-10

1. Now the classic divide between the righteous & the wicked
 - a. Do you see yourself as poor & needy regarding godliness? We should
 - b. Or are we the wicked
2. We can only obtain this righteousness if we come needy to receive God's free gift at the cross

#2: The faithful exalt the One who came so low (Psm 113)

Into – 3 sections of Hallel Psalms (113-118 Egyptian Hallel), (136 Great Hallel), (145-150 Daily Hallel)

Egyptian Hallel are praise for deliverance from Egypt under Moses and sung at the Feasts

Read Psm 113:1

1. Look around, everyone is a slave to something
 - a. We've chosen to be slaves to a good master
2. Someone's character is embedded in their name
 - a. We praise the very character of our God

Read Vs 2-3

1. Thru all of time and thru all of space, God is to be praised
2. There is no time period or place which He doesn't deserve to be exalted above all things

Read Vs 4-6

1. The One that is above all things brings Himself low to pay regard to the affairs of man

2. Read Phil 2:5-9 – He brought Himself so low as to identify with sinful man
 - a. He's worthy of exaltation b/c He's Creator
 - b. He's worthy of exaltation b/c He's Redeemer

Read Vs 7-9

1. He descended so low for a purpose; to bring us up from it
 - a. We were the poor on the trash heap
 - b. We were the barren, w/o hope of a future
2. Praise God that He uses His glory to bring us into glory

#3: The faithful live their own experiences with God (Psm 114)

Read Psm 114:1-2

1. Israel's 3 deliverances thru history
 - a. From Egypt – No nation became a nation
 - b. From Babylon – Idolatrous nation became religious

- c. From Rome – Religious nation became secular
- 2. Deliverance from Egypt was the central act of God's redemption thru OT Israel's existence
 - a. Primary reminder to them of God's faithfulness

Read Vs 3-6

- 1. There was a power displayed at the deliverance of Israel that moved creation itself to pay attention
 - a. From the lg Red Sea to the sm Jordan River, from the large Mt Sinai to smaller mts, God will make a way, where there seems to be no way

Read Vs 7-8

- 1. These large events were meant to role-model what God wants to do in each individual life
- 2. Everyone and everything is called to give honor to the God of redemption
 - a. When our God calls a nation to be, it happens

#4: The faithful are displaying God thru their lives (Psm 115)

Intro – As a Psalm of deliverance, we should picture this being sung by Israel as they leave Egypt

But certainly, Jesus would have sung this during His remembrances of the Passover Festival

Read Psm 115:1-2

1. Israel is proud of their God's guide for living and His goodness toward them
2. When nations look at Israel, they see God's work
 - a. God's ability is seen thru their deliverance & life
 - b. Is God "on display" thru our lives?

Read Vs 3-8

1. Jesus Christ is the exact opposite of a man-made religion, He does do all these things
 - a. His mouth: speaks thru His Word; John 1:14

- b. His eyes: looks for whom He can help; II Chr 16:9
 - c. His ears: are open when the righteous cry; Psm 34:15
 - d. His nose: receives our prayers as incense; Rev 8:4
 - e. His hands: molds us as pottery; Isa 64:8
 - f. His feet: can so low as to become a man walk among us bring salvation; John 1:14
 - g. Finally His voice: shakes the heavens & earth, yet calls out to sinners, as w/ Adam & Eve in the Garden to be saved (Gen 3:8)
 - i. Be warned, His very voice will yet smite all that don't receive His call for salvation
2. Whatever you're living for, whatever you serve; you will become like your god
- a. Whether something of earth, you'll become vain
 - b. Whether God of heavens, you'll become victorious

Read Vs 9-11

1. What are we trusting in for a great life
 - a. Just getting a little money & comfort, or getting taught & guiding by the hand of God?
2. What are we trusting in for eternity?
 - a. Just doing enough to slip in? It will never work
 - b. Just submitting to God's love to receive the gift of righteousness

Read Vs 12-15

1. These verses are the fulfillment of vss 9-11
2. Whoever trusts in the Lord, will be helped & blessed
3. Let's get a handle on what He wishes to increase
 - a. God's less interested in increasing the fruit in our fields & more interested in increasing the fruit in our hearts

Read Vs 16-18

1. Those that have experienced receiving life from the dead are the ones designed to praise God

Conclusion

So, is your faith on display?

1. **Are you fixed reverently on receiving righteousness from God & living in it?**
2. **Are you exalting Jesus, who came so low to rescue us?**
3. **Are you having your own experiences with the Lord in which He's challenging you?**
4. **Are you displaying God love and truth to others in a daily walk of faith?**