

Psalm 112 is another “How blessed is the man” Psalm. There are 28 of these in the book of Psalms and 10 of them show up in Book #5 of the Psalms (**112:1**; 119:1, 2; 127:5; 128:1; 137:8, 9; 144:15 (2x); 146:5. The how blessed is the man or blessed is the one Psalms give instruction as to how one may be blessed.

Psalm 112 is a powerful and uplifting Psalm for one who fears the LORD. It was a Psalm originally written to Israel in an attempt to motivate her to a proper attitude toward God, namely, **an attitude that fears Him and obeys Him.**

The idea of fearing the LORD is the idea of having a trembling reverence for God as the sovereign, self-existing God who is capable of doing whatever He wants to do. One has such a reverence for God that he purposes to obey God. There are benefits and blessings promised in this Psalm to those who fear Him.

If you are a person who will choose to fear the Lord and will choose to delight yourself in understanding and obeying the Word of God, there are some remarkable benefits promised to you from God.

Now **verse 1** gives two key prerequisites to these blessings and benefits:

- 1) The blessed believer will fear the LORD. **112:1a**
- 2) The blessed believer will delight in God’s commandments and Word. **112:1b**

That word “delight” means that the believer who finds great pleasure in knowing and obeying God’s Word will experience these blessings. Notice the text says the blessed person “greatly delights” in the Word of God. People blessed by God love the Scriptures. They love to study them and apply them. The point of the Psalm is plain to see:

GOD IS TO BE PRAISED FOR THE FACT THAT HE WILL GIVE WONDERFUL BLESSINGS AND BENEFITS TO THOSE WHO FEAR HIM AND THOSE WHO LOVE AND OBEY HIS WORD.

This Psalm gives a straightforward formula for being happy. It all starts with “fearing the Lord.” These are solid advantages and benefits for fearing God. In **verses 2-10**, there are seventeen benefits promised to one who fears God and purposes to obey His Word:

BENEFIT #1 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will discover their descendants will be mighty on earth. **112:2a**

Now pertaining to Israel this would have to do with the strength and survival of the family name. Now I do think there is a sense in which this is somewhat true today. If you purpose to fear the LORD and obey His Word, God will bless your family. But I know for fact that there are spiritual ramifications here. If you fear the Lord and obey His Word, you will influence many in the family of God and they will become mighty on earth. Those who love God and love the Word leave behind others who love God’s Word and are strong in the Word.

BENEFIT #2 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will be blessed on earth. **112:2b**

There are different applications for every dispensation, but the principle is that God’s people who fear Him and love His Word will see blessing after blessing poured out on them. Every generation of the upright will see and experience the blessings of God.

BENEFIT #3 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will prosper. **112:3a**

This is a physical promise to Israel for physical prosperity. However, I do think there is an application we may make. I read an account of a minister who made a study of those who had nice things and good things and he said by in large the vast majorities were God-fearing people. Those who ended up with nothing typically were not.

BENEFIT #4 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will have a righteousness that will stand forever. **112:3b**

Fearing God and loving His Word not only has benefits in this world, but in eternity as well. This kind of pursuit stands and lasts forever. In the end, this is what every human will want; a righteousness that will stand forever.

BENEFIT #5 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will continue to be illuminated and enlightened by God. **112:4a**

God will cause times of light to occur for one who fears Him even in a dark world. This world of ours plunges itself into darkness, distress and disaster, but not the upright. The darkest of times are no threat to one who fears the Lord and loves the Word. The upright will continue to see more and grow more, no matter how dark the world becomes.

BENEFIT #6 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will develop in grace, compassion and righteousness. **112:4b**

In Psalm 111, these very attributes are attributed to God (111:2-3). These are qualities of God that will blossom and develop in the life of one who fears Him and loves His Word.

Those who fear the Lord and love the Word manifest the attributes of God. They know the balance of grace, compassion and righteousness.

BENEFIT #7 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will continue to help others who are in need. **112:5a**

God says to the one who is gracious to others and lends to others that He will see to it that things are well for that person. People who fear the Lord do not lord what they have; they lend what they have and they do not charge interested. God will always prosper one who helps others.

BENEFIT #8 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will continue to make righteous judgments. **112:5b**

God is on the side of those who fear Him and love His Word. Spurgeon said there is a sanctified common sense that God will give to one who fears Him.

BENEFIT #9 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will never be shaken. **112:6**

There are storms that come against one who fears God, but when the dust settles, the one who fears the Lord will be standing like an unmovable rock. He will be standing tall and standing strong. He will be remembered forever.

A good illustration of this is the pyramids in Egypt. They are considered to be one of the seven great wonders of the world. The truth is we don’t even know the name of the Pharaoh’s who are buried in them. But the names of Abraham, Jacob, David, and Solomon are remembered forever. God is true to His Word.

BENEFIT #10 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will not be afraid of evil things. **112:7a**

Bad news does not rattle one godly. Bad news does not cause one who fears God to fall apart. One who fears God and loves God’s Word does not fear what God sovereignly does or permits. Even if God sends evil calamities to the world, he does not fear. One could walk through the valley of the shadow of death and not fear evil.

BENEFIT #11 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will have a heart that develops in a steadfast faith. **112:7b**

One who fears the Lord and loves God’s Word grows stronger and stronger in a true steadfast faith. His heart will be strengthened. His faith will be stabilized.

BENEFIT #12 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word have a heart upheld in times of fear. **112:8a**

Fearful situations will not shake the heart of one who fears God. One who fears God will be able to face fearful things with a bold heart because God will uphold that heart. Daniel faced lions. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego faced a fire. David faced a giant. God strengthens the heart of those who fear Him and love His Word.

BENEFIT #13 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will be satisfied with what God does to adversaries. **112:8b**

Proud arrogant people are heading to judgment and those who fear God know that and calmly believe that. God does not allow one to mock Him forever.

God does not allow adversaries to have the upper hand indefinitely. He permits all those who fear Him and love His Word to see bad things happen to their enemies, which brings a form of satisfaction and comfort to His people.

BENEFIT #14 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will be used by God. **112:9a**

The idea that this one gives “freely to the poor” is the idea of helping people multiple times, not just once. People who fear God and love God’s Word are giving people, not stingy people. Those who fear God and love God’s Word will freely give to those in need. They realize it is more blessed to give than to receive.

BENEFIT #15 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will have an enduring righteousness. **112:9b**

People who fear the Lord and love God’s Word have a righteousness that is enduring. They have a righteousness that is not just a momentary passing righteousness, but it is their enduring character.

The most stable, faithful, godly man I ever knew in my life was John Miles. His entire life was characterized by a fear of the Lord and a love for God’s Word and he was as solid as a rock.

BENEFIT #16 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will have an eternal Exaltation. **112:9c**

One who fears God and loves God’s Word will one day be exalted in heaven. When the text says “his horn will be exalted,” I understand this to mean there will be highly exalted leadership positions that will exist and this type of person will be honored forever.

BENEFIT #17 – Those who fear the Lord and love God’s Word will be blessed by God in the presence of the wicked. **112:10**

The word “vexed” means that godless people will be forced to witness the blessings of the righteous and it will anger them and make them bitter and jealous and they will perish.

All of these benefits and blessings are given to those who fear the Lord and love the Word.