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Happiness Is

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HAPPINESS IS..... (Beautitudes.)

Matt. 5:1-12

INT: Interesting how little phrases get started... Happiness is. Started with Comic Strip, PEANUTS. *Ill.*

HAPPINESS IS: Linus, blanket. Charlie Brown, pitching. Schroeder, piano practice. Lucy, indian wrestling or mowing somebody down. Snoopy-philosophizing on his back on top his dog house. Made into song, Commercials
LESSON: By Charles Schulz; "World seeking happiness!" *Joys.*
SECRETS OF HAPPINESS at our fingertips for 2,000 years.

I. HAPPINESS IS..... *8 steps* Christian Style! OUR LESSON!

Word: Blessed. Heb. Ashere or "Oh the blessedness of," (Aramaic form of Heb.)

A. Verse 3. POOR IN SPIRIT.

How VERY HAPPY! "Oh the blessedness of the man who realizes his own utter helplessness and who therefore puts his total trust in God." Ps. 24:1.

1. His will is DE-tached from THINGS and becomes attached to God. Col. 3:1-4. ⊕

B. Verse 4. THEY THAT MOURN. Strongest Gr. word for mourn

"Oh the blessedness of the man whose heart is broken because of the world's suffering due to sin; and for his own unworthiness, for out of his sorrow will come sincere repentance and he will find the joys of God." HAPPINESS.

⊕ Acts 2:138, 44

C. Verse 5. ARE THE MEEK. Greatest Greek ethical word. 47.

"Oh the bliss of the man who is angry at the right time about the right thing and who is NEVER angry at the wrong time because he is completely God-controlled." Inherit earth!!!

*Enjoy it!*D. Verse 6. HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Two verbs in accusative case, denoting "whole", as opposed to the genitive case; a part.

Ill. 1. Partial: Good man, but cold & unsympathetic.

2. Partial: Bad man, but sympathetic and give last 10¢

"Oh the bliss of the man who craves and starves for TOTAL-righteousness." ~~.....~~

E. Verse 7. ARE THE MERCIFUL? Our nearest is Empathy. *Untranslatable* I Cor. 6:19-20. ⊕

"Oh the bliss of the man who enters into the heart of others that he may see with their eyes, hear with their ears and understand with their mind." II Cor. 5:19. *Did in Christ!*

Ill. Queen Victoria and wife of Principal Tulloch, (W.H. 1860)

"Here, not as queen, sit down, as "grieving widow" to "g.w."

Prince had almost died

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F. Verse 8. PURE IN HEART. Motives. Self-examination.

"Oh the bliss of the man whose motives are singularly connected to God's Word." No divided loyalties. Matt. 6:21-24.
PURE: SPR. & MORAL.

G. Verse 9. ARE THE PEACEMAKERS.

"Oh the bliss of the man who helps produce right relationships between man and God, man and man and man and himself."

NOTE: Not sentimental Peace-lover at all costs, but Peace-Maker!

Ill. Many congregations; ineffectual because some peace-lover prefers to evade an immediate problem, for the sake of momentary peace, while all the while sowing the seed for more dangerous and threatening situations. Peacemaker demands true, righteous and immediate solution to every problem!!!

*Bandwagon
apologues.*

H. Verse 10-12. PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE.

Paraphrase of Christ's Gospel: "I came not to make life easy, but to make men great"

"Oh the bliss of the man who truly remains righteous regardless of the sufferings his righteousness invokes upon him.

ON: JOB, SOCIETY, HOME.

Ill. New Christian to Tertullian, A. D. 150.

"My business is in trouble because I am a Christian. What can I do? After all I must live." REPLY: "MUST YOU?"

INV: Summary statement of the Beatitudes:

"Spiritually happy and satisfied is the man who sees himself as he really is; who puts his total TRUST in God and remains faithful regardless of the cost...even if it costs him his life."

Question:

ARE YOU HAPPY? If not, because not a Christian?
Can be happy through obedience.
Matt. 11:28-30 Acts 22:16.

OR: haven't been a truly faithful disciple! Identify!

R-P