

WEALTH & RICHES

Wealth & Riches Shall Be In His House

- I. Psalm 112:1-3-The blessing of the Lord is not limited to material wealth but it certainly includes your material wealth
- A. 1-Would being blessed include the realm of finances and material wealth?
1. **The contention of many is that being blessed, rich, wealthy does not include the area of material things**
 - a. People see *blessed* and say that's a spiritual blessing their belief is that being blessed is never referring to this area of finances and material wealth and so they exclude material wealth as a part of the blessing – Is that true?
 2. Proverbs 10:22-The blessing of the Lord it makes rich, brings wealth but in what manner? **Many will tell you that is not referring to material wealth?** – *GNT-It's the Lord's blessing that makes you wealthy; GW-That makes a person rich; ICB-The Lord's blessing brings wealth*
- B. Genesis 12:1-4-God blessed Abraham and that blessing included the area of material wealth
1. Gen24:35-**After it mentioned Abraham being blessed it listed his material possessions not inner peace**
 - a. 35-Not only did God bless him materially it was excessive (Greatly-Exceedingly)
 - b. 35-He became great-*CEV-Very rich; NET-Very wealthy* (Genesis 13:2-He was very rich in cattle, silver, gold)
 - c. **There are those who will give you the idea that God is against this, abundance of wealth and possessions**
 2. Galatians 3:9,13,29-I'm blessed with faithful Abraham, the blessing of Abraham is on me, and that blessing will do the same thing for me that it did for Abraham, it'll will make me wealthy just like it did Abraham
 - a. Prov28:20-Abraham was a faithful man who abounded in blessings (This verse must include material blessing)
- C. 3-Wealth and riches in this blessed man's house is referring to material wealth
1. Wealth-Substance, high value, riches; Webster's 1828-Prosperity, external happiness, riches, large possessions of money, goods, land; Riches-Riches, wealth; Webster's 1828-Possessions of land, goods or money in abundance
 2. *VO-His house will be stocked with wealth & riches; EX-Full of wealth & riches; GN-His family will be wealthy and rich; MS-And the homes of the upright – how blessed! Their house brim with wealth and a generosity that never runs dry*
- II. Psalm 112-This kind of man is the single greatest threat to Satan's work in the Earth
- A. 3-His righteousness (righteous acts, prosperity, ethically right, just, cleansed) endures forever
1. He's a righteous man, a just man; He's not unholy, unclean, unethical because he has wealth and riches
- B. 4-Prosperity enables this man to be a light in dark places to other people-Matthew 5:14
1. You can't give beyond what you have, you can't help beyond your ability
- C. 9-He has dispersed, he has given to the poor – This man is a big time giver
1. *GNT-He gives generously; LEB-He gives lavishly; TP-Never stingy and always generous to those in need*
 2. **He didn't start giving after he got wealthy, but he got wealthy by giving-2 Corinthians 9:6, Luke 6:38**
- D. His righteousness endures forever – Neither his prosperity nor his righteous acts ever run out
1. He's giving doesn't lead to poverty, but it leads to more prosperity
 - a. Mark 10:17-30 -Many believe we are to give all we have away and be poor but that's scripturally incorrect
 2. 9-His cup/ability rises w/ glory, abundance, riches (honor); **His giving is causing his ability to give to be increased**
 - a. Horn-1) Container, flask, vessel 2) Symbol for strength, a symbol of strength and power (ability) 3) Smith's-Horns signify strength and honor because they are the chief weapons and ornaments of animals which possess them; hence they are also used as a type of victory 4) Easton's-To have horn "exalted" denotes prosperity and triumph
- E. 10-The prosperity of the righteous man upsets the wicked (because it upsets the enemy)
1. Mark 10:30-If you can't handle the persecution then you can't have the prosperity

2. When it comes to this area of material prosperity the persecution from the world and from church converge
3. *6-TL-Will not be overthrown by evil circumstances. God's constant care of him will make a deep impression on all who see it – To some it will be a drawing light, to others it'll be to the gnashing of their teeth*

F. How did He get his wealth and riches? What kind of relationship does he have with it?

1. He got it by fearing the Lord (Pr22:4), delighting greatly in his commands (Job36:11), through his giving, his faith
2. You can't serve two masters – If you really fear the Lord you don't serve money