

Psalm 112 A Testimony of Jesus

We find in: **Joh 5:39** "*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*" Thus, when we read the Old Testament scriptures, we should be able to see our Saviour, and Lord, in their context.

1 ¶ Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Blessed means *happy*. Jesus, incarnate, was a man who was happy in the reverence he gave to his Father.

Man has several definitions beside just the male person: *a champion, husband, steward*. Jesus is the champion, in a manner of speaking, of the whole family of Christians. Jesus is the husbandman to whom the bride, the church, is betrothed. No person has ever been a better steward of doing the will of the Lord (*the self-existent one*) than Jesus.

Feareth means to *revere*. Jesus, even though he was God in the flesh, always gave all reverence to his Father, the Lord. Lord means *self-existent one*.

Delighteth means *to desire, to be moved*. Jesus, the man (God in flesh), only desired to do his Father's will. Shouldn't we also desire to do the will of God?

Commandments means *command, commandment, law, ordinance, precept*. Jesus is the one who actually observed the law commandments in perfection: Why? Because he understood their meaning, and intent, as God gave them.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Seed means; *fruit, posterity, child*. The church, which includes every child of God, is the fruit of the finished work of Jesus. This is inclusive of everyone who is born-again. Do you understand: born-again only refers to people who are changed, by the Holy Spirit power, from dead to live souls? People who are not born-again still remain in the clutches of satan, they don't have to be born-again to be a child of the devil.

Mighty means *powerful*. The church is the most powerful force upon the earth, how? Because it takes the power of the Holy Spirit, who was sent by God in Jesus's stead, to influence God's chosen people to do the will of the Lord. Because it is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, we know that there is no greater power than his. Christ shall fully manifest this "almighty" power at the end of time.

"**The generation**" follows the colon which means this clause refers to what preceded the colon. This means we are still talking about "**His seed**."

Upright means: *straight, just, righteous*. The walks of man are crooked, but the church "**His seed**" is to walk the straight and narrow way. God's people are made just, and righteous, only, through Jesus's finished work.

Blessed, as used here, means *to kneel, to bless God as an act of adoration*. We have often heard an expression used by mankind "like father like son." Thus, we understand what scripture teaches in: ***Ec 12:13 ¶ "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."*** Just as Jesus left heaven, and became an incarnate man in the flesh, bowed in humble submission to the will of his Father, and gave all praise, glory, and honor, to his Father; so it should be in the lives of Christians. The church does kneel, bow, before God, and blesses the name of the Lord, for the great abundance of the mercy and grace of God.

3 ¶ Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house: and his righteousness endureth forever.

Wealth means *enough or substance*. Riches means *to accumulate or grow*. The verb "shall be" tells us of the present and future. House means *family*. His house, we understand is the church on earth in time, has great wealth and riches. This wealth and riches are not earthly, but rather are heavenly and spiritual. Jesus is sufficient "*enough*" for the supply of the church. Jesus is the "*substance*" of the church, the bread, and water of life, for the church body. The mercy, and the grace, and an innumerable number of blessings of God, is bestowed upon the family of God, on earth, in time.

"*his righteousness*" follows the colon and refers us back to the family. His righteousness "*endureth forever*" gives us the future tense and leads us to understand what we expect in eternity. We know, according to scripture, as Jesus has risen from the dead and ascended into the eternal abode, we shall also be transformed, into a glorious body like the risen Christ, and ever be in the place Jesus has gone to prepare for us.

Think about the eternal place as the house of God, just like we have houses here on earth and a place for each one to dwell therein, so our Father's house has a place for every person whom Jesus has saved. Remember the scripture in: ***Joh 14:2-3; 2 "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*** I believe the mansions can be viewed as a room, or place, in the house of God, which encompasses the whole of the eternal abode.

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

The coming of Jesus incarnate was testified of in the Old Testament scriptures. In the New Testament we have the testimony of his appearing. Jesus is "*the upright*" and with his incarnation, life, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension back into heaven, light arose on the Old Testament scriptures and shines forth in the New Testament scriptures.

Because of the new birth and Christ in you: God's children, the church, see this light shining forth in the darkness of this sin cursed earth. When we were dead; we had no light to see the spiritual things of God. Being born-again, we now see by the light of Christ and thus, "*there ariseth light in darkness*." as we see in: ***Mt 13:43 "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."*** Further, we are commanded by Christ to be salt and light, seen in: ***Mt 5:13-14; 13 "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for***

nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

"he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous." Jesus is the topic here. Because Jesus is all these things, so we are likewise, because of Christ in us.

5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Jesus is ***"a good man."*** He has, and still does, shown great favor and lendeth unto his own, which is the church, his graciousness, compassion, and righteousness. Jesus has, and still does, guided his affairs with discretion. Discretion means a *verdict*. The verdict of Jesus is the will of his Father, which has declared unto the church:

- ***Joh 6:37 "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."*** Jesus has, past tense, saved all of God's chosen people. He gives them the new birth, and all the blessings of being a child of God.
- ***Joh 10:9 "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."*** Not only is Jesus the one who saved us, he also gives us entrance into the kingdom of God through himself, the door. He gives us the bread and water of life, and we feed thereon and grow.
- ***Ro 5:9 "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."*** Jesus has saved us from the eternal lake of fire, which is the emblem of the totality of God's wrath against sin.

6 Surely, he shall not be moved forever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

Jesus shall not be moved forever, from his place at the right hand of the Father on the throne of God. His righteousness endureth forever. Likewise, the church shall be in eternity, and shall be forever, and shall never lose the righteousness of Christ, its Saviour.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

None ever stood so solidly, in profound faith in God the Father, as Jesus. Jesus came to earth knowing what lay before him, and yet he was not afraid to face the evil tidings, of what would befall him in incarnation. His heart, the whole of his being, was, and is, fixed upon God the Father, and doing his will. He fully trusted; God would restore him to his rightful place in eternity. Thus, we should not be afraid of evil tidings, and be fixed, and fully trusting, in the finished work of Jesus, the Christ.

8 ¶ His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see *his desire* upon his enemies.

Afraid means *to fear or dread*. To understand this, we must go to the Mount of Olives where Jesus said: ***Lu 22:42 "Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."*** There is no doubt; Jesus dreaded the fulness of the suffering he was going to endure on the cross, and he was seeing it coming swiftly to him at this time. However, when this dread upon him, he was not afraid to complete the work God the Father gave him to do. Why? He saw that his desire, to demonstrate he was willing to give his life for his friends, was near, and that he would

soon be victorious over all the evil works of sin and satan, and he would free all the chosen people of God from their sins eternally.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

Jesus has finished the work the Father gave him to do. Dispersed means *scatter*. Jesus has, and still is, scattered his salvation to a remnant of every nation, people, and tongue, seen in: **Re 5:9** *"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;"* Although the eternal work of salvation is already completed, Christ is still adding to the church such as should be saved, here on earth in time, as seen in: **Ac 2:47** *"Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."*

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Notice the "**shall see**" which puts us in the future tense and points us to the end of time. When the end of time comes; those who have not been saved, by the finished work of Christ Jesus, will be grieved as seen in: **Mt 13:41-42; 41** *"The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."* All who are not born-again cannot see the end of time. They don't see that they will be called into judgement before Christ. They have no desire to even know Christ. But as scripture testifies in: **Ro 14:11** *"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."* In this day they "**shall see**."

Alternatively, every chosen child of God, who was saved by the finished work of Jesus Christ, shall bow in reverence to God and Christ, and hear those welcome words seen in: **Mt 25:31-36; 31 ¶** *"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."*

Aren't you glad for the "testimony of Jesus" in the scriptures? Aren't you glad for the surety of your salvation? Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Amen!