

The Pathway to (True) Happiness
Matthew 5:3-11

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True Happiness

“Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them! “Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them! “Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised! “Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully! “Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them! “Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God! “Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children! “Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them! “Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven.

I. The Proclamation of Our Happiness

John 15:11 (ESV)

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Psalms 144:15 (HCSB)

“Happy are the people with such blessings. Happy are the people whose God is the LORD.”

II. The Paradox of Our Happiness

Luke 13:30 (NIV)

“Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”

Matthew 23:11 (NIV)

“The greatest among you will be your servant.”

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

“Give, and it will be given to you. ...For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Matthew 11:30 (NIV)

“My yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

III. The Possession of Our Happiness

Verse 1 - "His disciples came to Him..."

