



Questions:

1. Do you feel a connection to the Psalms? Why?
2. If God is steadfast in relationship with us, how should we act in relationship with each other?
3. What are some examples of the mercy and generosity of God manifest in the modern world?
4. According to Psalm 112 what are some aspects of a life with faith?
5. What does it mean to serve your neighbor?
6. What are some specific ways we might open our hands to each other?

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Can We Talk?, Episode 3

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Rolf Jacobson joined the Luther Seminary faculty as assistant professor of Old Testament in July 2003. Prior to joining the seminary, he taught at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, as an assistant professor of religion. Jacobson earned his bachelor's degree from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn. in 1987. He holds a master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary (1991) and a doctor of philosophy degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J. (2000). His teaching interests include the Psalms, Old Testament prophets, biblical poetry, biblical theology, and biblical narrative. He emphasizes that the purpose of a biblical text is not just for preaching or teaching, although these are crucial functions. He says the Scriptures must also be used in pastoral care, personal spiritual growth, and for the shaping of Christian mission and theology.

Pneuma Divina Scripture: Psalm 112

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
- ² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
- ⁴ They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- ⁵ It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered for ever.
- ⁷ They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
- ⁸ Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
- ⁹ They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever;
their horn is exalted in honour.
- ¹⁰ The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

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