

I. FRATERNAL TWINS (Ps.111 & 112)

A. THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRAISE! (Ps.111:1,(10); 112:1; 113:1,9 /115:18; 116:19; 117:1,2; (118:1-4,29))

B. COMPLEMENTARY PAIR (Ps.111&112; see Ps.42,43; 126,127)

1. *structure* (acrostic (alphabetic); every line, the next letter; Ps.111 & 112)
2. *content* (e.g., 111:3,4; 112:3,4)
3. *themes* (111, God; 112, man; i.e., image; Gen.1:27; Mt.5:48; 1Pt.1:15,16)
4. *transition* (111:10 into 112:1f)

C. THE PRACTICAL MAN (works; 112:1,3,4,5,6,9 (Prov.; Eph.2:5f,10; Jms.2:14f); see 111:2,3,(4),(5),6,7,8,(9))

II. PRAISE THE PRACTICAL MAN! (112:1-10)

A. SOURCE: THE LORD (1a; 111:1; 113:1,9; see Jms.1:17; Eph.2:5f)

B. ESSENCE: REVERENCE (1b; 111:10a /Prov.1:7; Eccl.12:13 /Ps.25:14; Jms.3:17 /Dt.6:5; Mt.22:37)

C. SUBSTANCE: LOVE (1c; 111:2 /119:35,47,48,97,113,127,163,165 /Dt.5:10; 7:9; Jn.14:15,21,31; 1Jn.5:2f /Mt.22:39)

1. *upright, straight* (2b,4a; see Acts 13:10; Mt.7:13f)
2. *righteous, righteousness* (3b,4b,6b,9,(10a,c; see Ps.1); see Eph.4:24; Col.3:10; 1Jn.2:29; 3:(4),7,10)
3. *just, justice, judgment* (5b; see Rom.13:7; Acts 28:4; see Mic.6:8; Mt.23:23)
4. *gracious, compassionate; lends, meets pressing needs abundantly* (4b(see 111:4b); 5a(Dt.15:1f; Lk.6:34f); 9a(2Cor.9:9) /Ps.37:21,26 /Mt.22:39; Lk.6:27f; Acts 6:1f; 1Tm.6:17-19; Tt.3:14; Jms.1:27)

D. ROOT: FAITH (7b; see Ps.42:9-11; 56:4; 57:7; Is.26:3; Heb.11:1ff)

E. OUTCOME: BLESSING (1b-10; see Mt.5:3f)

1. *family, neighbors* (2a,b; see Ps.127,128; Acts 2:39; Rom.11:16f; see Mt.22:39; 1Cor.4:15; 1Th.2:7)
2. *wealth & riches* (3a; see Prov.3:16; 8:18; Mt.6:33)
3. *endurance* (3b,9b (see 111:3b); also 6b (see 111:4a))
4. *supported, sustained in & delivered from trouble* (4a,(5b),7a,8a; 8b~~contra~~10a-c /Ps.34:4,6,17,19f; Is.58:10)
5. *honor* (9c; see 92:10; 1Sam.2:1,10; Lk.1:69)

III. PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE PRACTICAL MAN! (Ps.112:1f)

A. PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE PRACTICAL CHRIST!

1. *the perfect image of God* (111:3b,4b & 112:3b,4b; see Col.1:19; 2:9; 2Cor.4:4-6; Heb.1:3)
2. *reverence, love, faith* (1b,c; Ps.40:8(Heb.10:7); Phil.2:5-8; 2Cor.5:21; Eph.4:7f; see Jn.14:31; Mt.27:46(Ps.22:1f); Lk.23:46)
3. *blessing* (see Heb.2:13; Phil.2:5-11; Eph.1:19f)

B. PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN!

1. *the perfecting image of God IN CHRIST* (111:3b,4b & 112:3b,4b /2Cor.3:18; 7:1; Eph.4:15,24; Col.3:10)
2. *reverence, love, faith IN CHRIST* (Heb.10:19f; 12:28; Mt.22:37f; 1Tm.6:17f; Tt.3:14; Jms.1:27; Rom.3:22f)
3. *blessing IN CHRIST* (1Cor.10:16; Gal.3:27; Eph.1:3; 4:8f)

Discussion question:

*Brethren, what shall **WE do**? (see Acts 2:37f)*