

## PSALM 112

There is a strange parallelism between this psalm and the 111th. Not only do both have the same number of verses with the same length to each verse, in acrostic order, but phrases and groups of words are used in this psalm with reference to the believer whereas the same words were used with reference to Yahweh in Psalm 111. The Psalmist declares that peace of mind attends a quiet conscience, and that spiritual strength is granted to believers in order to sustain them with fortitude and patience in the trials of life. He who delights in Yahweh's commandments has a charitable disposition toward his fellow men. Let us remember, as the Apostle Paul says, "godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come" (1 Tim. 4:8).

- 1 Praise YAHWEH! How blessed is the man who fears YAHWEH,  
who greatly delights in His commandments.
- 2 His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 Light arises in the darkness for the upright;  
*He is gracious and compassionate and righteous.*
- 5 It is well with the man who is gracious and lends;  
he will maintain his cause in judgment.
- 6 For he will never be shaken; the righteous will be remembered forever.
  
- 7 He will not fear evil tidings; his heart is steadfast, trusting in YAHWEH.
- 8 His heart is upheld, he will not fear, until he looks *with satisfaction* on his adversaries.
- 9 He has given freely to the poor, his righteousness endures forever;  
his horn will be exalted in honor.
  
- 10 The wicked will see it and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and melt away;  
the desire of the wicked will perish.

### PRAYER

*Almighty and most gracious God, you know our needs before we ask, as well as our ignorance in asking for those things that will not benefit us. Let not the pursuit of temporal things rob us of that time which ought to be employed in the concerns of our souls, nor divert us from the serious thoughts of the world to come. Make us charitable to those in need, willing to distribute and ready to comfort. Free us from all covetous desires so that we may lay up treasure in heaven, especially the treasure of sinners saved by grace through our sowing the precious seed of salvation. Hear us now for the sake of Jesus, who washed us from our sins in his own blood. Amen.*