

Living Your Best Life

Psalm 112:1-3

Sermon Outline

A. Becoming Blessed (vs. 1):

1. Praise the Lord – Reverencing the power and the might of the Lord (111:10) must also include delightful expressions of rejoicing as we live before God and come into His presence (Psalm 34:1-3).
2. Praise the Lord – We must come before the One who has all authority with joyous expressions. This could include a choir and musical instruments, but it must have intellectual content.
3. How blessed is the man – The man who reverences God lives a happy and prosperous life.
4. How blessed is the man – A blessed man is one who unequivocally trust in the Lord and there enjoys favorable circumstances.
5. Who fears the Lord – A blessed man is one who reverences the power and might of the Lord.
 - a) To “fear Yahweh” is to honor and respect Him, to obey Him.^[1]
6. Who fears the Lord – A man who fears the Lord is one whose life is guided by a constant carefulness in respect to who the Lord is.
7. Lord; Yehovah – The Psalmist keeps repeating Lord. He seems to, with reference to fear, want to highlight our need to always remain vigilant in remembering the power, might and authority of the Lord. We must also keep before ourselves how committed the Lord is to maintain His covenant with us.
8. Greatly delights – The man who fears the Lord and enjoys worshipping Him finds a lot of pleasure in obeying the Lord’s commandments.
 - a) Defining what constitutes the true "fear of the Lord," which was termed "the beginning of wisdom," Ps 111:10. He who hath this true "fear" delights (Ps 111:2) not merely in the theory, but in the practice of all 'the Lord's commandments.' Such fear, so far from being a 'hard' service, is the only "blessed" one (Jer 32:39). Compare the Gospel commandments, 1 John 3:23-24; 5:3. True obedience is not task-work, as formalists regard religion, but a "delight" (Ps 1:2). Worldly delights, which made piety irksome, are supplanted by the newborn delight in and taste for the will and ways of God (Ps 19:7,10). (from Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 1997 by Biblesoft).
9. Greatly delights – The man who reverences the power and authority of the

Lord has a strong sincere attraction to submitting their will to do what the Lord commands.

10. In His commandments – The man who fears the Lord is one who views God's divine will as a verbal directive from a superior that must be obeyed.

B. Being a Blessing (vs. 2):

1. His descendants – This man would be a tremendous influence in the course of actions of his children. His influence would lead the life of his children.
2. Mighty man – His influence will create children who rise up to be strong, prevailing over their obstacles like successful warriors who powerfully protect a city.
 - a) His seed shall be mighty upon earth - literally, 'a warrior upon earth:' upon that very earth whereon wicked men have boasted of their 'war-like might' for mischief (Ps 52:1).
3. Generation – The influence of this man who fears God leads to a legacy.
4. Generation of the upright – The reverence of a father for God, his respect and submission to God's divine commands extends into and directs the lives of his children so that they are blessed.
5. Generation of the upright – The man who upholds God's divine will in and through their life creates a stable and progressive legacy.
6. Generation of the upright – When a man does not live in this manner God says He will 'smite the land with a curse.' (Malachi 4:6)
7. Will be blessed – This man's state of prosperity and happiness is because of God's favor on his life and legacy will be endless.
8. Will be blessed – Blessed can also mean to bow before God giving Him praise. So, the generation being blessed can also mean his legacy is one whereby his children genuinely worship God continuously.

C. Experience God's Generosity (vs. 3):

1. Wealth – This man experiences large quantity of goods, riches in his house.
 - a) "There is a good and a bad kind of wealth. The robber looks for wealth (Prov 1:13), but the good man honors the Lord with his wealth (Prov 3:9). Riches do not deliver in the day of wrath (Prov 11:4) but knowledge brings precious and pleasant riches (Prov 24:4)."
2. Riches – He not only have extra resources that are stored up he also has excessive amount of money.
3. His righteousness – This man's faithfulness that the Holy Spirit constitutes in

his life extends for generations.

4. His righteousness – His relationship with the Lord demonstrates a person whose alignment with the will of God is so consistent it stretches from one generation to another.
 - a) This could refer to prosperity (in place of disaster) or to discernment. (3) He receives goodness in return for being generous ([cf. v 9](#)) and just ([v.5](#)) (4) He will be firmly established in his faith, unshakable (cf. comments on 15:5), with no fear of what man might do to him (112:6-8). (5) Because he gives to the poor (cf. v. 5) his horn (cf. 89:17, 24; 92:10) will be lifted up, that is, he will be made strong and honorable by the LORD.^[2]
5. Endure forever – His righteousness remains immovable for all times whether pass, present or future.
6. Endure forever – His righteousness stands officially in the presence of the Lord forever, meaning an unlimited duration of time.

^[1] Bratcher, R. G., & Reyburn, W. D. (1991). [A translator's handbook on the book of Psalms](#) (p. 959). New York: United Bible Societies.

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^[2] Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. 1983-c1985. *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures*. Victor Books: Wheaton, IL