

The Psalm Project

Discovering the Spiritual World through the Psalms

Psalm 112

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The Goal of this project:

This research project will examine the 150 psalms for the spiritual awareness each Psalm offers. Each Psalm will be examined by its language and the commentary of the Sages. The spiritual awareness analysis will be done in alignment with Ari's definition of the Tree of life, the Book of Creation, and the Zohar. Each verse of the Psalm will be rewritten using the intent of the language and spiritual commentary to convey its spiritual lesson.

The Main Resources:

The Zohar The Book of Creation Ari's writing on the Tree of Life and the Ten Sefirot The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament Samson Hirsch's commentary on the Psalms Tehillim – Psalms – A new translation with a commentary anthologized from the Talmudic and rabbinic sources Accordance Bible Software

Psalm 112

New American Standard 1995	Hebrew
New American Standard 1995 Psa. 112:1 ¹ Praise ² the LORD! How "blessed is the man who ³ fears the LORD, Who greatly ^b delights in His commandments. ² His ¹ "descendants will be mighty ² on earth; The generation of the ^b 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 ^b gracious and compassionate and righteous. ⁵ It is well with the man who "is gracious and lends; He will ¹ maintain his cause in judgment. ⁶ For he will "never be shaken; The ^b righteous will be ¹ remembered forever.	אפסויעה אָמָר־אָלָּה אַשְׁרֵי־אָישׁ יְרֵא אֶת־יְהָוֶה אַמִּצוֹתִיו יְרֵא אֶת־יְהָוֶה אַכָּמִצְוֹתִיו חְפֵּץ מְאָר : גִּבַּוֹר גָּאָרָץ יְהָרֶה זַרְעוֹ דְוֹר יְשָׁרֵים יְהָיֶה זַרְעוֹ דְּיָרָי יְבָרֶד : הוֹן־וְעִשֶׁר בְּבֵיתֵו יְבָרֶד : הוֹן־וְעָשֶׁר בְּבֵיתו וְבַרְתוּם וְצַדֵּיק: זְּעָשֶׁר בְּבֵיתו וְבַרְתוּם וְצַדֵּיק: זֹ מָוֹב־אָישׁ חוֹנֵן וּמַלְנֶה יְכַלְפֵל דְּבָרֵיו הוֹנֵן וּמַלְנֶה יְכַלְפֵל דְבָרֵיו יִהֶּוֹם לְזֵכֶר עוּלְם יִהְיֶה יִירֶא נְכָוֹן לְבֵּוֹ בְּמָחַ בַּיהוֶה:
 Psa. 112:7 He will not fear "evil tidings; His ^bheart is steadfast, 'trusting in the LORD. ⁸ His ^aheart is upheld, he ^bwill not fear, Until he 'looks <i>with satisfaction</i> on his adversaries. ⁹ ¹He ^ahas given freely to the poor, His righteousness endures forever; His ^bhorn will be exalted in honor. 	• סְמַוּדְ לֻבּוֹ לֵא יִירָא עַד אֲשָׁשֶׁר־יִרְאָה בְצָרְיו : • פּזַּך נְּתַן לָאָבְיוֹנִים צַּרְקָתוֹ עֹמֶזֶרֶת לָעַר לַרְנוֹ תַּרָוּם דְּכָבְוֹר : •ו רְשָׁעֵר יִדְאָה וְכָעָם שִׁנְּיו יַחֲרָק וְנָמָס תַאָּוַת רְשָׁעֵים תּאבְר :

Psa. 112:10	The "wicked will see
it and be ¹ vexed,	
He will ^b gr	hash his teeth and 'melt
away; The ^d desin	re of the wicked will
perish.	

References

Psalm 112:1

¹Or Hallelujah! Blessed ²Heb YAH ³Or reveres ^aPs 128:1 ^bPs 1:2; 119:14, 16

Psalm 112:2

¹Lit seed ²Or *in the land* ^aPs 102:28; 127:4 ^bPs 128:4

Psalm 112:3

"Prov 3:16; 8:18; Matt 6:33

Psalm 112:4

^{*a*}Job 11:17; Ps 97:11 ^{*b*}Ps 37:26

Psalm 112:5

¹Or conduct his affairs with justice "Ps 37:21

Psalm 112:6

¹Lit *for an eternal remembrance* ^aPs 15:5; 55:22 ^bProv 10:7

Psalm 112:7

^{*a*}Prov 1:33 ^{*b*}Ps 57:7; 108:1 ^{*c*}Ps 56:4

Psalm 112:8

^{*a*}Heb 13:9 ^{*b*}Ps 27:1; 56:11; Prov 1:33; 3:24; Is 12:2 ^(Ps 54:7; 59:10)

Psalm 112:9

¹Lit *He has scattered, he has given to...* ^a2 Cor 9:9 ^bPs 75:10; 89:17; 92:10; 148:14

Psalm 112:10

¹Or *angry* ^aPs 86:17 ^bPs 35:16; 37:12; Matt 8:12; 25:30; Luke 13:28 ^pS 58:7 ^dJob 8:13; Prov 10:28; 11:7

Targum

Psa. 112:1 Hallelujah! Happy is the man who fears the LORD; he takes great pleasure in his commandments. ² His children will be mighty in the Torah, he will be blessed in the generation of the upright. ³ Luck and riches are in his house, and his merit endures forever. ⁴ Light dawns in darkness for the upright, gracious, and merciful, and righteous. ⁵ A good man pities the poor and lends money; he will support his words according to rule. ⁶ For he will never be moved; the righteous man is [destined] for eternal memory. ⁷ He will not fear news of disaster; his heart is firm, trusting in the word of the LORD. ⁸ His heart is steady, he will not be afraid, until he sees redemption in distress. ⁹ He scattered his wealth, gave it to the needy; his merit endures forever, his might will rise up in glory. ¹⁰ The wicked man will see and be angry, he will grind his teeth at him and rot; the desire of the wicked will perish.

Spiritual Awareness

Introduction

This Psalm is a continuation of Psalm 111. Praiseworthy is the person who reveres the LORD.

Verse three

The idea that a person who reveres the LORD will instantly have material wealth and riches is to misunderstand this verse. The English versions use the translation "fear" instead of "reverence." It is important to revere the LORD as the creator of Heaven and Earth. When one is respectful to the LORD, one follows the ways of the Torah. Thus, the person will perform the mitzvot of the Torah. The wealth and riches described in this verse are spiritual riches. This enables the person to store treasures in Heaven. When judgment day arrives, the person will be ahead in spiritual wealth, and the LORD will view the person as a tzaddik.

Spiritual wealth and riches come into his house, and his righteousness shall endure forever.

Notes on the Psalm

The remainder of the Psalm, except the last line, describes what it means to be tzaddik (a righteous person) in the eyes of the LORD. The last line says that the lawless person will be jealous of the tzaddik because an evil person will not have spiritual treasures on Earth or in Heaven.

Appendix







