



TALKING WITH GOD

USING THE PSALMS FOR PRAYER

Psalm 112

Praise the Lord!

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

Psalm 112

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

Psalm 112

He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.
His heart is steady;[b] he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.
He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

Psalm 112

The wicked man sees it and is angry;
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish!

Who is this man in Psalm 112? “Blessed man”

- Not perfect/sinless but desires maturity
- Does not have all the answers/nor does everything right but believes who he is from what God says of him.
- “Fears the LORD”- God is His Father – Happy with him
- “Greatly delights in God’s commandments”- views what God says as a joy and something desired than a burden.



Who are the ones impacted by his example as he talks to God?

- Offspring v.2
- His household v.3
- Community-wide sin v.4,6
- Poor and needy vv. 5,9
- His adversaries vv.7-8,10



HOW TO TALK TO GOD

Offspring v.2

- Just like him – not perfect, not sinless but will have established patterns for good.
- Not all will follow Jesus – but some will
- Will learn how to respond to those who hate good
- Prayer: Asks God to help him lead his offspring to Jesus for what they truly need in life.



His household v.3

- “Wealth and riches” – not financial but in identity, soul care and promises.
- “Righteousness endures forever” – right patterns of living do produce fruit after your life
- Prayer: Ask God to reproduce the good patterns of life into all aspects of life – relationships, finances, possessions, etc.



Community-wide sin vv.4-6

- “Light dawns in the darkness for the upright” – when community sin is evident
- It is dealt with grace, mercy and righteous ways
- Prayer: Seeking God for wisdom in dealing with sinful practices in the larger community.



Poor and needy vv.5,9

- Generous and lends with justice v.5
- Does not take advantage of the situation v.9
- Gives to the poor v.9
- Prayer: Direction from the Lord in how to disperse what I do have (not in what I don't have) to honor His name among others.



His adversaries vv.7-8,10

- Faith is in the Lord and not in himself v.7
- Persistent in doing right v.8
- Responding to reactions with long term vision v. 10
- Prayer: Empowered by God to be transformed to do what is good and right in light of the opposition.



Happy Father's Day to all of our Dads