Psalm 112:1-9 (10)ⁱⁱⁱ

Hallelujah!

¹Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending * and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶For they will never be shaken; *

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *

their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

₈Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, *

and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

 $^{\rm 10} \mbox{The}$ wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *

the desires of the wicked will perish.]

This is an acrostic psalm, each line beginning with a successive letter of the 22 letter Hebrew alphabet. It highlights the many blessing that come to those who remain faithful to God's law. The blessings are not

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only spiritual, but include children (v. 2) and wealth that can be used to help others (vv. 3, 5, 9). These blessed faithful contrast with the wicked whose "desires come to nothing" (v. 10).