

LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED TWELVE

Scripture: Psalm 112:1-10

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Introduction:

- A. This Psalm is a parallelism to Psalm 111.
 - 1. Both begin with a command to praise the Lord.
 - 2. Each has the same makeup--- 10 verses of the same length.
 - 3. Some verses read almost alike. (v.4 of each)
 - 4. Psalm 111 sets forth the majestic character and work of the Lord as worthy of our highest praise.
 - 5. Psalm 112 sets forth the work of the Lord in those who trust Him as the reason to praise Him forever.
 - B. There are some fine practical lessons to be learned.
- I. LEARN THAT TRUE HAPPINESS IS FOUND IN TRUSTING THE LORD. V.1
- A. The word "blessed" is many time translated "happy."
 - B. True happiness is not the on again off again happy feelings we experience because of what someone does C. True happiness is that feeling of inner peace in knowing that God is your Savior and that He keeps you from all harm.
- II. LEARN OF SOME BLESSINGS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO A LIFE OF TRUE HAPPINESS.
vs. 1-3
- A. Delighting greatly in the commands of the Lord. v.1
 - 1. It is not enough to be saved.
 - 2. One must love and keep the commands of to experience true happiness.
 - B. Seeing our children saved and mighty in the service of the Lord adds to true happiness.
v.2
 - C. Living an upright life. v.2
 - D. True wealth abounding in our houses. v.3
 - E. Knowing that what we do for the Lord shall endure forever. v.3
- III. LEARN OF SOME GODLY CHARACTERISTICS OF A TRULY HAPPY CHILD OF GOD.
vs. 4,5
- A. He shines as a light in this dark world. v.4
 - B. He is gracious and full of compassion. v.4
 - C. He is generous to the needy. v.5
 - D. He manages his own affairs well. v.5
- IV. LEARN OF THE STABILITY OF THE PERSON WHO HAS YIELDED HIS LIFE TO THE WILL AND WAY OF THE LORD. vs. 6-8
- A. He will not be moved or shaken by the affairs of this world. v.6
 - B. His righteous acts shall be remembered forever. v.6
 - C. He shall not be afraid of evil news. The news of the day shall not move him. v.7
 - D. His heart is fixed on and in his trust in the Lord. v.7
 - E. His heart is established and he is not afraid of whatever may come. v.8
- V. LEARN OF THE GREAT CONTRAST BETWEEN THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.
vs. 9,10
- A. The righteous:

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1. Are generous
 2. His righteous acts endure forever.
 3. His "horn" shall be exalted with honor.
- B. The wicked:
1. Shall see the righteous and be grieved by their happy position.
 2. He shall gnash with his teeth and consume away.
 3. He shall never realize his desire.