

## WHEN A MAN FEARS GOD

### PSALM 112

Introduction:

The ideal Old Testament person is one who walks in the fear of the Lord. He so knows the Lord that his heart is awed. His appreciation for the glory of the Lord runs so deep that he delights in knowing and doing His will. All of this leads to a rich life of happiness and blessedness.

This psalm is a companion to Psalm 111, and is also constructed as an acrostic psalm. Each of the twenty-two lines begins with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This made it easier to commit to memory and thus to sing it with gusto when you worshipped in the temple.

While this is the Old Testament ideal person, it embodies the same principles for life that are found in the New Testament. Where the Old Testament speaks of the “fear of the Lord”, the New Testament speaks of faith and trust. They are both describing the same God-awareness and reverence.

If you are serious about finding a life of rich happiness, this is the way to go.

Let’s explore what David says about this person who fears the Lord.

- I. HIS FAMILY WILL BE BLESSED. (v. 2)
- II. HIS WORKS WILL PROSPER. (v. 3)

III. HIS CHARACTER WILL BECOME GODLY. (v. 4-5)

IV. HIS HEART WILL BE CONFIDENT. (v. 6-8)

V. HIS REWARD WILL BE ETERNAL. (v. 9-10)