

Psalm 112

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE BELIEVER

Introduction

- ▶ Righteousness ...
- ▶ Something I have to do?
- ▶ Or something God does in me?
- ▶ The problem, the source and the nurture of it

The problem of righteousness

- Righteousness
 - ▶ A straight edge
 - ▶ Assessment
 - ▶ Relational
 - ▶ A characteristic of God Himself
- A righteous life
 - ▶ Relationships v2
 - ▶ Generosity v3, 5
 - ▶ Justice v4, 5, 9, Lev 24:22
 - ▶ Resilience v6, 7
- Trying to live a righteous life ourselves
 - ▶ Luke 1:6, 2:25, Matthew 5:20
 - ▶ Difficult ... or impossible?
 - ▶ Psalm 14:1-3, 53:1-3, 5:9, Psalm 140:3, Psalm 10:7, Psalm 36:1, Romans 3:9-18

The source of righteousness

- ▶ Ps 111 and Psalm 112 are a pair, like Psalm 9&10 or 42&43
- ▶ The righteousness of Psalm 112 is God's own
- ▶ *Imputed* into the believer
- ▶ How?
- ▶ There was one truly righteous person - Mark 8:2, Matthew 9:36, Luke 13:11
- ▶ He *demonstrated* this righteousness in His life
- ▶ In death and resurrection He gave His righteousness to others
- 2 Cor 8:9, 2 Cor 5:21

The nurture of righteousness

- ▶ 2 Peter 1:4 'partakers of divine glory', 2 Peter 1:3 'called by glory and virtue'
 - ▶ Now 1 Cor 6:19, Rom 8:29, Col 1:27
 - ▶ *Not yet* 1 John 3:2, 2 Cor 3:18
- ▶ Trust, v7, Psalm 40:4
 - ▶ His promises John 5:24, John 16:13, Isaiah 41:10, James 1:5
- ▶ Fear, 'not afraid' v7&8, 'fears the LORD', v1, Psalm 130:4
- ▶ Praise
 - ▶ Mental Psalm 111:2, the 'works of God' Psalm 40,5
 - ▶ Emotional 'delights greatly' v1,
 - ▶ Obedient Psalm 147:11, 19f
 - ▶ Corporate 'PRAISE the LORD' v1, Psalm 95:1 'let US sing'