

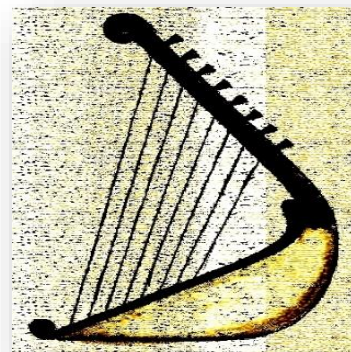
# PSALM 112 vs 1

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This is another of the **Hallelujah**-psalms; **Praise the Lord** = **Hallu YAH**.

There is no title for this Psalm, but it is a companion song to Psalm 111. Even in the number of verses, and clauses of each verse, it coincides with its predecessor, in many of its words and phrases. The subject is: the blessedness of the right, and bears the same relation to the preceding which the moon does to the sun; for while the first declares the glory of God, the second speaks of the reflection of the divine brightness in those born from above. In Psalm 110 God is magnified for His own personal acts. Here, our great God is celebrated for the manifestation of His glory seen in His people; to His honor and praise.



Division. The subject is stated (1); then enlarged upon (2-9); and ends with a contrast of the lawless – Charles Spurgeon.

## <sup>1</sup> **Praise the Lord.**

**1** Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, **delighting greatly in His instructions.**

**2** <sup>2</sup> Mighty on **earth** will be his descendants, the generation of the upright are blessed.

**3** <sup>3</sup> **Wealth and riches are in his house; his rightness endures forever.**

<sup>4</sup> Light arises in the darkness for the upright: **he** is gracious, compassionate, and right.

<sup>5</sup> **A good man is gracious, and lends: he guides his affairs with discretion.**

<sup>6</sup> Surely he will never be moved: the upright will be remembered forever.

<sup>7</sup> **Bad News he will not fear: his heart is secure, leaning on the LORD.**

<sup>8</sup> His heart is established, with nothing to fear; so that he looks on his enemies.

<sup>9</sup> **He dispersed; he gives to the poor;** his rightness endures forever; his horn rises with honor.

Think about it: This exhortation is never given too often; the Lord always deserves praise, we ought always to give it, we are frequently forgetful of it. If there is any praise, the Lord should have all the glory of it, for we are His work. The successive generations of those who fear God will be strong and influential in society. They may be persecuted, but they will not be forsaken; the curses of men cannot deny the blessing of God.

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What wealth can equal that of the love of God? What riches can rival a contented heart? The blessed man who fears the Lord; what he received, he distributed; sharing with those who need it most. He is God's reservoir. If this is a mark of those who fear the Lord, there are some who are strangely destitute of it. They are great at gathering, but slow at dispersing; they enjoy the blessing of receiving, but seldom taste the joy of giving.

Let us not be in a hurry to hear every word of this beautiful song. Who is he? Did you first think the servant of the Lord? or the Lord of glory who is the light that shines in the darkness. Working on this verse, I capitalized the He, and erased it several times, until I opened **The Treasury of David**. This is what I read: Wait for the light and it will surely come. "He is gracious, compassionate, and righteous." -- spoken of God in the fourth verse of Psalm 111, and now the same words are used of His servant; thus we are taught that when God makes someone upright, He makes him like Himself; and because we are, we praise the Lord.

He looks kindly upon all around him, finding situations which enable him to spare of his wealth. God made him able to lend; grace makes him willing to lend. He is not a borrower, for God lifted him above that need; nor is he a hoarder, for his new nature saves him from that temptation. He wisely uses the accounts committed to him. Many may call him a fool for his beliefs, but do not find him so, when they deal with him. He has no dread that evil news will come, his heart is fixed trusting the Lord; should a change in his circumstance affect him; he remains quiet and patient, waiting for the salvation of God -- Charles Spurgeon

**<sup>10</sup>The wicked sees this and is vexed -- he grinds his teeth and melts away: their evil desires will perish/** Think about it: The one who neither gives to the poor, nor can endure to see others give; it excites envy, and fans a fire that nothing can quench -- George Horne. Hence the deplorable condition of the cursed, the lawless see it to their own demise. He frets and fumes, and grows angry. How horrible must be a life which like the snail melts as it proceeds, leaving a slimy trail behind. He desired to be the founder of a family, and remembered as someone great: but his name will die with him. How wide is the gulf that separates the right from the wrong -- Charles Spurgeon.

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