

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church
Title: REWARDS OF GODLY

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FEAR

Main Text: Psalm 112

--worship text: Isaiah 61:1-9--

Aim: TO PROCLAIM THE GOD TO BE FEARED & THE BLESSINGS OF GOD FEARING...

Sermon Description: Psalm 112 joins Psalm 111 as a set complimenting one another in several ways. They match each other in length, stanza, even verse count. At many points, the stanzas align directly between the songs to emphasize ideas via parallelism. They are complimentary in theme. Whereas Ps 111 proclaims the glories of God, Ps 112 proclaims blessings attending those who truly appreciate the glory of God. Both songs begin with the same refrain... "Praise the Lord", uniting them in their ultimate purpose to declare Yahweh alone as praise-worthy. Ps 112 has the markings of wisdom literature. The song shares structure and theme parallels with other wisdom Psalms – most notably perhaps – Psalm one. Here again the 'blessed man' theme appears in introduction. Ps 1 and 112 conclude in similar fashion as well. Having extolled the blessings and virtues of the one who fears the Lord, they close with a note of ominous reckoning for the wicked. Literary forms featured in the Psalms (parallelism, wisdom literature, and didactic poetry) are not common in popular writings of our day. It is, nevertheless, striking how precisely relevant their messages are for our time. Perhaps our text should inspire a generation of wisdom poets in the mold of the Psalmist. One thing is certainly true. Only a fool would deny we are starving for lack of Biblical wisdom.

Heading: MAY GOD BE PRAISED WHO GRANTS HIS PEOPLE...

1. A RICH POSTERITY (Psalm 112:1-3)

- a. The blessed man (1:1, 32:2, 34:8, 40:4, 94:12, 112:1, 127:5)
- b. Delightful commands
- c. Multi-generational values
- d. Mirrored righteousness

(Charles Buck) "Fear of God' is that holy disposition, or gracious habit formed in the soul by the Holy Spirit whereby we are inclined to obey all God's commands, and evidences itself by: 1. Dread of His displeasure 2. Desire of His favor 3. Regard for His excellencies 4. Submission to His will 5. Gratitude for His benefits 6. Sincerity in His worship and 7. Conscientious obedience to His commands"

2. THE GOOD GRACES OF PROVIDENCE (4-6)

- a. Divine illumination
- b. Dominion agency
- c. Dependability

3. ASSURANCES OF THE SOUL (7-8)

- a. Secure heart
- b. Strategic advantage (Ps 110)

4. AN ENDURING LEGACY (9-10)

- a. Kingdom investment
- b. Meekness (Mat 5)
- c. Final verdict (Mat 25:30)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Saturday | | | | |

Theme:
Generations
Verses:
Ps 112:1-3

Theme:
Providence
Verses:
4-6

Theme:
Soul assurance
Verses:
7-8

Theme:
Legacy
Verses:
9-10

Theme:
Parallels
Verses:
Ps 1 & 110

Theme:
Next Week
Verses:
Genesis 21
