

# **A God-Fearing Man**

**Psalm 112**

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# **A God-fearing man has God-like greatness**

You revere and adore God. You are amazed by God's goodness, awestruck by God's greatness.

You fear nothing except dishonoring and displeasing God. The more you revere God, the more you resemble God.

**Psalm 112 (A-Z about God-fearing man)  
follows Psalm 111 (A-Z about God)**

<sup>111:1</sup>Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the  
assembly.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup> Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

111:4 He has caused his wonders to be remembered;

the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

5 He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works,

giving them the lands of other nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

111:8 They are steadfast for ever and ever,  
done in faithfulness and uprightness.

9 He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant forever—  
holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of  
wisdom;

all who follow his precepts have good  
understanding.

To him belongs eternal praise.

# **Your greatness is God-like**

## **God in Psalm 111**

- great works
- glorious and majestic
- righteousness endures
- gracious, compassionate
- provides food
- steadfast, trustworthy
- holy and awesome

## **man in Psalm 112**

- great children
- wealth and riches
- righteousness endures
- gracious, compassionate
- gives to the poor
- steadfast, trusting
- exalted in honor

# **Your greatness is God-like**

The more you revere God,  
the more you resemble God.

And we all, with unveiled face,  
beholding the glory of the Lord, are  
being transformed into the same image  
from one degree of glory to another. For  
this comes from the Lord who is the  
Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

# **Underestimated by others**

**Joseph:** his brothers despised him, but God gave him dreams of greatness.

**Moses:** his countrymen snubbed him, but God sent him to free a nation.

**David:** his brothers cut him down, but God anointed him king.

**Jesus:** his brothers and neighbors did not believe in Him, but He was God.

# Underestimating yourself

**Moses** said he could not speak well, but in fact, “Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds.” (Acts 7:22)

**Gideon** argued that he was not the mighty warrior God declared him to be.

**Jeremiah** said he was only a kid after God called him a prophet to the nations.

*To underestimate your God-given greatness is not great humility; it's small faith.*

# Healthy humility

1. Left to yourself, you'd be a ruin.
2. God accepts you based on Jesus' life, not your growing goodness.
3. Your greatness grows from Jesus.
4. Your God-given greatness is puny compared to the Giver's greatness.
5. Other God-fearing people may be as great or greater than you.

# How great are you?

- You are the light of the world (Matt 5:14)
- The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good. (Luke 6:45)
- Noble and good heart (Luke 8:15)
- God's children and heirs (Romans 8:17)
- You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession (1 Peter 2:9)

# How great are you?

- Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16)
- I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. (1 John 2:14)

# **What is your name?**

Abram is renamed **Abraham**.

Jacob is renamed **Israel**.

Simon is renamed **Peter**.

James and John are called **Sons of Thunder**.

Saul is renamed **Paul**. “By the grace of God, I am what I am.”

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# **Your offspring are mighty.**

His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. (Psalm 112:2)

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. (Psalm 128:3-4)

# **Your offspring are mighty.**

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.  
(Psalm 103:17)

I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. (Jer 32:39)

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# Heart reservoir

If then you are wise, you will show yourself rather a reservoir than a canal. A canal spreads abroad water as it receives it, but a reservoir waits until it is filled before overflowing, and thus without loss to itself it shares its superabundant water. (Bernard of Clairvaux)

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**Enemy bargains to enslave you,  
your family, your abundance.**

**Stay here:** “Go, sacrifice to your God  
within the land.” (Exodus 8:25)

**Stay close:** “You must not go very far  
away.” (Exodus 8:28)

**Not family:** “Who will be going? ... if  
ever I let you and your little ones go! ...  
Go, the men among you.” (10:8-11)

**Not property:** “Only let your flocks and  
your herds remain behind. (10:24)

“We will go with our young and our old.  
We will go with our sons and daughters  
and with our flocks and herds... not a hoof  
shall be left behind.” (Exodus 10:9,26)

“I have given you authority ... over all the  
power of the enemy.” (Luke 10:19)

**Claim full freedom and blessing under  
God’s reign. Don’t let the enemy enslave  
or control anything in your domain.**

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