

Sunday Night Message

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Psalm 112

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 112

Introduction

This psalm, like the last one, is an acrostic psalm, which means that every line begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

This psalm explains the blessing of the Lord upon the righteous, which in the days of Israel, meant that a person that was in a right relationship with God could depend upon God's tangible blessings and protection. Today, however, it works a little bit differently. While it is true that God tremendously blesses the righteous, and oftentimes those blessings are material, we also receive material blessings that supersedes that which can be seen or experienced with physical senses. We know that God gives tremendous grace to some who may be experiencing hardship on this earth, and there also is the guarantee of great reward in Heaven.

I The Blessing of the Lord (vs. 1 – 3; 6 – 8)

Read Psalm 1

"The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." (Proverbs 10:22)

"Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers: And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he swore unto thy fathers to give thee. Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee. And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee." (Deuteronomy 7:12-16)

Read Deuteronomy 28:1 - 14

II The Benevolence of the Blessed (vs. 4 – 5; 9)

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble." (Psalm 41:1)

"If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth. Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee. Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto. For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land." (Deuteronomy 15:7-11)

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it. He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him." (Proverbs 11:24-27)

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." (Proverbs 19:17)

III The Bitterness of the Wicked (vs. 10)

"The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth." (Psalm 37:12)

The wicked hates God, and so he also hates God's people.

We are to love the wicked, even though they may be bitter against us.

Turn to Matthew 5:38 – 48

"But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also." (Luke 6:27-29)